

HURLEY Development XI v White Waltham Development XI

Date: 11th June

Played at Hurley

Innings of Hurley Development XI

J Calliss		b. M Brooker	14
T Mennie		b. M Brooker	0
A Dunn		b. M Brooker	0
M Wadsworth		b. Bradfield	1
H Drew		b. M Brooker	0
C Botha	Not out		9
H Gul	Not out		6
N Drew	c. Haywood	b. M Brooker	7
F Heggie		b. Pant	4
I Heggie	c. D Ames	b. M Brooker	0
D Simoes	Retired Not Out		20
		Extras	30
		Total	91
		For	8

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wkts.
M Brooker	5	0	16	6
S Pant	4	1	8	1
R Bradfield	3	0	6	1
F Ames	3	0	9	0
J Middleton	3	0	3	0
N Howarth	3	0	13	0
T Murphy	2	0	8	0
D Hubbard	3	0	13	0
J Brooker	1	0	1	0
D Haywood	3	0	9	0

Innings of White Waltham Development XI

D Ames		b. N Drew	8
D Haywood	Run Out		0
M Brooker	c. Wadsworth	b. Gul	1
D Hubbard	Not out		13
J Middleton		b. N Drew	0
N Howarth	c. Simoes	b. H Drew	5
F Ames		b. Gul	1
R Bradfield	c. N Drew	b. Botha	5
J Brooker	Not out		6
S Pant	Run Out		3
T Murphy		b. Wadsworth	11
		Extras	20
		Total	73
		For	9

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wkts.
J Calliss	4	0	13	0
T Mennie	5	0	11	0
H Gul	4	2	5	2
N Drew	5	1	5	2
H Drew	3	0	7	1
A Dunn	4	0	16	0
C Botha	3	2	5	1
I Heggie	1	0	1	0
M Wadsworth	1	0	3	1

Result: Hurley Development XI won by 18 runs.

The youngest ever development eleven took to the field for Hurley, in their annual fixture vs White Waltham.

Having been inserted to bat, Hurley encountered a tough start with Mennie falling first ball. The inspirational Brooker (6-16) ripped the heart out of the diminutive Hurley top order, as a series of batsman struggled on a pitch, showing less spice than Maidenhead's nightlife, combined with accurate bowling.

Calliss (14), an opener for the next 40 years looked comfortable before he became another victim for Brooker Jnr. Enter Connor Botha(9 NO), showing far more resolve than his South African international team, and Hassan Gul (6 NO) who defied all that was thrown at them, accumulating the few runs on offer whilst also accepting the extras given. Both were able to retire, and return to add crucial runs at the death.

Drew, N (7) showed a tremendous eye and durability that will serve him well, and Heggie, F displayed some fine shots in his brief stay.

Club stalwart Simoes (20) was able to team up with Botha to help post a competitive 91 off 30 overs.

Both teams retired to a quite wonderful tea that will remain in my memory for many years. #LoveScones

Following suit, White Waltham suffered early losses. The outstanding Drew, N (2-5) accounting for opener Ames and Simoes sheepishly ran out Haywood. Mennie ran in with enthusiasm, and Hassan Gul (2-5) displayed his wonderful talents with some awesome flighted spin. James Calliss captained the team superbly, and both Dunn (0-14) and Botha (1-5) showed the depths within the Hurley ranks, as White Waltham struggled to keep up with the required rate. Throughout Heggie, F displayed fine glove work behind the timbers.

Hubbard (13NO) offered hope and supported by veteran Brooker, Snr (11). All results were possible with five overs remaining, however an outstanding catch by Noah at point accounted for Bradfield and last hope Howarth slapped straight down long-on's throat, to end the likelihood. It was left to Wadsworth (1-3) to skittle the last man standing and give Hurley a narrow 'victory' and a thoroughly enjoyable game, which augurs well for the future.