

## **Hurst U/15 154 for 4 beat Hurley 50 All Out by 104 runs.**

On a sweltering day, Hurley arrived to shambolic scenes at Hurst with the main gateway closed and the clubhouse looking like it had been broken in, such was the state of affairs.

Sadly, this extended to the Hurley performance, who suffered their first league loss in three years.

With Hurst batting first, their openers set off at an electric rate, making excellent use of the razor sharp outfield and punishing any erring in length, and there was a fair bit of that throughout the innings. Both openers rarely looked in trouble as Hurley searched for an opening. However, with the run rate exceeding ten an over for the first ten overs, there was more chance of rain interrupting matters.

Despite this, Gul showed promise with his leg spin, and Calliss (2-19) showed that once past the openers, there was little else to concern the scorers. As ever, Jack Hill rotated the bowlers and good to see Amelie Haslehurst and Issy Hill, also have a bowl. Fielding remained committed throughout.

At the half way stage, a dispirited Hurley outfit returned to the clubhouse for refreshment, to play with the many dogs on display and avoid much of the detritus left over from the night before.

With depleted numbers, the makeshift opening pair of Bagri and Calliss (12) made a cautious start before Bagri missed a straight full toss. Ballard soon followed, and the procession continued as the dependable Jack Hill was opened up like a tin of tomatoes, for not many.

Skelton left the field following a meek appeal for caught behind, but Gull showed the gusto that was required. But with partners disappearing quicker than the end of night fanfare following a night out in Reading, it was nice to see Issy get her first run for the U15s before Amelie was well caught at mid-on, allowing the Hurley Lions to retire to the shaded area to lick their wound but with plenty of games in the coming week to correct matters.

Coaches MOM: James Calliss

Parents MOM: All Dad's out there. Happy Father's Day