

## Denham v HURLEY – 28th August 2011

<b>DENHAM</b>		
W Malik	c Nye b Brown	30
J Nicholas	b Riaz	43
D Maynard	b Akhtar	7
B Rai	lbw Brown	2
S Anwar	c Nye b Ridgeway	11
F Mahmood	c Nye b Hunjan	18
I Shokat	b Riaz	36
G Dampier	b Riaz	29
M Shepherd	b Riaz	0
S Salvamani	b Akhtar	3
P Richards	Not Out	0
	Extras	32
	<b>Total</b>	<b>211ao</b>

R Brown	10-0-35-2	P Ridgeway	8-2-28-1
S Riaz	13-1-75-4	P Hunjan	4-1-8-1
N Akhtar	11.2-2-43-2		

<b>HURLEY</b>			
S Riaz	b Mahmood	16	
D Simoes	b Shepherd	28	
D Nye	c Nicholas b Mahmood	19	
N Akhtar	c Anwar b Salvamani	83	6x6
V Sharma	b Selvamani	16	
T Balchin	st Richards b Selvamani	1	
P Hunjan	Not Out	23	1x6
R Brown	Not Out	23	2x6
P Ridgeway			
D Day			
P Todd			
	Extras	4	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>212-6</b>	

Hurley rocked up to Denham with little expectation of a full days play and immediately voted their crackerjack skipper Naeem Akhtar man of the match for not only winning the toss, but for playing when he was supposed to be looking for houses in the West Country. Water had seeped under the tarpaulin during the morning and so another damp pitch in a damp summer presented Hurley with ideal bowling conditions.

The pitch played remarkably well and Malik (30) and Nicholas (43) made good use of the track adding 69 in 14 overs for the first wicket. Sadly, Hurley did not with a succession of wides and leg side bowling to buttress the home side's push for a big score. Shoab Riaz (4-75) was working up some serious pace and produced an excellent delivery to clip Nicholas' bails to make the breakthrough. Ross Brown (2-35) returned to give Dean Nye the first of his 3 catches in the deep as Malik holed out to deep mid off. Hurley then made inroads to reduce the home side to 143-6 but a withering 7<sup>th</sup> wicket stand of 54 between Shokat (36) and Dampier (29) in 8 overs propelled Denham to 197 before the pace of Riaz removed Dampier and Shepherd in the 44<sup>th</sup> over. Denham lost their last 4 wickets for 14 runs to be dismissed for 211 in 46.2 overs with the match already reduced to 96 overs.

Possibly the best away tea of the season was followed by another heavy shower, and when the sun finally emerged at 5pm, Hurley were faced with an equation of chasing 211 in 35 overs. Hurley threw in their pinch hitter of Riaz who blasted 10 off the first over, but fell in the 6<sup>th</sup>, bowled by Mahmood (2-40). Hurley showed a positive attitude in the chase but lost early wickets keeping pace with the required rate and stood at 72-3 from 13 overs. Hurley's go to player Akhtar (83) then took control blasting a succession of straight sixes on the way to a match winning performance. The 4<sup>th</sup> wicket added 60 in 12 overs with Varun Sharma (16) playing an untypical supporting role. Akhtar perished to

Selvamani (3-52) with the score on 171 and 5 overs left and Hurley still needing 42 runs. Pav Hunjan (23not) and Ross Brown (23not) blasted the required runs in an explosive 4 overs, Brown requiring just 9 balls for his 23 finishing the match in style with a four and then six and an over to spare.

MotM Naeem Akhtar