

HURLEY 1st v Wraysbury 2XI – 10th June 2017

Hurley won by 31 runs

HURLEY

I Arshad	c Dibley b I Ahmed	0
D Simoes	lbw b Freeman	35
P Ridgeway	c Dibley b Freeman	101
V Sharma	b Freeman	44
St Taylor	b W Afridi	5
Sc Taylor	b W Afridi	14
H Graham	b W Afridi	9
J Graham	Not Out	8
J Cole	b W Afridi	7
M Cole	b W Afridi	0
R Brown		
	Extras	14
	Total	237-9

W Afridi	15-3-42-5	A Freeman	15-0-69-3
I Ahmed	9-1-38-1	M Nawaz	9-0-39-0
K Afridi	5-0-35-0		

WRAYSBURY 2XI

D Tooze	c Simoes b Ridgeway	36
T Dibley	lbw b Sc Taylor	32
H Ibrahim	c Simoes b Sc Taylor	2
U Ahmed	c M Cole b Ridgeway	26
S Allaway	c Simoes b Sc Taylor	8
M Nawaz	Run Out	49
W Afridi	b H Graham	16
B Freeman	c H Graham b Brown	3
I Ahmed	c & b Brown	8
A Freeman	b H Graham	10
K Afridi	Not Out	0
	Extras	16
	Total	206ao

I Arshad	5-1-26-0	M Cole	2-0-13-0
R Brown	10.2-3-35-2	H Graham	5-0-41-2
Sc Taylor	11-1-50-3		
P Ridgeway	8-1-37-2		

A palace coup encouraged skipper Phil Ridgeway (101) to push himself up the order and this paid dividends after Hurley had decided to bat and lost Imran Arshad in the second over with only 1 on the board. With Dave Simoes (35) more circumspect, Ridgeway was clearly in the zone. These two added 114 for the second wicket in 27 overs before Simoes fell lbw to Alan Freeman (3-69). Varun Sharma (44) was at his bludgeoning best in 46 balls including 3 huge 6's while Ridgeway brought up his 50 with a straight 6. The third wicket added 71 in 12 overs to take Hurley to a useful 186-2. Sharma was bowled by Freeman and Ridgeway sawl Hurley through to 199 before he edged the same bowled behind. Hurley pressed for a big score but the return of Waqir Afridi (5-42) scythed through Hurley's young middle order like Poldark on a warm afternoon. Henry Graham, Joe Graham and Josh Cole played some powerful shots but Afridi's pace and accuracy cut short innings of promise. Hurley saw out their 52 overs to post 237-9.

Tea was taken as Joe Graham nursed a phantom lump on his ankle and received appropriate sympathy and disinterest. Wraysbury came out and set about erasing the deficit with an opening stand of 74 in 17 overs. Dave Tooze (36) and Tom Dibley (32) looked well set before a low delivery from Scott Taylor (3-50) trapped Dibley. Tooze followed next over as Ridgeway (2-37) fizzed one and Simoes snaffled the catch behind. Taylor and Ridgeway chipped away backed by some stunning catching. Mike Cole pouched a sharp catch at slip to remove Ahmed (26) and Simoes dived headlong to remove Allaway first ball after drinks. At 116-5 the visitors might have opted for the draw, but Mo Nawaz (49) and Afridi (16) battered 57 in 7 overs before Henry Graham (2-41) castled Afridi to gain some revenge for a bit of a mauling. Ross Brown (2-35) returned from the cow-field end and immediately had Ben Freeman driving at short cover where Henry Graham took a good catch. The batter returned to fume and abuse his water bottle. Brown then had Ahmed caught and bowled, but with Nawaz scoring freely, all results were still possible. 15 was added for the 9th wicket as the visitors moved to 205-9. Nawaz was now desperate for the strike.

With Hurley needing one wicket and the batsmen looking for 2's or boundaries, Nawaz hit the ball through gully. With Imran Arshad at deep backward point and on an empty stomach since 2am, he sprinted towards the ball like a high speed train. A clean pickup and bullet throw saw Simoes whip off the bails as Nawaz lost his bat and Hurley's determination brought maximum points.