

Shepley v Honley
 Drakes Huddersfield League Premiership
 Saturday 7 May 2011
 Marsh Lane, Shepley

The battle of last year's top two ended in victory for champions Honley in a rain-reduced match at Marsh Lane. The game finally started at 3.00pm with 35 overs for each side; Honley won the toss and invited Shepley to bat first. The innings got off to a disappointing start as in-form Tom Denton chopped one onto his stumps. SP Singh (63) and Tim Rees (67) then built what was probably the most convincing stand of the game by putting on 122 for the second wicket. At 129-2, Shepley were in a very good position, but two poor shots and two decisions from umpire Hallam saw the game transformed at 140-6, with all the wickets so far falling to the excellent Ritchie Howarth, who ended up with 7-76. Ben Wells (22*) and Danny Glover (16) played their shots, but with only two runs coming off the last over Shepley looked to be 20 runs short.

Honley's reply was led by opener Simon Kelly (91*) who rode his luck as he played and missed countless times, but also hit a raft of boundaries. He put on 38 with Richard Jakeman (22) for the first wicket and 28 with Jonny Butterfield (11) for the second. When three wickets fell to leave the visitors on 112-4, Shepley had a chance, particularly as Craig Glover (4-73) and brother Danny were beating the bat on a regular basis.

But Martin Green (40*) joined Kelly to see Honley comfortably home

Shepley

Tom Denton		b R Howarth	1
SP Singh	lbw	b R Howarth	63
Tim Rees	c R Jakeman	b R Howarth	67
Liam Wiles	c T Craddock	b R Howarth	1
Amar Rashid	c M Fraine	b R Howarth	0
Ben Wells	Not out		22
Huw Ellis	lbw	b R Howarth	0
Danny Glover*	c D Howard	b T Craddock	16
Craig Glover	c S Kelly	b R Howarth	0
Ali Reza	not out		2
Tom Sykest	dnb		
		Extras (lb4;b1;nb2;w3)	10
		Total (35 overs)	182-8

Bowling

R Howarth	17	0	76	7
J Butterfield	5	0	53	0
T Craddock	12	2	48	1
M Joice	1	0	20	0

Honley

Simon Kelly	not out			91
Richard Jakeman†	c L Wiles	b C Glover		22
Jonny Butterfield	c T Sykes	b C Glover		11
Max Joice	c T Rees	b C Glover		3
Danny Howard	c H Ellis	b C Glover		4
Martin Green	not out			40
John Greaves	dnb			
Michael Fraine	dnb			
Rob Moore*	dnb			
Tom Craddock	dnb			3
Ritchie Howarth	dnb			
		Extras (lb3;nb1;w1;b7)		12
		Total (33.2 overs)		183-4

Bowling

D Glover	17	1	78	0
C Glover	14	1	73	4
A Rashid	2.2	0	22	0

Honley (5pts) beat Shepley (1pt) by 6 wickets