

HURLEY v Pinkneys Green

Date: 7th May

Played at Hurley

Innings of Hurley

P Hinnell	c. Snapes	b. Heyes	1
M Walton		b. Labh	26
D Walton	c. &	b. Labh	5
Sc Taylor		b. Fuller	49
St Taylor		b. Heyes	12
R Brown		b. Heyes	3
P McDermott		b. Heyes	0
M Hampton	c. Laurence	b. Heyes	6
M Wadsworth	Not out		2
M Basharat		b. Austin	6
H Gul	Run out		0
		Extras	19
		Total	129
		For	10

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wkts.
Labh	8	2	15	2
W Heyes	13	2	28	5
J Austin	9	3	35	1
A Fuller	10.3	1	42	1

Innings of Pinkneys Green

C Heyes		b. Brown	18
K Snapes		b. Brown	2
W Heyes	c. M Walton	b. Brown	13
A Ryan	LBW	b. Brown	0
S Jinman	LBW	b. McDermott	9
A Laurence		b. Brown	0
C Adams		b. Sc Taylor	1
N Jones	Not out		55
Labh		b. Sc Taylor	3
A Fuller		b. Wadsworth	16
J Austin	c. Hampton	b. Brown	1
		Extras	8
		Total	126
		For	10

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wkts.
R Brown	8.2	1	25	6
M Basharat	4	0	19	0
Sc Taylor	5	0	32	2
P McDermott	3	0	30	1
M Wadsworth	3	0	17	1
H Gul	1	0	8	0

Result: Hurley won by 3 runs.

Summer returned to Shepherds Lane on Sunday as local rivals Hurley and Pinkneys Green played a thrilling match which saw the hosts prevail by three runs.

The visitors won the toss and invited Hurley to bat first. Hurley's veteran opening pair of Mike Walton and Pat Hinnell had only a single on the board when Will Heyes nibbled one away from Hinnell who edged it to slip where Kevin Snapes leapt like a salmon to take a two handed, flying catch. Dave Walton joined his brother but failed to make much of an impact, managing only five runs before slapping a return catch to Labh. Scott Taylor (49) and Walton (26) set about rebuilding the innings, putting together a patient partnership of 71 in 22 overs. Pinkneys rotated their seamers to good effect, keeping a lid on the run rate. After the drinks break the batsmen looked to push on but this led to a flurry of wickets. Walton edged Labh onto his stumps via his pad and was replaced by Steve Taylor who looked in good touch scoring a dozen runs before falling to Will Heyes. None of the other Hurley batsmen managed double figures as Heyes (5-28) ripped through the order. The innings ended with the run out of Hassan Gul who was called for a suicidal single by Wadsworth.

Defending a small total Hurley needed to bowl and field well. Ross Brown and Mo Basharat opened the attack and Brown got an early breakthrough bringing one back in to bowl Kevin Snapes. Brown tore through the top order, taking the first five wickets as Pinkneys collapsed to 34 for 5. Scott Taylor replaced Basharat and produced a good delivery to dismiss Adams. With his side staring into the jaws of defeat, a captain's innings was needed from Nick Jones (55*), which he duly provided. A partnership of forty with Jinman gave the visitors hope before two quick wickets turned the game towards Hurley again. Paul McDermott trapped Jinman leg before attempting to sweep and Taylor bowled Labh in the next over. With 46 runs still needed and only two wickets remaining, Hurley were back in the driving seat. However Jones refused to give in and put together a stand of 31 with Fuller. Matthew Wadsworth claimed the vital wicket of Fuller with a full delivery that swung into the off stump. With a dozen more runs needed for a Pinkneys victory, Brown was brought back. Jones and Fuller got within four runs of victory when a bouncer from Brown was fended off to gully by Austin, where Matt Hampton, carrying an injury, managed to leap off his good leg to hold the catch above his head and send his team mates into raptures. Pinkneys Green were naturally disappointed at falling short when so close to victory, but cricket was the winner, with everyone contributing to an exciting match.