

Hurley U/15 177-3 beat Kidmore End U15 45 All Out by 132 Runs

On a chilly May evening Hurley demolished local rivals Kidmore End to christen their 2017 league campaign.

Having been inserted into bat, Hurley made a steady start on a slow pitch through Dawkins (18) and McGuinness (4). However, both batters were soon back in the hutch; loss of concentration could be the only excuse. Middle order repair work came from Jack Hill, who batted with intelligence, and Howell timing the ball well through the onside for a well made 23, before a lazy bit of running brought his downfall. No respite - Bussell (47*) to enter the fray, playing the innings of the day and driving the ball superbly throughout. Hill (50*) eased to his retirement, allowing fresh faced Freddie Kelly (4*) to open his account and set Kidmore a mammoth 178 to win.

Having rotated the opening bowlers, Kidmore were soon in the quicksand and praying for Armageddon. The returning Bagri (2-0-6-1) impressed - his windmill action has been missed and Patrick, showing a real zest to pick up 2 quick dismissals (2-1-1-2) - the hands of Bussell supporting both bowlers.

The ever improving Cooper benefitted from the pick pocket that is Archie McGuinness behind the stumps, and Thomas Mennie, (DVDs on sale on all good online merchants of a perfect bowling action next Xmas), picked up his regulation wicket in his awesome two over spell. At 11-5 Kidmore were sinking without trace, but Branch (16) offered a few leaves of comfort (sorry) before Kelly (2-0-6-2) and MOM Alec Bussell (2.4-0-8-2) returned to put the final nails in the coffin, as darkness and the chill intensified.

Despite a bit of a struggle to muster a full team, this Hurley outfit is brimming with depth, quality and team spirit and will continue to be a match for all comers.

Coaches MOM: Jack Hill

Parents MOM: Alec Bussell