

**Methley v Shepley**  
 Heavy Woollen Cup First Round  
 Sunday 18th April 2010  
 Little Church Lane, Methley

Shepley travelled to Central Yorkshire League champions Methley in the first round of the Heavy Woollen Cup. The team and supporters were delighted to find a lovely ground and welcoming club, but obviously a difficult challenge.

Methley batted first and got off to a confident start. The breakthrough came when Connolly fell to Danny Glover in the ninth over and, for the second time this weekend Don Bandula Ranjith bowled beautifully taking out three top six batsmen for just 11 runs in ten overs. Liam Wiles took his first wicket for the Club in dismissing Holloway, whilst Methley's fourteen year-old opener Ward showed great maturity in scoring 37 before becoming the first of SP Singh's victims. Singh followed up his great performance at Delph the previous day with a 4-6 return off 6.3 excellent overs; 10-48 is a fair return for a first weekend back after the winter! Methley's total of 113 all out would be disappointing for the home side, but they gave full credit to an excellent bowling performance.

Shepley's reply started badly with the loss of Tom Denton to Rickers from the last ball of the second over, from which he had taken ten runs. At the other end the excellent Chris Leaf caused problems for all the batsmen. He had Tim Rees caught behind and SP Singh followed, leaving the Shepley contingent just a little nervous. However, Liam Wiles (44\*) survived a couple of scares before striking 8 fours and a six as he showed his quality in seeing his team home in the company of the irrepressible Ranjith whose 24\* included a six and 4 fours. A good day and a good weekend.

**Methley**

Nick Connolly	c S Sullivan	b D Glover	18
K Ward	c T Rees	b SP Singh	37
Chris Smith		b DB Ranjith	29
C Holloway	c S Sullivan	b L Wiles	6
M Atkinson	c S Sullivan	b DB Ranjith	1
S Bourne		b DB Ranjith	9
Chris Leaf	lbw	b SP Singh	3
David Ellis		b SP Singh	2
J Rickers	c S Sullivan	b D Glover	2
G Richardson		b SP Singh	2
Keiron Burke	not out		0
		Extras (1lb;2w;1nb)	4
		<b>Total</b>	<b>113</b>

**Bowling**

D Glover	9	2	47	2
L Millar	8	3	23	0
DB Ranjith	10	4	11	3
L Wiles	6	0	25	1
SP Singh	6.3	3	6	4

**Shepley**

Tom Denton	c C Holloway	b J Rickers	10
SP Singh	c G Richardson	b C Leaf	17
Tim Rees	lbw	b C Leaf	11
L Wiles	not out		44
D Bandula Ranjith	not out		24
Sam Haigh	dnb		
Ashley Brothers	dnb		
Danny Glover*	dnb		
Leigh Millar	dnb		
Sam Denton	dnb		
Steve Sullivant	dnb		
		Extras (1b;7lb;3w)	20
		<b>Total</b>	<b>117-3</b>

**Bowling**

C Leaf	8	3	16	2
J Rickers	6	0	32	1
C Smith	5	0	29	0
N Connelly	5	1	12	0
K Burke	2	0	20	0

**Shepley beat Methley by 7 wickets**