

White Waltham v HURLEY 1XI – 20th August 2011

HURLEY

P Ridgeway	c Mahoney b Ellis	18
D Simoes	st Wetherall b Long	80
D Nye	c Metherall b Beard	0
V Sharma	c Earl b Ellis	4
T Moore	b Ellis	16
P Hunjan	b Long	27
C Louw	b Long	5
N Akhtar	c Earl b Long	7
D Day	c Elliott b Long	7
M Cole	st Wetherall b Long	3
P Todd	Not Out	1
	Extras	6
	Total	174ao

WHITE WALTHAM

G Pugh	lbw Louw	8
A Elliott	c Cole b Hunjan	36
C Metherall	c Day b Louw	4
M Baglow	b Ridgeway	33
M Earl	b Ridgeway	53
C Long	c Akhtar b Louw	0
J Mahoney	Run Out (Day)	1
R West	Not Out	1
J Ellis	Not Out	10
	Extras	30
	Total	176-7

C Louw	10-2-36-3	P Hunjan	3-0-19-1
M Cole	6-0-41-0	P Ridgeway	7.5-4-23-2
N Akhtar	8-1-39-0		

Fielding perhaps one of their strongest line ups of the season, Hurley then gave one of their most undisciplined performances of the season to lose by 3 wickets at top of the table White Waltham on Saturday. Another soft wicket and threat of further rain presented home skipper Gareth Pugh with the chance to insert Hurley having won a crucial toss.

Only 40 minutes were possible before the rain came but it allowed Hurley to briefly dominate adding 49 in 10 overs with Phil Ridgeway (18) and Dave Simoes (80) to plunder a succession of cracking boundaries. However having just taken successive boundaries Ridgeway then tried to pull Jes Ellis (3-43) only to top edge to mid wicket. Hurley's excellent start was the tossed away in 3 overs as Dean Nye nibbled at one that left him from Luke Beard (1-47) and with the rain looming Varun Sharma (4) drolled a catch to mid on. Cue the rain and Hurley left to cower in the pavilion for two and a quarter hours on 54-3. Surprisingly only 24 overs were lost as play resumed at 3.25. Simoes continued to anchor the visitors, and a 59 6th wicket stand with Pav Hunjan (27) set Hurley up for a competitive score, but when Hunjan was bowled by Long (6-39) with the score on 141, Hurley's indiscipline returned losing their last 6 wickets for 33 in 7 overs. The lemming like thought process was typified as Mike Cole (3) had a mighty heave at the penultimate ball to be stumped when Hurley needed only one more run for another batting point. Hurley were dismissed for 174 in their allotted 40 overs with Long the main beneficiary of some disappointing batting.

Needing almost 5 an over from their 36 overs, skipper Pugh was an early casualty to Clemons Louw (3-36) shuffling across his stumps. Elliott (36), Baglow (33) and especially Matt Earl (53) however launched the league leaders to a comfortable 158-3 and needing only 17 from the final 6 overs. But a final twist sent pulses racing. Baglow was bowled by Ridgeway (2-23) in the 31st over and Louw bagged Long to a steeping catch by Akhtar next over. A wicket maiden saw Earl bowled by Ridgeway and then Mahoney was run out by keeper Day. The home side had subsided to 165-7 still needing 10 from 2

overs. Jess Ellis (10not) only needed 3 balls, nicking a 2 then driving successive boundaries to see Waltham home with 7 balls to spare. An excellent finish to a match spoilt by the rain, but Hurley paid dearly for the 30 extras conceded including 12 wides to only 6 extras by White Waltham.

MotM : Dave Simoes