

## HURLEY 1st v Pinkneys Green 2XI – 27th May 2017

### Hurley won by 4 wickets

#### **PINKNEYS GREEN 2XI**

M Lyles	c H Graham b Sc Taylor	0
J Stemp	b Sc Taylor	22
M Harding	b Sc Taylor	0
D Khan	b H Graham	5
S Khan	c Bhagwani b Sortur	15
J Stokes	b Sortur	0
B Snapes	lbw Sortur	6
J Akhtar	c St Taylor b Sortur	22
U Rashid	b Sortur	0
Z Abbas	b Sortur	2
N McDonagh	Not Out	0
	Extras	6
	<b>Total</b>	<b>79ao</b>

Sc Taylor	15-1-35-3	M Sortur	10.1-0-30-6
H Graham	5-0-13-1	P Ridgeway	1-1-0-0

#### **HURLEY**

V Bhagwani	ct ? b S Khan	2
D Simoes	ct ? b D Khan	0
V Sharma	lbw b S Khan	0
J Graham	lbw b S Khan	0
St Taylor	Not Out	27
J Dawson	ct? D Khan	0
H Graham	b S Khan	2
M Sortur	Not Out	37
Sc Taylor		
P Ridgeway		
D Walton		
	Extras	13
	<b>Total</b>	<b>81-6</b>

S Khan	8-1-31-4	B Snapes	1-0-7-0
D Khan	7-5-8-2	N McDonagh	4-0-18-0
U Rashid	3-0-12-0		

A match of strange twists and turns and more sub-plots than a Dan Brown novel, had Hurley gasping for breath and somehow getting over the line at home to Pinkneys Green 2XI by 4 wickets. It was a rare innings with more zeros than a Japanese squadron. On a track keeping low at times the visitors were invited to bat and were soon struggling against the pace of Scott Taylor (3-35) and Henry Graham (1-13). With wickets tumbling, the umpire invited Graham to be removed from the attack on the mistaken belief of age, but that only led to the introduction of Sortur (6-30) who had been a late addition to the Hurley side. His cutters sliced through the Pinkneys line-up despite a valiant stand between Khan (15) and Akhtar (22). Khan lofted Sortur to Bhagwani and the innings folded for 79 with Akhtar last to fall lofting to mid-on inside 32 overs.

Hurley enjoyed the tea break and could have been confident of a regulation romp to victory, but Bhagwani was expansive, Simoes undone at slip and Sharma lbw. Hurley were

soon 17-5 as the twin pairing of Khans made 80 runs look a long way off. Gloom descended in the home camp as the visitor's morale lifted. Steve Taylor (27not) completed an excellent day for father and son and partnered Sortur (37not) who dispatched his first ball back over the sightscreen and increased Hurley's score by 30%. These two batted with a calmness not shown by the spectators in an unbeaten stand of 62 to hand Hurley the most tortuous of victories. An early finish enabled a small crowd to cheer home Arsenal in the cup Final.