

**HURLEY 1<sup>st</sup> v Taplow 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Date: 6<sup>th</sup> May**

**Played at Hurley**

**Innings of Taplow 2<sup>nd</sup>**

N Harrison Smith		b. H Graham	102
A Wheeler		b. Cole	16
N Malik	c. Sharma	b. Arshad	8
A Mills	c. J Cole	b. Arshad	4
F Abbas	c. J Cole	b. Nothey	4
A Bond	c. Nothey	b. Taylor	1
M Hussain	LBW	b. H Graham	47
M Abbas	c. Taylor	b. Ridgeway	2
G Street	c. Taylor	b. Ridgeway	25
Y Raja		b. Ridgeway	3
D Mahmood	Not out		5
		Extras	19
		Total	236
		For	10

**Bowling**

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wkts.
M Cole	7	2	31	1
I Arshad	10	2	34	2
K Nothey	12	2	58	1
Sc. Taylor	6	1	34	1
P Ridgeway	8.2	1	29	3
H Graham	6	0	41	2

## Innings of Hurley 1st

I Arshad		b. Hussain	23
D Simoes	c. Street	b. F Abbas	1
H Graham	c. Street	b. F Abbas	2
Sc Taylor		b. Hussain	8
V Sharma	c. F Abbas	b. Raja	25
J Graham	c. Mahmood	b. F Abbas	1
J Cole	c. Bond	b. F Abbas	0
M Walton		b. M Abbas	20
P Ridgeway		b. M Abbas	35
M Cole	Not out		6
K Nothey	c. F Abbas	b. M Abbas	2
		Extras	24
		Total	147
		For	10

## Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wkts.
M Hussain	9	3	29	2
F Abbas	13	4	34	4
Y Raja	6	0	36	1
D Mahmood	4	1	15	0
A Mills	2	1	16	0
M Abbas	4.2	1	15	3

## Result: Taplow 2<sup>nd</sup> won by 89 runs

Hurley's league campaign got off to a losing start as they went down by 89 runs to Taplow 2nds at Shepherds Lane. Taplow opener Neil Harrison-Smith proved to be the difference between the two sides with an almost chanceless century. The hosts won the toss and invited Taplow to bat first. The Taplow opening pair scored at a steady rate for the first half a dozen overs before Mike Cole got the breakthrough, knocking out Andy Wheeler's off stump. Hurley picked up regular wickets to keep the score in check and some sharp catching by Josh Cole and Kuldeep Nothey saw the visitors slump to 96 for 5 after 24 overs. Harrison-Smith was joined by Malik Hussain in a partnership of 96 for the sixth wicket as the Hurley seamers bowled too many short balls, allowing the batsmen to get on top. Henry Graham broke the partnership, trapping Hussain leg before. The next delivery saw Maznar Abbas get a thick edge to the keeper, but to the amazement of everyone present the batsman stood his ground and was given not-out. Abbas' reprieve did not last long as the next over saw him loft Ridgeway to Taylor at mid-wicket. In contrast to Abbas, the Hurley players showed the true spirit of cricket, recalling Gavin Street when given out leg before having got an inside edge on the ball from Phil Ridgeway. Three wickets for Ridgeway brought the Taplow innings to an end in the fiftieth over on 236.

In reply Arshad and Simoes set off at a brisk pace with thirteen runs coming from the first couple of overs. Simoes could only fend off a rearing delivery from Hussain with his gloves and was snapped up by Street behind the stumps. Four wickets in as many overs saw the hosts slump to 40 for 4 after nine with Hussain and Farhad Abbas picking up a couple each. Only eight more runs were added in the next seven overs for the loss of Joe Graham and Josh Cole, both guilty of hitting lofted shots off Abbas. Varun Sharma and Mike Walton dug in to add thirty-one for the seventh wicket. Sharma took the attack to the bowlers at every opportunity, hitting Raja down the ground for a maximum before holing out to mid-wicket attempting a repeat. Phil Ridgeway (35) and Mike Walton (20) added another fifty-four for the eighth wicket. Ridgeway gave a couple of chances but the keeper spurned them both. Farhad Abbas was reintroduced to try and break the partnership, attempting to rough up the batsmen with some short deliveries in the fading light. Both batsmen withstood the barrage and Taplow turned to Maznar Abbas who finished off Hurley's resistance. With fifteen overs remaining and Hurley entertaining feint hopes of salvaging a draw, Ridgeway chopped onto his stumps. Walton's resistance was ended by an unplayable delivery from Abbas that left him off the pitch to take the off stump. The match ended when the Nothey prodded to short extra with a further eleven overs remaining.