

## Holyport v HURLEY 1XI – 9th July 2011

### **HOLYPORT**

J Price	b Brown	32
W Sennett	c Day b Brown	7
C Morgan	c Day b Akhtar	56
M Fowler	b Nye	20
P Davies	c Ridgeway b Pollitt	50
K Baille	lbw Brown	1
A Thompson	c Simoes b Akhtar	8
B Betts	b Pollitt	0
M Lappins	Not Out	7
P Morgan	b Akhtar	1
T Hayes	b Pollitt	0
	Extras	25
	<b>Total</b>	<b>207ao</b>

R Brown	13-4-49-3	P Ridgeway	5-0-32-0
D Pollitt	10.3-1-29-3	A Sharma	3-0-20-0
T Balchin	2-1-16-0	D Nye	5-1-11-1
N Akhtar	12-4-32-3		

### **HURLEY**

P Ridgeway	b Hayes	25
D Simoes	c Price b P Morgan	6
D Nye	b P Morgan	46
A Sharma	c Baille b C Morgan	47
T Balchin	b Hayes	6
R Brown	c Lappin b Hayes	0
T Iqbal	lbw Hayes	0
N Akhtar	b Hayes	14
P Todd	Not out	27
D Day	lbw P Morgan	18
D Pollitt	Not out	1
	Extras	2
	<b>Total</b>	<b>192-9</b>

Hurley are like U2 without the Edge, there is no cutting, well, edge. For the second week running Hurley came close to a vital win, but 27 extras conceded and an inability for any batsman to reach 50 cost them dear as they fell short by 15 runs at Holyport on Saturday. A more cautious decision to bowl first saw the home side bowled out for 207, a gettable score on a compact ground. Half centuries from Chris Morgan (56) and Pat Davies (50) had the home side in a comfortable position at 143-4 from 37 overs despite the drag factor of a patient 32 from Jon Price. A 6<sup>th</sup> wicket partnership of 50 between Davies and Thompson (8) in 7 overs threatened to overwhelm Hurley but when Davies lofted Dave Pollitt (3-29) once too often, the home side folded losing their last 5 wickets in as many overs for 14 runs.

Hurley's reply was confused and lacked focus. A good recovery between Phil Ridgeway (25) and Dean Nye (46) after the early loss of Dave Simoes added 40. The introduction of Tim Hayes (5-39) saw Ridgeway blocking a Yorker only for the ball to dribble onto the stumps and then Nye played an ugly sweep to be bowled round his legs. Arum Sharma (47) looked dangerous before he lazily dolloped a catch to square leg as Hurley lost their way in the middle order adding just 27 in 13 overs for the 4<sup>th</sup> wicket. From 92-3 Hurley disappeared to 131-7 in 16 overs as Hayes applied the tourniquet. Naeem Akhtar (14), so often the hero left himself little time to build and despite useful knocks from Paul Todd (27not) and Denis Day (18), Hurley were left to cling on for a disappointing draw. The result could have been worse for the visitors as the penultimate ball was scooped to backward square leg who fluffed a reasonable catch.