

HURLEY v Harrow Wayfarers**Date: 2nd July****Played at Hurley****Innings of Harrow Wayfarers**

A Croft	c. Basharat	b. D Walton	28
A Geal	c. Sc Taylor	b. H Graham	6
A Atkinson		b. Basharat	65
T Bennett		b. Basharat	16
L Pollard	c. St Taylor	b. D Walton	1
T Jenkins		b. McDermott	5
N Tharambala	c. Sc Taylor	b. Basharat	1
A Rudge	c. H Graham	b. D Walton	0
N Dewart	Run Out	(St Taylor)	2
S Witheridge	Not out		0
N McLoughlin		b. J Graham	0
		Extras	16
		Total	140
		For	10

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wkts.
Sc Taylor	9	1	47	0
H Graham	6	1	13	1
D Walton	8	1	45	3
M Basharat	6	1	24	3
P McDermott	2	1	1	1
J Graham	2	0	3	1

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S Kayani	c. Rudge	b. Witheridge	37
J Callis	LBW	b. Witheridge	0
Sc Taylor		b. Rudge	10
H Graham		b. Dewart	40
J Graham		b. Witheridge	4
St Taylor	c. Atkinson	b. McLoughlin	2
M Walton	Not out		10
P McDermott		b. Dewart	1
D Walton	c. Bennett	b. Dewart	1
P Hinnell	LBW	b. Atkinson	2
M Basharat		b. Atkinson	0
		Extras	19
		Total	126
		For	10

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wkts.
A Rudge	9	1	43	1
S Witheridge	10	2	26	3
N McLoughlin	11	2	18	1
N Dewart	9	4	16	3
A Atkinson	0.5	0	0	2

Result: Harrow Wayfarers won by 14 runs.

Hurley's propensity for self destruction reared its ugly head again as they managed to snatch defeat from the jaws of victory against Harrow Wayfarers. In a game of batting collapses that saw the visitors lose their last 8 wickets for 14 runs and the hosts lose 6 for 24, it was the visitors who held their nerve to pull off an unlikely victory.

Opting to bat first in the sunshine, Wayfarers lost their skipper Aly Geal in the fourth over as he sliced Henry Graham to backward point and Scott Taylor moved to his left to snaffle the chance. A 67 run partnership between Andy Croft (28) and Andy Atkinson (65) put Harrow in the driving seat. Scott Taylor bowled well without any luck, and a few dropped catches did not help the Hurley cause. A change of bowling from the river end did the trick, with Dave Walton dismissing Croft for the sixth time in seven years. Basharat replaced Taylor and produced a cutting delivery to remove the leg bail of Bennett. At 126 for 3 there was no hint of the carnage to come as Basharat (3-24), Walton (3-45) and Paul McDermott (1-1) decimated the middle order. The vital wicket of Atkinson fell to Basharat, the batsman being a little unlucky to be bowled off his body. As wickets tumbled and pressure mounted, a mix up between Dewart and Witheridge led to the former finding himself stranded as Steve Taylor calmly threw the ball to the keeper to effect a simple run out.

Jo Graham finished off the innings with a Yorker to McLoughlin to send the players in for an early tea.

After the break Shoaib Kayani, making his seasonal debut, helped get his side off to a flying start with a quick fire 37. James Callis capped a miserable day by being adjudged leg before to Witheridge without scoring. Scott Taylor (10) looked in good nick before going back to a full length ball from Rudge. Henry Graham kept up the run rate with a solid looking 40 before becoming the first of Dewart's three victims. When Steve Taylor (2) drove McLoughlin into the hands of Atkinson at mid off there were only thirty-nine more needed with five wickets in hand, a task that should have been well within the range of the remaining Hurley batsmen. Unfortunately it was not to be, once Henry Graham was bowled by Dewart, the last four wickets could only manage another 18 runs, with Mike Walton (10*) the only batsmen outside the top four to reach double figures. Pat Hinnell could consider himself unlucky to be given out leg before to Atkinson, but there was no doubt about the final nail in the Hurley coffin as skipper Basharat was cleaned up two balls later by Atkinson.