

HURLEY 1XI v Little Kingshill – 3rd Sept 2011

HURLEY

P Ridgeway	c Kandan b Aslam	23
D Simoes	c & b Aslam	8
D Nye	b Ratnaraja	6
V Sharma	b Aslam	2
S Taylor	c Skinner b Aslam	62
N Akhtar	c ? b Ishmael	18
T Balchin	b Parry	6
C Louw	lbw Emmerson	0
R Brown	b Parry	0
D Day	Not Out	6
M Cole	lbw Aslam	0
	Extras	21
	Total	152ao

LITTLE KINGSHILL

A Parry	b Akhtar	12
L Skinner	Not Out	66
S Emmerson	b Akhtar	2
Z Aslam	b Louw	50
Kandan	Not Out	9
	Extras	16
	Total	155-3

N Akhtar	11-3-36-2	R Brown	7-0-35-0
M Cole	7-1-38-0	P Ridgeway	6-0-19-0
C Louw	8.1-1-30-1		

Hurley finished their Chilterns League campaign with a whimper rather than a roar. Bargains were on offer better than a Tottenham Hi Fi store as Hurley gave away wickets with depressing regularity. On the back of an excellent second half of the season, skipper Naeem Akhtar won the toss, and despite a lifeless pitch and long outfield decided to bat. Phil Ridgeway (21) and Dave Simoes (8) set off purposefully enough adding 21 before Simoes drove hard back to Aslam (5-36) who took a sharp catch. Dean Nye (6) and Varun Sharma (2) departed in successive overs leaving Hurley becalmed at 35-3. Steve Taylor (62) made the chaos around him seem all the more perplexing with an assured innings providing the only adhesion to an increasingly brittle Hurley innings. Ridgeway holed out to mid on with the score on 57 and a number of medium partnerships edged Hurley passed 100, but at 117-8 Hurley were looking at a dismal score. Taylor and Denis Day (6not) added 35 for the 9th wicket before Taylor edged Aslam behind. Hurley's cake seeking missile Mike Cole lasted one ball as Hurley were dismissed for a disappointing 152 inside 44 overs returning 3 ducks (2 golden) and only 3 scores in double figures.

Little Kingshill showed no such profligacy as Alan Parry (12) and a punitive Lee Skinner (66not) added 51 before Akhtar removed Parry. Hurley's bowling lacked direction spraying around like an ally cat and serving up 8 wides. Zahid Aslam (50) survived a very confident appeal for a catch behind off an unlucky Ross Brown early in his innings and then was promptly put down several overs later off the same bowler. He added 72 with Skinner for the third wicket launching the visitors to a match winning 135 before Clemons Louw (1-30) broke through. Little Kingshill coasted home in 40 overs without further loss or alarm to claim the win points and condemn Hurley to another season of mid table obscurity.

MotM : Steve Taylor