

Bledlow Village v Hurley 2nd Sunday 20th September 2020

Innings of Bledlow Village

	Name	How Out	Bowler	Runs
1	Alex Ross		b Hassan Gul	24
2	A Catchpole	ct Naeem Akhtar	b Aiden Mukherjee	45
3	Adam Mould	lbw	b Hassan Gul	28
4	S Edwards		b Aiden Mukherjee	7
5	V Connelly		b Aiden Mukherjee	8
6	James Basu		b Noah Drew	60
7	Vineet Purushothaman	ct Henry Drew	b Aiden Mukherjee	25
8	Fred Neighbour		b Henry Drew	3
9	T Purushothaman	st David Simoes	b Henry Drew	6
10	M Bedlow	run out (Unsure)		1
11	Jim Spooner	not out		0
	Extras b (10), w (5)			15
	Total			222
	Wickets			all out
	Overs			39.1

	Bowler	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets
1	Naeem Akhtar	5	0	31	0
2	Noah Drew	8	1	32	1
3	Hassan Gul	8	0	55	2
4	Henry Drew	8	0	44	2
5	Aiden Mukherjee	5.1	2	15	4
6	Joseph Brittain	5	0	35	0

Innings of Hurley

	Name	How Out	Bowler	Runs
1	Naeem Akhtar		b S Edwards	101
2	Patrick Hinnell		b M Bedlow	0
3	Raheem Dad	lbw	b Jim Spooner	7
4	Joseph Brittain	not out		32
5	David Simoes*†	not out		23
6	Yasir Gul	did not bat		
7	Hassan Gul	did not bat		
8	Noah Drew	did not bat		
9	Aiden Mukherjee	did not bat		
10	Henry Drew	did not bat		
	Extras	b (5), w (9), nb (2)		16
	Total			179
	Wickets			3
	Overs			40

	Bowler	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets
1	Jim Spooner	8	4	20	1
2	M Bedlow	5	1	16	1
3	Fred Neighbour	8	1	27	0
4	T Purushothaman	7	0	33	0
5	Vineet Purushothaman	5	1	28	0
6	V Connelly	4	0	21	0
7	S Edwards	3	0	29	1

Result: Bledlow Village won by 43 runs

On a beautiful late Summer's day, Hurley made the trip to the pretty ground of Bledlow on the outskirts of Buckinghamshire.

Having chosen to bat, Bledlow made a confident start with Ross (24) looking in supreme form before being becoming one of Gul's two wickets (2-55) in his initial 7 over spell! With little assistance from the pitch, Noah Drew once again impressed throughout his eight over spell, but with little fortune. Aiden Mukherjee, at the tender age of 13 bowled with good pace to remove a number of senior batsman, all the while Basu (60) looked in good touch

with a series of explosive leg side shots, to pepper the boundaries whilst the dogged Catchpole (45) benefitted from some key fielding mishaps which prevented the score being restricted as hoped. However the returning Mukherjee finished with an excellent 4-15, and Henry Drew picked up 2-44 as Bledlow's innings ended in the final over at an imposing 222 All Out.

In response, Hurley struggled to keep up with the required rate and suffered the unfortunate loss of Hinnell with the first delivery to misbehave, ricocheting of his chest onto the stumps.

Dad soon followed to a shooter to the experienced Spooner as Hurley regressed to 35-2 after 10 overs. Again, Brittain showed good application and talent to work his way through the remainder of the innings for 32*, and despite an early lifeline Akhtar (101) grew with confidence as the innings developed. At 76-2 off 25 overs the game as a contest was almost over, despite wickets in hand. However, Akhtar proved he had belly for the fight and began to dispatch the ball to all parts of the ground, and the required rate of 11 remained a faint possibility.

A well-deserved century was followed by his departure next ball, and much hope had been lost. Simoes (23*) was unable to find the boundary with the regularity required and a comfortable victory was sealed by Bledlow, but with many encouraging signs for the young blood involved.

Plaudits should go to Bledlow for playing the game in good spirits and ensuring a match with all parties involved.