

HURLEY 2nd v Denham 2nd

Date: 13th May

Played at Denham

Innings of Hurley 2nd

C Williams		b. Magner	32
M Wadsworth		b. Simpson Snr	1
M Walton	c. Treacy	b. Magner	12
A Ali	st. Josh Simpson	b. Hales	26
J Cole	Not out		72
M Basharat	st. Josh Simpson	b. Magner	5
T Folkman		b. Swain	0
N Haines	Not out		6
H Gul	dnb		
A Williams	dnb		
		Extras	51
		Total	205
		For	6

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wkts.
A Treacy	8	3	8	0
Josh Simpson	6	0	36	1
Jeff Simpson	9	3	31	0
J Magner	15	5	37	3
D Hales	10	2	45	1
A Swain	2	0	12	1
S Simpson	1	0	13	0

Innings of Denham 2nd

C Tobin		b. Basharat	10
S Payne		b. Wadsworth	17
A Treacy	c. Cole	b. Wadsworth	38
Josh Simpson	c. Basharat	b. Haines	49
D Hales		b. Wadsworth	8
A Swain	Run Out	(Basharat)	7
J Magner	Not Out		26
Jeff Simpson		b. Basharat	2
S Simpson		b. Basharat	0
P Ashworth	Not Out		0
		Extras	26
		Total	183
		For	8

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wkts.
M Basharat	14	5	33	3
N Haines	13	1	46	1
T Folkman	5	1	18	0
M Wadsworth	11	1	40	3
A Williams	4	0	16	0
H Gul	2	0	22	0

Result: Match drawn.

Having lost their opening bowler to illness on the morning of the game, Hurley turned up at Denham with 10 men, or 5 men and 5 boys to be precise, to find the hosts could also only field 10. The Denham skipper won the toss and invited the visitors to bat first on a wicket which showed a couple of damp patches where overnight rain had seeped through the covers. Nigel Haines began his role as captain with the surprise decision to ask Matthew Wadsworth to open the batting alongside the more usual opener Clive Williams. Once he had recovered from the shock, Wadsworth did a good job, although only scoring a single himself he shared a partnership of 25 in 8 overs before being bowled by Josh Simpson. Wadsworth was replaced by Mike Walton who added 63 for the second wicket with Williams. Neither batsmen looked troubled by the Denham opening attack of Ambrose Treacy and Simpson. Although Treacy bowled his usual tight line, conceding only eight runs in as many overs, Simpson sent down enough loose deliveries to keep the scoreboard ticking over. The introduction of John Magner to replace Treacy changed the complexion. After a loose opening over, he found his line and produced a good delivery to nip back and bowl Williams. Four deliveries later, Walton was gone, a low outside edge being plucked out of the air by a diving Treacy at slip. The star of the Hurley batting was fourteen year old Josh Cole, whose career best 72* helped

ensure Hurley posted a competitive total. Abdullah Ali added a useful 26 before being stumped off David Hales. A seventh wicket partnership of 38 between Cole and Haines enabled Hurley to declare one over early on 205 for 6.

Hurley opted to bowl with the old ball, Mo Basharat and Haines opened the attack and kept the run rate down to two an over for the first nine overs. With no breakthrough coming, Haines was replaced by Tom Folkman and the new ball was taken by Basharat. The new ball did the trick, as Basharat got it to swing. A full length, slower delivery accounted for Tobin, pinning back the middle stump. Treacy joined his skipper in useful 36 run stand for the second wicket, ended by the impressive left-arm seam of Wadsworth. Tom Folkman bowled a tidy spell, conceding only 18 runs from 5 overs. Josh Simpson played positively, adding 61 with Treacy in 11 overs before Wadsworth returned to pick up the vital wicket of Treacy. Simpson continued to attack and was fortunate to survive a confident appeal for a stumping off Haines. His reprieve didn't last long before Haines got his man. Having swept the left-arm spinner for two boundaries, Simpson skied to extra cover where Basharat took the catch. With 68 runs needed from 15 overs, the match was well within the grasp of Denham as Swain joined David Hales. Wadsworth continued his superb second spell and was justly rewarded with the wicket of Hales. He then contributed to the downfall of Swain, putting down a difficult chance at mid-wicket, he recovered to get the ball to Basharat who affected the run out as confusion between Swain and Magner saw the batsmen well short of his ground. With the required rate creeping up, Denham's hopes of victory were receding and the return of Basharat ended them as he bowled Jeff and Sam Simpson in the forty-fifth over. With four overs to play, last man Phil Ashworth joined Magner and successfully played out the remaining deliveries to save the match.