

Windsor U9s Windsor 291 for 3 beat Hurley 237 for 8 by 54 runs

On an evening that if you didn't look at your calendar, you would've thought it was October, Hurley headed over to Royal Windsor on Friday night. After winning the toss, Windsor were invited to bat in blustery conditions that could've quite easily picked up a few of our players!

Despite the conditions, Hurley kept the reins on the Windsor total with an opening attack (Jem, Blake & Ollie) that has been making comparisons with the West Indies attack of the early 80's. With only 15 runs coming from the 6 overs, Hurley were well in with a shout. However, with a batting line-up clearly weighted in reverse, runs came at will with a combination of wides and wind assisted smashes, propelling Windsor to a commanding 291 for 3, and a lesson in protecting your wickets at all costs. Bowlers to escape a spanking were Jem McAllister (2 overs, 2 wickets, 0 runs) and Aaryan Samant (1 over for 3 reason - blame the manager for not giving him another over) and Will 'I take wickets' Shedden (2 overs, 1 wicket, 9 runs).

With the instructions to protect their wickets at all costs, Hurley got off to an awful start losing two wickets in the 1st three balls. Suicidal running seemed to be the order of the day (was it something in the orange squash?), as no batting partnership managed to not lose a wicket - plenty to work on the training field, in the near future methinks.

However, we never gave up and managed to work our way to a respectable total. Special credit should be made of the opening attack of Windsor; pretty accurate in my opinion. One batsman who managed to shine, was Louis Skelton with 8 runs but still plenty to work on in the next 48hrs - it's almost like coaching England, without the salary!