

## Taplow 2XI v HURLEY 1XI – 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2017

Taplow won by 144 runs

### **TAPLOW 2**

N Malik	b Arshad	57
J Hill	c H Graham b Arshad	23
S Abbas	Run Out (J Graham)	26
J Heaton	c H Graham b J Graham	17
A Mills	b Ahmed	95
M Roberts	c Walton b Basharat	0
S Malik	b Ahmed	14
A Hill	Not Out	20
Farhad Abbas	Not Out	19
	Extras	14
	<b>Total</b>	<b>285-7</b>

H Graham	7-0-36-0	M Basharat	9-1-60-1
I Arshad	10-0-54-2	Ameer Ahmed	5-0-37-2
J Graham	7-0-36-1		
P Ridgeway	8-0-54-0		

### **HURLEY**

M Walton	b Hill	5
I Arshad	c F Abbas b S Malik	39
P Ridgeway	c Mills b Raja	50
V Sharma	c S Malik b Hill	20
J Calliss	c A Hill b Far Abbas	1
H Graham	Not Out	19
C Wright	lbw b Raja	0
A Ahmed	b Far Abbas	0
J Graham	c Mills b Far Abbas	0
M Williams	b Far Abbas	0
M Basharat	b Far Abbas	0
	Extras	7
	<b>Total</b>	<b>141ao</b>

Fahm Abbas	3-1-13-0	A Hill	9-2-29-2
N Malik	3-0-11-0	Far Abbas	8.5-1-22-5
S Malik	8-2-40-1	Y Raja	7-2-24-2

A tremendous effort to get 11 players in the field in the face of evaporating availability gave faint hope that Hurley might close the gap on 4<sup>th</sup> place. But fielding a young, inexperienced side told as Taplow outclassed the visiting crèche.

Taplow chose to bat first and Nick Malik (57) plundered 8 boundaries for his opening scoring shots, though his expansive style saw him dropped in the deep on 33. Hurley colt Jack Hill (23) was more circumspect enjoying a tussle with fellow colt Henry Graham bowling with pace who eventually picked up the catch at square leg. Imran Arshad (2-54) removed both openers, but not before 84 was added for the opening stand in 16 overs. Joe Heaton (17) briefly threatened before Joe Graham (1-36) had him well caught at extra cover by brother Henry who snaffled the high catch. But it was skipper Andy Mills (95) who decisively swung the match away from Hurley falling just short of a deserved ton to Ameer Ahmed (2-37). Taplow's punishing run rate allowed an early declaration after 46 overs on 285-7, the last 100 coming in 13 overs.

With tea still brewing Hurley chose not to go out for a tricky period, so a leisurely 45 min break was called. Hurley opened in contrasting styles with Mike Walton (5) and Imran Arshad (39). Walton went first, bowled by Ali Hill (2-29), but Arshad set about the bowling and his free hitting was cut short in controversial style. Convinced he had hit the ball into the ground before it reached extra cover, the umpires conversed and ruled it a fair catch. Hurley were 48-2. Phil Ridgeway (50) was driving fluidly and with the big hitting Varun Sharma (20) these two added 47 in 9 overs to light a fire under the visitor's reply. Sharma edged to slip and James Calliss' brave resistance ended with Hurley nicely poised on 117-4. Ridgeway fell to an excellent catch by Mills having reached his half century while Henry Graham (19not) looked comfortable caressing the ball. But with Hurley's young tail exposed more blobs than Mr Blobby's love children followed as the visitors disappeared losing 7 for 24 as Farhad Abbas (5-22) feasted on the lower order. All credit to those youngsters for stepping up to defend the pride of Hurley Cricket, but poor availability has again wrecked Hurley's season.