

Hurley U/11 48 All Out lost Maidenhead & Bray U/11 49 for 3 by 7 wkts.

In a clash of the top two, the wheels came off the Hurley Lions hopes of staying in the play-off frame. Having won the toss once again, Captain Blake Dyson confidently announced 'we'll bat', and with a four off the 1st ball the signs looked good. However, that was as good as it gets, as Goyal (3-4) bowled superbly to send a succession of Hurley players to the sidelines. Combined with some exceptional fielding, as both Cooper and Shedden continued their runs back to the changing room and at 18-6, my thoughts were turning to a McDonald's breakfast, but happily some lower order spirit from Williams (5) and Samant (5NO), ensured that Hurley were able to scrap to 48 before losing their last wicket with the final ball of the innings.

With nothing but pride to fight for, Williams struck with the 2nd ball to give Hurley hope and with the miserly Dyson reducing Maidenhead & Bray to 7-2 off 4 overs, a miracle was in the offing. However, excellent batting from Louis Brown (16) and Poole (7) ensured that Maidenhead and Bray were able to coast to victory in 11.1 overs.

With the procession of handshakes going on, an agreement with M&B ensured that we carried out our full allotted overs to give everyone a game, allowing M&B a score of 87, with wickets spread between Skelton, L. Shedden, Ballard, McGuinness and two for Calliss.

With hope for the Play Offs evaporating, time to enjoy some relaxing friendlies in the late summer. Thanks for your support!