

HURLEY 2nd v Little Marlow 2nd

Date: 20th May

Played at Little Marlow

Innings of Hurley 2nd

C Williams	c. Marie	b. Lancum	23
M Walton	Run Out		20
A Ali	c. Mahmood	b. A Mohammed	22
J Dawson	c. &	b. Nawaz	0
J Cole	LBW	b. Mahmood	36
St. Taylor	Not Out		32
K Nothey	Run Out		10
M Cole	Not Out		0
N Haines)		
A Williams)- dnb		
M Wadsworth)		
		Extras	16
		Total	159
		For	6

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wkts.
M Nawaz	14	1	25	1
H Mahmood	11	0	44	1
N Lancum	9	2	19	1
Z Yaqoob	3	0	30	0
A Mohammed	2	0	19	1
N Marie	5	0	18	0

Innings of Little Marlow

R Tinsley	c. Walton	b. Taylor	21
G Thistlethwaite	c. Haines	b. Nothey	36
N Marie	Run Out	(Nothey)	2
M Nawaz	c. Williams	b. Nothey	0
N Lancum		b. Haines	24
T Stokes		b. Nothey	4
H Shazard	c. Walton	b. Taylor	25
A Mohammed		b. Haines	4
O Hussain		b. Taylor	16
Z Yaqoob	c. M Cole	b. Taylor	0
H Mahmood	Not Out		0
		Extras	11
		Total	143
		For	10

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wkts.
K Nothey	13	5	28	3
M Cole	6	1	32	0
St. Taylor	10.1	3	37	4
N Haines	6	1	19	2
M Wadsworth	3	0	23	0

Result: Hurley 2nd won by 16 runs.

Hurley 2nds climbed to second in the Marrant Chilterns League Division 4 table after a narrow victory at local rivals Little Marlow. Rain delayed the start, reducing the match to ninety overs. For the second week running Nigel Haines called tails and saw the coin come down heads. Unsurprisingly Hurley were asked to bat first on a pitch dampened by overnight rain. Openers Clive Williams (23) and Mike Walton (20) made steady progress against Mohammed Nawaz and Haseem Mahmood, posting 16 from the first four overs. Despite being damp in the middle, the track held no demons for the batsmen but as the bowlers tuned in the radar runs became harder to come by with the damp outfield slowing the ball. A further rain break saw the match reduced to 84 overs. Williams had a life when dropped by Neil Lancum in the covers, but otherwise the batsmen were untroubled, reaching thirty seven in the fourteenth over when Williams chipped Lancum to Nicky Marie, who made no mistake with the catch. Abdullah Ali joined Walton and the run rate stagnated with Ali taking twenty-one deliveries to get off the mark and Walton finding too many fielders with his shots. At the drinks break the score had reached 44 for 1. Four more runs were added when Walton was run out, left stranded when Ali failed to respond to his call for a single. Jeff Dawson got a leading edge to Nawaz, giving the bowler a simple catch. Ali eventually found some rhythm, making 22 out of a partnership of 48 with Josh Cole (36) for the fourth wicket. The introduction of Little Marlow's

second string bowlers helped increase the scoring rate as they struggled to maintain the same control as the openers. Cole continued his recent good form with seven boundaries in his innings before unluckily being adjudged leg-before to Mahmood, the umpire having failed to detect an inside edge on the ball before it hit the pads. Steve Taylor (32*) and Kuldeep Nothey (10) kept up the pace with a twenty-eight run stand, ending off the penultimate delivery of the innings when Nothey was run out. Hurley's total of 159 for 6 from their 44 overs was probably about twenty runs short of what they would have liked.

In reply, Richard Tinsley (21) and Guy Thistlethwaite (36) made a good start for Little Marlow with 63 for the first wicket. Both batsmen rode their luck, with several slashes through and over the slips. Thistlethwaite had a life when Walton failed to hold onto an edge off Taylor, but he failed to capitalise, slicing Nothey to Nigel Haines at gully in the next over. The hosts lost four wickets for as many runs, collapsing to 67 for 4. Excellent fielding from Nothey to run out Nicky Marie was followed by the fall of Tinsley, caught behind off Taylor. Nothey then dismissed Nawaz, caught at mid-wicket by Clive Williams. Nothey's superb spell of 13-5-28-3, kept the pressure on the batsmen with Taylor and Haines employing their spin to good effect from the other end. Lancum (24) and Shazard (25) kept their side in the match, but when Lancum chopped Haines onto the stumps, Hurley scented victory. With twenty runs required from the last five overs and three wicket in hand, the match was still in the balance. Hurley players were left incensed when an appeal for a stumping against Zain Yaqoob off Taylor was mysteriously turned down, but this turned out to be a temporary reprieve as the young batsmen slapped Taylor to Mike Cole in the covers. Taylor picked up his third wicket to end Hussain's gutsy resistance and then sealed the victory with the first ball of the penultimate over when Shazard skied one to short extra and Walton ran forward to take the catch, giving Hurley a hard fought victory by sixteen runs.