

HURLEY 2nd v Little Marlow 2nd**Date: 5th May****Played at Little Marlow****Innings of Hurley 2nd**

C Williams		b. Holmes	14
A Ali	c. Thistlethwaite	b. Findlay	3
Steve Taylor		b. Ishaq	12
H Gul	c.	b. Findlay	0
M Walton	Not out		13
M Williams		b. Ishaq	0
Scott Taylor		b. Lancum	15
D Walton		b. Lancum	3
L Cole		b. Lancum	0
A Williams	Run Out	(Findlay)	0
		Extras	16
		Total	76
		For	9(a.o)

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wkts.
A Findlay	9	4	9	1
D Ishaq	7	0	24	2
G Thistlethwaite	9	2	18	0
G Holmes	7	3	8	2
N Lancum	6	0	11	3

Innings of Little Marlow 2nd

R Tinsley	Not out		10
N Marie		b. A Williams	6
G Thistlethwaite	c. St Taylor	b. Sc Taylor	23
H Shazad	Not out		23
		Extras	17
		Total	79
		For	2

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wkts.
Scott Taylor	9	2	13	1
A Williams	4	2	16	1
H Gul	4	1	20	0
M Williams	2	0	20	0
D Walton	1	0	5	0

Result: Little Marlow 2nd won by 8 wickets.

With the weather finally showing signs of emerging from a wet spring, Hurley 2nds started their league campaign with a short journey up the A404 to Little Marlow. A plethora of late drop outs had decimated what had looked like a strong line up in mid week, forcing Hurley to field ten men and boys. New captain Clive Williams failed in his first task by losing the toss and Hurley were asked to bat first on a good looking track which turned out to be a bit two paced. Openers Williams and Ali found runs hard to come by against some accurate seam bowling by Andy Findlay and the unpredictability of Danny Ishaq, although they didn't appear to be in much danger. Eventually the pressure told in the seventh over with only twenty runs on the board when Ali tried to force the pace. His lofted drive off Findlay just failed to clear Thistlethwaite at mid off. A further ten runs were added before the introduction of Ged Holmes saw off Williams (14). Hassan Gul only lasted a couple of deliveries before chipping Holmes to mid-wicket (30-3). Mike Walton joined Steve Taylor in the middle. The veteran pairing also found progress difficult, adding only eight runs in seven overs. Danny Ishaq was brought back and picked up the wickets of Taylor (12) and Matthew Williams (0). The last recognised batsmen, Scott Taylor, joined Walton in the middle and took the attack to the bowlers with three boundaries in a partnership of twenty-one. Once Taylor (15) fell to Neil Lancum it was left to Walton to try and eke out as many as he could with the tail. Another nineteen runs were added as Walton farmed the strike with some well taken singles but Alex Williams was not quick enough to beat the throw of Findlay as the innings ended after thirty-eight overs on 76 all out.

The Little Marlow batsmen didn't have things all their own way. Richard Tinsley played and missed on several occasions and could easily have fallen to Scott Taylor

or Alex Williams. The breakthrough came in the fourth over, with the score on ten. Nicky Marie (6) went for a big heave across the line to Williams, losing his middle stump in the process. With Taylor bowling well at one end, Williams mixed up his youngsters at the other end. Hassan Gul bowled admirably, despite conceding fourteen runs from his first over, mainly due to problems with his run up; his next three overs only went for six, as he dropped his leg breaks on a good length. Guy Thistlethwaite (23) steadied things for the hosts and had got them to forty-five when Taylor had him caught by his father Steve, running forward from second slip to take a difficult catch. Hamza Shazad (23*) and Tinsley (10*) saw their side home in the twentieth over without further alarm. A gallant effort from the Hurley boys, but a lack of runs from the top order batsmen made it an impossible task.