

Hurley Sunday 2's Vs Pinkneys Green (40 over Game)

Sunday 15st May – Pinkneys won the toss and chose to Bowl

Batsmen	How Out	Bowler	Total
P. Hinnell Snr	Bowled	M. James	7
T. Hooper	LBW	Adnan	9
C. Selvage	Bowled	Adams	43
S. Kelly	Bowled	Coleman	29
P. Hinnell Jnr	Run Out		14
C. Sawtell	Not Out		24*
R. Campbell	Not Out		42*
D. Masters			
T. Golabek			
A. Morgans			
R. Simon			
		Extras	52
		Total	217

Bowler	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets
Adnan	8	2	15	1
M. James	8	1	41	1
Hendry	9	0	61	0
Coleman	6	0	31	1
Purchase	4	0	17	0
Stemp	3	0	22	0
Adams	2	0	11	1

Batsmen	How Out	Bowler	Total
G. Hendry	Ct Morgans	Campbell	60
T. Hendry	Bowled	Campbell	3
Adnan	Ct Sawtell	Kelly	116
C. Adams	Bowled	Campbell	4
S. Ginmon	Ct Kelly	Masters	3
N. Jones	Bowled	Kelly	0
W. Hendry	Bowled	Kelly	4
J. Stemp	Bowled	Masters	4
B. Purchase	Not Out		0*
C. Coleman	Bowled	Masters	0
M. James	LBW	Masters	0
		Extras	21
		Total	215

Bowler	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets
R. Simon	8	1	33	0
R. Campbell	8	0	28	3
A. Morgans	7	0	41	0
D. Masters	6.2	0	66	4
C. Selvage	3	1	20	0
S. Kelly	5	1	22	3

Hurley won by 2 runs

My momma always said, "Life was like a box of chocolates. You never know what you're gonna get." (Gump, F. 1994).

"Cricket...one minute it hates you, then it loves you" (Masters, D. 2011).

If life is indeed a box of chocolates, then Patrick Hinnell, the Godfather of the Hurley Sunday 2XI, is Willy Wonka. With this side, you truly do not know what is lurking beneath the brightly coloured foil wrapper.

After a crushing defeat to Goring and a wash out before play could commence, the 2s hosted a youthful Pinkneys Green side, albeit containing all the familiar faces from recent years with one exception. Once this exception had taken 1 for 15 off 8 and blasted 116 off what felt like 8 balls (I know this isn't possible) his face will also be etched into the minds of everyone who played.

The returning Rennie Campbell was a box of Celebrations – a 'box office' all rounder who can be depended upon to cater to any sweet tooth. It was also his 40th birthday* adding a literal meaning to what will become an increasingly tenuous confectionary-based metaphor.

Pinkneys won the toss and surprised no-one by opting to take the new ball under heavy cloud cover. Hinnell Snr (Bournville – smooth, traditional, refined) and Hooper (Milky Bar – beckons everyone to gather, starts well and then produces a very anti-climatic offering) marched to the middle ready to do battle.

The ball was swinging and seaming and batting was tough. After battling to 7 Bournville played all around a full swinging delivery from skipper James leaving Selvage to join his captain at the wicket. The two men put on 25 before Hooper fell LBW for 9 in Adnan's last over, after a long duel that the visitor had won.

Selvage (Dime Bar – unorthodox but with surprisingly pleasing results) top scored with 43, anchoring the innings with a very important contribution. His role allowed a platform from Hurley's middle order hitters could get on the offensive from, and subsequently the score rocketed upwards.

Sam Kelly (Green & Blacks – absolute quality but can only be included as a rare treat) made a quick-fire 29 before unluckily inside edging a very wide and full delivery back into his stumps. Hinnell Jnr (KitKat – a firm favourite but prone to finger damage if treated roughly) sacrificed his wicket for 14 with selflessly aggressive running bringing Chris Sawtell (Curly Wurly – it is still a long barrier even if there are a few holes in it) and Ren Campbell to the crease.

They put on a sparkling unbeaten 90 in no time at all, Sawtell (finishing on 24 not out and Campbell marmalising 42 off just 20 balls. Hurley had leapt to 217 and were they confident of victory? I should cocoa.

If the absent Jonno Simon is a Dairy Milk – a popular stalwart that has been on the scene for ages, then his brother Robert is a Twirl – all the same characteristics but presented in a form that can be prone to crumbling if mismanaged.

The aforementioned R. Simon began Hurley's twirling, charging in and causing problems to the Pinkneys openers in tandem with Celebrations. After the latter removed Hendry with a lovely outswinger Adnan

walked to the crease in the tightest pair of cricket trousers this writer has seen in a long time. Just saying.

Despite the trousers, he greeted his first ball with a drive straight over extra cover for 4 and didn't hold back in the slightest. In fact, it got a lot worse for the home side – especially once the first of 5 catches went down.

Alan Morgans (Twix – dependable with options on either side) was able to slow the free-scoring Adnan down with some wily slow bowling but unfortunately at the other end Masters was struggling to contain a number of leg side blows. It should be stated that 4 of the dropped catches were off Dan's bowling but just like his alter ego the Mint Aero – the Australian was able to keep a cool centre even though, at this stage, he seemed a tad lightweight.

The writing was on the wall so The Milky Bar Kid took drastic action, taking the wicket-keeping gloves off Green & Blacks Kelly and inviting him to join the bowling party. Pinkyneys stand for the 2nd wicket was a remarkable 177 before Sawtell produced a quite remarkable one-handed, backwards diving catch (with his weaker left hand) to account for a disbelieving Adnan. He had made a brutal 116. Kelly had made a vital breakthrough.

Hurley tails were up but with 8 wickets in hand and approximately 25 runs required the result was still seemingly a formality for the visitors. Opener Hendry (60) perished to the returning Campbell, following a well judged catch by Morgans. If Pinkneys were a bag of Minstrels they were suddenly missing their shells and Hurley could sense some melting.

Bert returned to complete tight figures of (8-1-33-0) after Campbell had got another, ripping through Adams' defences. Wickets were now tumbling as Kelly, now bowling off-spin after an agreement with the opposition skipper moved to 3 for 22 from his 5 overs.

After Dan Masters famously (at least to us – it didn't make the Twitter trending topics I don't think) bowled a maiden over to secure a win against Wokingham last season, Hooper knew he had a man for the big occasion. A Mint Aero is rarely used in a heroic context but it is now and not just because I can't think of a better one. Kelly took a simple catch in the covers and then Danno bowled Stemp with an absolute beauty that somehow bisected a textbook forward defensive.

Masters burst the remaining Pinkneys bubble by taking the last 2 wickets with consecutive balls, bringing his tally to 4 for 66. The last 8 wickets departed for just 15 runs leaving the hosts enjoying a memorable win. Yes it was a young Pinkneys side, but given the way the match had moved back and forth and the fact it featured some hitting akin to what was going on in the return Village Cup fixture it was a really good turn around.

* = This is a lie.

Sixes – Sam Kelly x1, Ren Campbell x1.

Catches listed.

Man of the Match – Ren Campbell, Runner Up Sam Kelly.