

HURLEY 2nd v Little Marlow 1st Date: 11th August

Played at Hurley

Innings of Little Marlow 1st

A. Mahmood	c. Langlands	b. Cole	5
A. Sharif		b. Taylor	24
D. Glennerster	c. &	b. Taylor	16
F. Hussain		b. Pollitt	6
M. Bath	Run Out	(Walton)	12
M. Yaqoob	c. Williams	b. Taylor	0
A. Azad	c. Walton	b. Taylor	0
Z. Gill	LBW	b. Langlands	37
T. Potter	Not out		23
J. Goss		b. Langlands	4
A. St. Maur		b. Krag	5
		Extras	11
		Total	143
		For	10

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wkts.
M. Cole	9	2	31	1
J. Langlands	13	2	38	2
Steve Taylor	11	3	49	4
D. Pollitt	8	2	16	1
W. Krag	1.4	0	6	1

Innings of Hurley 2nd

M. Walton		b. Gill	23
C. Williams		b. Glennerster	7
Steve Taylor	LBW	b. Goss	11
Y. Ali		b. Gill	18
Scott Taylor	c. Azad	b. Bath	12
A. Morgans		b. Gill	5
I. Arshad	LBW	b. Bath	0
W. Krag	c. Sharif	b. Bath	2
M. Cole	Not out		20
J. Langlands	Not out		20
D. Pollitt	dnb		
		Extras	26
		Total	144
		For	8

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wkts.
M. Bath	10	0	29	3
Z. Gill	12	4	38	3
D. Glennerster	5	0	18	1
T. Potter	2	0	12	0
J. Goss	3	0	14	1
A. St. Maur	3	0	17	0
A. Sharif	2	1	8	0

Result: Hurley 2nd XI won by 2 wickets.

A gold medal performance by the Hurley bowlers set up victory in a nail biting match at Shepherds Lane. A slightly green tinge to the wicket persuaded Mike Walton to ask the visitors to bat first after Bath called incorrectly. This decision looked to be justified when Mike Cole had Anwar Mahmood (5) caught at mid-on by Jonathan Langlands in the third over. Langlands caused problems for Glennerster and Sharif with movement in the air and off the wicket but was unable to make a breakthrough. Cole was unlucky not to pick up the wicket of Glennerster (24) when the veteran batsman got a thick edge but Walton was unable to hold the catch as he dived to his right. Steve Taylor replaced Cole and immediately got rid of Sharif, losing his middle stump trying to whip Taylor through mid wicket. Taylor followed this with three wickets for no runs in the space of eight deliveries. First he dismissed Glennerster holding on to a sharp return catch then dismissing Yaqoob (0) and Azad (0) with consecutive deliveries, the former to a diving catch at slip by Clive Williams and the latter gloving a leg side delivery to the keeper. Dave Pollitt also picked up a wicket in his first over to help reduce the visitors to 57 for 6 after 17 overs. Mike Bath (12) and Zain Gill (37) staged a mini recovery which was undone by poor running from Bath, attempting to sneak a third run when Yasir Ali's throw to the

keeper was some 10 yards off course, only to see Walton under arm the ball to the stumps leaving Bath well short of his ground. At 81 for 7 the visitors were in danger of being bowled out for less than a hundred but a stubborn rearguard action by Gill and Tim Potter (23*) added 51 for the 8th wicket. Langlands and Cole were brought back to try and break the partnership and it was Langlands who was successful, trapping Gill leg before wicket and then bowling Jack Goss (4). Will Krag wrapped up the innings with a slower delivery to deceive St. Maur (5).

With 57 overs to score 144, the run rate was never going to be a problem for Hurley and Little Marlow set attacking fields in an attempt to take wickets. Bath and Gill opened the attack with the old ball but were unable to trouble the opening pair of Walton and Williams. Glennerster replaced Gill and immediately picked up the wicket of Williams who played over the top of an innocuous looking delivery which passed between the batsman's legs to hit leg stump. Hurley made steady progress with Taylor and Walton picking off the loose deliveries to keep the score board ticking over. Taylor (11) was unfortunate to be adjudged leg before to Goss, the umpire taking an age before raising the dreaded finger. By the time Walton (23) was dismissed, bowled off his pads by Gill, Hurley were over half way to their target and looked to be cruising to victory but seasoned Hurley watchers know that nothing can be taken for granted when their team are batting. The loss of five wickets for thirty runs put the game in the balance as Gill (3-38) and Bath (3-29) dragged their side back into contention. Cole(20*) and Langlands (20*) combined solid defence with some blistering shots and sharp running between the wickets to see Hurley home in 37 overs, leaving plenty of time to allow the players to cheer on Mo Farrah to his second gold medal on the second Super Saturday of these Olympics.