

Coleshill v HURLEY 1XI – 21st May 2011

HURLEY

P Ridgeway	c Edwards b Fife	9
D Simoes	lbw Edwards	37
Y Ali	b Edwards	14
C Louw	c MacDuff b Amar	28
R Brown	c J Amar b R Amar	6
T Balchin	b Stay	18
D Day	b Stay	16
N Akhtar	c Amar b Stay	0
J Chambers	c Ljubisic b Fife	1
P Todd	Run out	12
M Cole	Not out	4
	Extras	25
	Total	170ao

COLESHILL

D Spencer	Not out	91
C MacDuff	b Cole	14
S Grover	Not out	40
	Extras	28
	Total	174-1

P Ridgeway	9-2-42-0	C Louw	7-3-14-0
N Akhtar	10.3-3-37-0	J Chambers	3-1-19-0
M Cole	9-1-32-1	R Brown	2-0-9-0

Hurley's early season optimism evaporated on Saturday as they were crushed by 9 wickets in Division 2 of the Chilterns League. On a Coleshill outfield with more ridges than a crinkly crisp Hurley lost the toss and were asked to bat losing Phil Ridgeway (9) in the 7th over misjudging a full toss, the ball clipping the back of the bat and flying to point. The full toss was to be the wicket seeking missile for the home side as Clemens Louw (28) and Ross Brown (6) contrived to fall to the same ball shovelling full toss's to mid on. All this after a promising platform of 103-2 from Dave Simoes (37) and Louw was thrown away to some undisciplined batting. Hurley lost 6 wickets for 42 runs in a reckless splurge that saw them post an inadequate 170 in 49 overs. Even after the middle order collapse and with the tail enders at the crease, Coleshill defended spreading the field more thinly than Prince William's hair. Even so, skipper Akhtar chose to sweep to the mid wicket boundary and pick out the grateful fielder for a second successive duck. At tea, Hurley's generosity not to enforce the home side to provide an umpire and field with 10 men went unrewarded.

Hurley's gamble with the old ball also failed to make any real impression as Coleshill meandered to 45 in 15 overs without real alarm. The new ball made the breakthrough as Mike Cole (1-32) clipped the off bail to remove MacDuff (14). But with Dom Spencer (91not) in imperious mood and Grover (40not) more artisan, Coleshill chased down the Hurley score in 41 overs dispatching the occasional full toss to the boundary rather than grateful fielders. Hurley used 6 bowlers including two colts but mysteriously underused the pace of Louw (7 overs for 14 runs) on a degenerating wicket, collecting a miserable 3 points and begin to look as if they may struggle in Division 2.