

Cookham Dean Kites U11 80 for 6 off 20 overs Hurley U11 81 for 1 off 16.1 overs

Hurley's good start to the season continued on Sunday at Shepherds Lane under heavy cloud and on a wicket that had been subject to large amounts of rain over the past fortnight. All credit to Jeff for getting the pitch playable. With much excitement amongst the crowd with Reg's new scoring ipad app in use for the first time, Chris won the toss and sent Cookham Dean into bat. After an early breakthrough by David Morgans, Cookham progressed well and were looking comfortable. This was all to change though with the introduction of Oliver Dawkins who made a vital breakthrough, his brother Chris holding a quite spectacular diving catch at short cover, a moment wonderfully caught on camera by Stuart. The innings slowed down from this point and wickets continued to fall, Oliver and Joe Graham both getting two wickets in two balls and David bagged a run-out with an excellent direct hit. The bowling and fielding was superb from everyone - it was a pleasure to watch. Cookham Dean closed on 80 for 6.

The Hurley reply started steadily with some excellent running and calling between opening pair David Morgans and Joe Graham. Joe in particular was the beneficiary of very some generous misfields and the odd dropped catch but he took full advantage as the opening stand reached 72 before David (24), for whom another retirement was only one run away, holed out to be well caught at square leg. Chris came in to finish things rapidly and the target was reached with an overthorw that took Joe to 26 not out, a superb effort. Hurley reached their target with 29 balls to spare to claim 20 points and bring the seasons tally to 3 wins from 4.

Sorry that only three of you got to bat - that is the way cricket goes sometimes ! But it is nice to record another victory and you all play your part and contribute to the performance even if it may not seem that way.

Thanks to Matt for umpiring and to Reg, not only for scoring, but for providing Jono with something to put on his Christmas list.