

HURLEY Development XI v Braywood**Date: 21st May****Played at Braywood****Innings of Hurley**

J Callis		b. Branwhite	0
J Graham		b. Branwhite	7
Sc. Taylor	Not out		96
B Howell		b. Grace	1
A McGuinness		b. M Smith	5
St. Taylor		b. M Smith	0
M Basharat		b. Shiney	19
Amjad Khan		b. Shiney	0
D Simoes	Not out		10
D Walton	Dnb		
H Graham	Dnb		
		Extras	21
		Total	159
		For	7

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wkts.
Branwhite	4	0	8	2
W Grace	4	0	19	1
Wahee	3	0	15	0
Dou	4	1	7	0
M Smith	4	0	15	2
E Craig	3	0	15	0
Roome	1	0	10	0
B Hussain	2	0	7	0
Wahee Snr	6	0	46	0
Shiney	2	1	3	2
N Jathavedan	2	0	13	0

Innings of Braywood

J Roome	c. Simoes	b. Walton	18
E Craig	LBW	b. Simoes	12
B Hussain		b. Walton	0
R Wahee	Retired Out		0
N Jathavedan	Run Out		48
E Smith		b. Walton	2
M Gobert		b. J Graham	3
S Johnson	LBW	b. St Taylor	36
M Wahee	Not out		12
A Branwhite		b. H Graham	0
A Raza	Not out		13
		Extras	18
		Total	162
		For	9

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wkts.
D Simoes	4	0	9	1
D Walton	5	1	32	3
B Howell	6	0	22	0
J Graham	4	1	16	1
J Calliss	3	0	25	0
H Graham	7	2	24	1
St Taylor	4	1	22	1
M Basharat	2	0	6	0

Result: Braywood won by 1 wicket

Despite a communication breakdown, with both teams turning up at opposing grounds, a herculean effort from the Braywood ground staff ensured a pitch was readied.

Having lost the toss, Hurley were inserted onto a rather damp pitch and got off to the worst possible start, losing James Calliss first ball. Further casualties ensued, with the pitch proving difficult to score off and with the youngster Branwhite (2-8) impressing with late swing.

Archie McGuinness battled hard and provided the necessary support for Scott Taylor (96*), who started circumspectly before unleashing a series of withering drives to steadily increase the run rate. Basharat (19) used his weight to good effect, with some clubbing efforts and bounding singles in a partnership of 63. Taylor dominated a partnership of 41, with the lower order David Simoes to ensure Hurley were able to post a competitive 159-7 off their 35 overs, with Taylor contributing nearly 60% of the runs.

In response, Braywood had to handle the much feared partnership of Dave Walton and Simoes. Walton (3-32) recovered from a punishing first over to account for many of the top order, and Simoes (1-9), bowling on the actual wicket wasn't disgraced, leaving the opposition at a perilous 51-5.

Ben Howell (6-0-22-0) also impressed on his senior debut, but middle order support came from the experienced Nikil Jathavedan (47) and Johnson (36) who kept up with the run rate, before the evergreen Steve Taylor (1-22) accounted for Johnson and with Henry Graham picking up a wicket, the match was in the balance.

However, an agricultural innings from Raza ensured Braywood were able to comfortably pass over the finishing line, in glorious early summer weather to end a thoroughly enjoyable Sunday encounter.