

## HURLEY 2<sup>nd</sup> v Emmbrook & Bearwood 2<sup>nd</sup> Date: 23<sup>rd</sup> June

Played at Emmbrook & Bearwood

### Innings of Emmbrook & Bearwood 2<sup>nd</sup>

S Fairhead	c. J Taylor	b. Wright	17
Amit		b. J Taylor	2
T McNelly	c. St. Taylor	b. Wright	34
A Robertson		b. Ali	23
R Balakrishnan	c. Fernando	b. Wright	0
S Nair		b. St. Taylor	88
F Hunt		b. Wright	38
V Herridge	LBW	b. Wright	0
J Pollard		b. Wright	0
G Marsden		b. Wright	15
O Vickers	Not out		10
		Extras	32
		Total	259
		For	10

### Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wkts.
D Wright	13	2	76	7
J Taylor	8	0	50	1
Abdullah Ali	5	0	27	1
H Gul	5	0	32	0
M Williams	2	0	25	0
D Walton	2	0	23	0
Steve Taylor	5	0	20	1

## Innings of Hurley 2<sup>nd</sup>

C Williams	Run Out		7
Abdullah Ali	c. McNelly	b. Vickers	47
Y Gul	c. McNelly	b. Vickers	0
J Taylor	c. &	b. Vickers	4
N Fernando	c. McNelly	b. Vickers	4
Steve Taylor	c. Vickers	b. Balakrishnan	9
M Williams		b. Amit	2
H Gul	Not out		3
D Wright		b. Marsden	21
D Walton		b. Marsden	0
		Extras	18
		Total	115
		For	9(a.o)

## Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wkts.
R Balakrishnan	10	2	29	1
O Vickers	8	0	36	4
A Robertson	4	0	29	0
S Nair	4	3	1	0
Amit	4	2	9	1
G Marsden	3	1	8	2

## Result: Emmbrook & Bearwood 2<sup>nd</sup> won by 144 runs

A bad day at the office saw a dent in Hurley 2nds title bid in Division 3 of the Marrant Chilterns League. Due to selection foibles, Hurley were only able to field 10 men for the visit to Lowther Road. Things started well enough with captain Clive Williams calling correctly and making the sensible decision to bowl first on an uncertain looking track. With the usual opening bowlers missing, the opening task was taken up by seasonal debutants James Taylor and Darryn Wright. With neither having played in over a year, they were understandably a little rusty, however an early breakthrough for Taylor saw Amit playing across the line and losing his middle stump with only five runs on the board. A partnership of 62 between the classy looking Tom McNelly (34) and Stuart Fairhead (17) at around 7 runs per over pushed the scoreboard along at a healthy rate. A wicket came out of the blue when McNelly smashed Wright to Steve Taylor in the covers. Only two more runs were added when Wright picked up his second with James Taylor providing the catch to dismiss Fairhead. Ravi Balakrishnan only lasted two deliveries, edging Wright to Fernando behind the stumps. Forty-four were added by Emmbrook skipper Andy Robertson (23) and Sandeep Nair (88). Abdullah Ali replaced Taylor at the Forest Road End and broke the partnership, bowling Robertson. At 110 for 5 the innings was delicately poised but a fine innings of 88 from Nair took the game away from Hurley. With the

exception of Steve Taylor, none of the Hurley spinners were able to exert any control, with Matthew Williams and Dave Walton going for 25 and 23 respectively off only two overs each. With a huge score threatening, Wright returned to take a hat-trick, dismissing Finley Hunt (38), Vic Herridge (0) and Joe Pollard (0) to drag the score back to 216 for 8. Nair eventually fell to Steve Taylor (1-20) and Wright picked up his seventh of the innings to dismiss the hosts for 259 in 40 overs.

With 50 overs to bat the chase was within Hurley's reach, however their batting was on a par with the bowling and fielding, soon putting paid to any realistic hopes of victory. Openers Williams and Ali started comfortably enough with an opening stand of twenty before Williams set off for an unlikely single and was half way down the track before he realised Ali was not responding. Ollie Vickers (4-36) then ripped through the middle order. Yasir Gul only lasted four deliveries, an unplayable ball which seamed away to find the outside edge on its way to the keeper accounting for the Hurley number 3. Aided by some indifferent bounce Vickers saw off James Taylor (4) and Fernando (4). Vickers also had a hand in the dismissal of Steve Taylor (9) taking the catch off Balakrishnan. With the loss of Taylor at 70 for 5, any faint hopes of a Hurley revival were dashed. Ali battled way for a hard earned 47 before a tired looking shot saw him edge behind to give Vickers his fourth. An entertaining 21 from 15 deliveries by Wright at least gained his side a batting point, but the end came swiftly as Wright and Dave Walton both played across the line to successive deliveries from Geoff Marsden (2-8) to give Emmbrook & Bearwood a deserved victory. Hurley will have to improve in all departments for next week's visit of Amerlee if they are to have serious hopes of silverware this season.