

Little Marlow v HURLEY 1XI – 30th April 2011

HURLEY

P Ridgeway	b Sharif	76	
D Simoes	c Mohammad b Glennerster	74	
N Akhtar	c Raja b Glennerster	4	
T Moore	b Glennerster	0	
C Louw	c Bath b Sharif	3	
R Brown	b Adnan	52	
D Nye	c Hussain b Adnan	54	1x6
D Day	Not out	5	
P Todd			
G Double			
M Cole			
	Extras	22	
	Total	290-6	

LITTLE MARLOW

A Mohammad	c Cole b Louw	12	
M Bath	c Brown b Louw	84	
D Glennerster	Not out	122	
F Hussain	c & b Akhtar	14	
I Ali	b Akhtar	23	
B Falk	Not Out	1	
	Extras	17	
	Total	276-4	

P Ridgeway	8-2-29-0	D Nye	3-0-28-0
M Cole	8-1-46-0	R Brown	3-1-16-0
C Louw	14-1-79-2		
N Akhtar	13-1-65-2		

A new season and a surprisingly confident batting display from the visitors Hurley on a Little Marlow deck harder and flatter than an aircraft carrier saw them launch into an innings of 290-6 at tea. The bunting may have been hanging a little limp from the Royal Wedding, but Phil Ridgeway (76) and Dave Simoes (74) were perkier than a groom on his wedding night adding 133 in 25 overs feasting on ideal batting conditions. The break for drinks brought the breakthrough as Ridgeway was bowled by Sharif (2-38) second ball of the new over. 20 runs spilled from the next 2 overs before skipper Naeem Akhtar (4) hit an awful smudge to midwicket and Hurley were 152-2. The early promise looked to dissipate as Hurley lost 4 wickets for 27 runs, Dave Glennerster (3-49) finding more success than the quicks. Hurley looked in danger of falling short of par at 179-5 but Ross Brown (52) and debutante Dean Nye (54), who greeted his first ball with a powerful drive to the boundary through extra cover, crashed a 6th wicket stand of 106 in 15 overs. The home side's fielding and bowling wilted faster than a bride's trousseau.

Little Marlow made slow early progress and when Mohammad (12) skied Clemens Louw (2-79) in the 13th over with the score on 31 the contest looked decidedly one sided. Mike Bath (84) and the superb Dave Glennerster (122not) had other ideas weathering a sharp spell of seam bowling from debutant Louw as the visitors somewhat bulky slip cordon were suffering trepidation at any edge flying their way. In a brisk 24 overs, these two added 153 before Bath drove to mid off where Brown took a good low catch ironically off Louw. This did not halt the flow of runs as Hussain(14) went aerial but perished caught and bowled by Akhtar (2-65). Glennerster continued to thrash the bowling as mistakes began to sprinkle the Hurley outfield cricket like confetti. A couple of dropped catches in the deep under the swirling wind and a couple of overthrows left the door ajar for the home side. Ali hit a rapid 27, and needing an unlikely 60 from 5 overs, Little Marlow finished just short on 276-4. A mammoth 560 runs in 100 overs was testament to another superb Little Marlow deck.