

HURLEY 2nd v Little Marlow 1st

Date: 30th June

Played at Little Marlow

Innings of Little Marlow 1st

A. Mahmood		b. D. Walton	94
A. Sharif	c. Kayani	b. D. Walton	50
D. Glennerster		b. Ali	2
F. Hussain		b. D. Walton	5
M. Bath	LBW	b. D. Walton	11
A. Ali	c. Williams	b. Kayani	13
Z. Gill	Not out		39
M. Hussain	Not out		13
		Extras	32
		Total	259
		For	6

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wkts.
M. Basharat	9	1	43	0
O. Tariq	7	1	27	0
D. Pollitt	7	1	43	0
M. Iqbal	7	0	41	0
D. Walton	10	0	52	4
Y. Ali	2	0	16	1
S. Kayani	6	0	28	1

Innings of Hurley 2nd

S. Kayani	c. Goss	b. Bath	41
M. Walton	c. Mahmood	b. Goss	7
Y. Ali		b. Hussain	15
C. Williams	c. Mahmood	b. Gill	18
M. Iqbal		b. Glennerster	6
S. Taylor	c. St. Maur	b. Glennerster	1
A. Dunning		b. Hussain	10
M. Basharat	Not out		9
O. Tariq		b. Hussain	0
D. Pollitt	Not out		3
D. Walton	dnb		
		Extras	35
		Total	145
		For	8

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wkts.
Z. Gill	11	3	28	1
J. Goss	9	3	20	1
M. Hussain	8	0	32	3
A. St. Maur	4	1	16	0
V. Puri	8	2	18	0
M. Bath	6	4	9	1
D. Glennerster	5	2	7	2
A. Sharif	1	0	6	0

Result: Match drawn.

It is often difficult to get a result at Little Marlow and this Saturday proved no different. With a sprinkling of rain in the air, Mike Walton opted to bowl first, hoping to exploit any moisture in the pitch, but the Little Marlow openers, Anwar Mahmood and Arfan Sharif, had few alarms as they reached the drinks break at 127 without loss. With the sun turning the Little Marlow track into perfect batting surface, the top four bowlers were unable to put the brakes on the run rate so Hurley opted for the opposite extremes of Dave Walton and Yasir Ali. It was Walton who made the breakthrough, to dismiss Sharif (50), driving in the air to mid off, where Shoaib Kayani held the catch. Yasir Ali's opening deliveries troubled the wicket keeper and slips more than the batsmen as he struggled to find a line but the final delivery of his opening over, an in-swinging full toss, was too good for Glennerster who trudged off after losing his middle stump muttering about the 'worst bowling he had ever seen'. Mahmood (94), Farooq Hussain (5) and Mike Bath (11) all paid the price for trying to hit across the line to straight deliveries from Dave Walton (4-52) as the hosts slipped from 147 for 0 to 198 for 6. Kayani replaced the wayward Ali and dismissed Adam Ali (13), thanks to a sharp catch at slip by Clive Williams, as the ball deflected off the keeper's glove. A confident 39 not out from Zane Gill helped the hosts to a declaration on 259 for 6 after 48 overs. The tea provided for the players did not match the feast of runs on offer; this may be the reason why the home side showed a total lack of etiquette, diving in front of the visitors

to get their fill. After the meagre rations on offer, Kayani and Walton started the Hurley reply in confident fashion. Although Gill and Goss bowled with pace, they rarely troubled the batsmen in the early overs. The opening partnership had progressed steadily to 28 in the eighth over when Goss found the outside edge of Walton's bat on the way through to the keeper. Yasir Ali (15) and Kayani (41) kept the visitors in the hunt with a partnership of 44 for the second wicket but when both of them fell within four overs, the run rate inevitably dropped. The Hurley middle order provided some stubborn resistance but any hope of overhauling the Little Marlow total subsided with the loss of Iqbal (6) and Williams (18). Scott Taylor and Alex Dunning batted very sensibly in the circumstances to defy the bowlers for a considerable number of overs, causing Mike Bath to utilise eight bowlers in an attempt to force a victory. Two wickets for Mansoor Hussain in the fiftieth over gave the hosts renewed hope, but Mo (The Wall) Basharat, doing his best impression of Rahul Dravid, and Dave Pollitt comfortably played out the last two overs to halt Hurley's recent run of defeats.