

Amersham Hill 1XI vs HURLEY 1XI – 19th August 2017

Hurley won by 21runs

HURLEY

P Ridgeway	b Oldfield	8
M Walton	c Rich'n-Hill b Netarajan	14
I Dawkins	c Etheridge b Netarajan	21
V Sharma	lbw b Richardson-Hill	22
J Patrick	c Oldfield b Rich'n-Hill	30
S Riaz	b Rich'n-Hill	0
M Clark	Not Out	93
H Graham	c J Cooper b Rich'n-Hill	14
I Arshad	Not Out	18
J Graham		
D Goodman		
	Extras	31
	Total	251-7

V Natarjan	15-4-69-2	M Cooper	6-0-42-0
J Oldfield	11-3-37-1	S Pathmarajah	5-1-30-0
J Richardson-Hill	15-6-59-4		

AMERSHAM HILL

M Cooper	lbw b Dawkins	6
C Etheridge	c Ridgeway b Dawkins	5
J Oldfield	c Sharma b Dawkins	11
B Laybourne	c Walton b Dawkins	23
S Pathmarajah	c Riaz b Ridgeway	85
J Richardson-Hill	c H Graham b Arshad	19
J Cooper	c Sharma b Goodman	12
G Ashton	b Goodman	12
V Natarajan	c J Graham b Dawkins	7
J Newbury	Not Out	0
J Essex	c Sharma b Goodman	2
	Extras	48
	Total	230ao

S Riaz	8-0-49-0	P Ridgeway	10-0-52-1
I Dawkins	13-1-53-5	D Goodman	5.1-1-13-3
I Arshad	10-1-42-1		

Big Ben may have lost it's bong, but this match was a ding-dong with Amersham Hill's plucky chase of Hurley's par 251-7. The 12.30 start saw players dribbling in late so that the start time was pushed back to 12.45 with Hurley winning the toss and electing to bat. Hurley sent out the veterans Phil Ridgeway (8) and Mike Walton (14) with over 2,000 appearances for the club and nearly 50,000 runs. Ridgeway clipped two boundaries off his legs but then yoked himself attempting a third. Walton was resolute as Ian Dawkins (21) survived an easy chance at cover to then hit the ball fluidly before falling at extra cover with the score on 43 from 17 overs. Walton fell two overs later as the Hurley innings became becalmed. Varun Sharma (22) had just begun to move up a gear when Jordan Richardson-Hill (4-59) had him lbw and two balls later, Shabob Riaz was bowled off his pads. At 80-5 and 29 overs gone, the visitors were staring at another insipid batting performance. Jono Patrick (30) and Matt Clark (93not) then added 53 in 12 overs and when Patrick departed, Clark started to hit through the ball with

power. His 70-ball innings added an impetus that saw the second hundred come up in 15 overs, and the last 50 in 4 overs. Needing 16 for his ton in the last over, two crisp boundaries came with the 3rd and 4th balls then a marginal wide was not given and a dot put paid to a deserved 3 figures. Hurley closed their 52 overs on 251-7.

Hurley opened with the pace of Riaz (0-49) and the swing of Dawkins (5-53), but Riaz bowled 15 no-balls and 5 wides stretching for that added pace which contributed to the absurd 48 extras conceded. With extras top-scoring for much of the first 10 overs, Amersham had momentum at 59-3 from 10 overs. Dawkins booming out-swing trapped Cooper lbw, had Etheridge edging to slip and skipper Oldfield slicing to cover. Ben Laybourne (23) and Pathmarajah (85) proved punishing adding 44 in 8 overs before Dawkins picked up his 4th to a neat catch by Mike Walton. Pathmarajah's hitting was looking ominous for the visitors as Amersham kept up with the required rate. The next 60 took 13 overs before Imran Arshad had a snorting Richardson-Hill skying to mid-wicket where Henry Graham took a confident catch. The key was clearly Pathmarajah, and his excellent counter attack was cut short in the 40th over as Riaz pounced a catch at deep mid-wicket off Ridgeway (197-6). Amersham needed 55 from the last 8 overs. Dave Goodman (3-13) was then deployed to mop up the tail with the last 4 wickets falling in 5 overs, Dawkins picking up a deserved 'Michelle' Fivefer as Netarajan hit his first ball for 6 then sliced to point where Joe Graham took the catch. Goodman finished the match but missed out on a debut hatrick in the 47th as Essex drove to mid off for Sharma to take his third catch of the afternoon. Hurley took three and a half hours to bowl a nominal 47 overs and the match ended in dusk at 8pm.