

Steep 1st XI v Hursley Park 2nd XI

The most inept Steep batting performance for many years saw a comprehensive victory for unbeaten Hursley Park.

After three wins in four Steep went into the game confident in getting something positive from the game. This was dented a little as the toss naturally was lost and Steep were asked to bat first on a freshly prepared wicket due to the weeks inclement weather.

Openers Dean Knight and Dale Collins started in their normal confident manner and kept the scoreboard ticking along nicely against a tight opening attack. It wasn't until the 11th over that Collins was removed to a tight LBW decision. Knight was looking in excellent form but was undone by Worthy's first ball, bowled by one that kept low.

The Steep middle order refused to learn from the fact that there was little pace and bounce in the wicket and gave away easy wickets, mainly to the innocuous looking Worthy. Sean Noble looked the only man capable of building a decent score, but he also fell to one that did not bounce.

In the end, all ten Steep wickets fell for 49 runs in 27 painful overs, Worthy getting 7 for 18.

After a very early tea, Steep went on the attack, seeking wickets as the only way to win the game. They were not helped by a dropped catch first ball and two further through the rest of the innings. Skipper John Smith got Lutman early on and Jon Noble snared the obdurate Watson, but the damage had been done. Mark Lewis picked up a good wicket to a superb catch from Gareth Dale and then could have had a second next ball, but it was not to be.

Steep earned a paltry 2 points from this performance which they barely earned. Next week needs a massive improvement as they take on Paultons back on home turf.

Innings of Steep

D Knight		Bowled Worthy	28
D Collins		LBW Bennie	6
S Noble		Bowled Worthy	16
G Waterfall		LBW Worthy	5
G Dale	Caught and Bowled	Worthy	3
G Hughes	Caught Sharma	Bowled Worthy	1
M Lewis		Bowled Worthy	5
T Callingham		Not out	3
J Smith		LBW Worthy	4
T Mercer		Bowled Sharma	0
J Noble	Caught Bennie	Bowled Sharma	3
Extras			6
Total			80 all out

Bowling

A Bennie	9 overs	2 Maidens	22 runs	1 wicket
T Ahmedzar	6	1	17	0
C Prenergrast	10	4	18	0
D Worthy	10	4	18	7
V Sharma	2.4	2	0	2

Innings of Hursley Park

I Watson		LBW Noble	30
R Luthman		Bowled Smith	8
D Mansbridge	Caught Dale	Bowled Lewis	20
T Bacon		Not out	15
C Wheeler		Not out	3
Extras			4
Total			81 for 3

Bowling

T Callingham	7 overs	2 maidens	12runs	0 wickets
J Smith	6	0	12	1
J Noble	7	1	20	1
T Mercer	6	0	21	0
M Lewis	2.1	0	7	1
D Collins	2	0	9	0