

**HURLEY 2<sup>nd</sup> v Knotty Green 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Date: 2<sup>nd</sup> September**

**Played at Hurley**

**Innings of Knotty Green 2<sup>nd</sup>**

N Scott		b. Haines	45
L Patel		b. Golabek	79
H Parekh	LBW	b. Haines	22
I Rundle	c. A Ali	b. Haines	59
J Patel	c. M Cole	b. L Cole	32
C Blunden	st. M Cole	b. Haines	5
J Coppock	Not out		8
		Extras	18
		Total	268
		For	6

**Bowling**

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wkts.
N Fernando	11	0	66	0
J Cole	7	0	33	0
H Gul	4	0	34	0
T Golabeck	7	0	51	1
N Haines	10	0	64	4
L Cole	2	0	16	1

## Innings of Hurley 2<sup>nd</sup>

P Hinnell	c. Blunden	b. J Patel	0
Abdullah Ali	c. Rundle	b. Patton	3
Ajmal Ali	c. Scott	b. Patton	7
T Golabek		b. Jackson	5
J Cole	Not out		48
M Cole	LBW	b. J Patel	82
N Fernando	LBW	b. J Patel	14
L Cole	c. Blunden	b. J Patel	0
N Haines	LBW	b. J Patel	6
H Mansell	Not out		1
H Gul	dnb		
		Extras	37
		Total	203
		For	8

## Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wkts.
J Patel	15	7	47	5
L Patton	13	4	35	2
S Jackson	8	1	25	1
S Patel	5	2	10	0
I Rundle	7	2	19	0
R Monsy	6	1	25	0
L Patel	3	1	9	0
C Blunden	3	0	13	0

## Result: Match Drawn.

Hurley 2<sup>nd</sup> XI's enforced policy of youth, veterans and middle-aged spread took to new levels in their final league game against champions-elect Knotty Green. Again depleted resources meant fielding a weakened side but it was the emerging talent of 15-year old Josh Cole and stalwart and father Mike Cole that held together the Hurley reply chasing a formidable target after skipper Nigel Haines won the toss and asked the visitors to bat on an unseasonably warm September day.

Knotty Green needed to secure a win to have a chance of winning Division 4 of the Chiltern's League and raced to an opening partnership of 119 in the 23<sup>rd</sup> over, Nick Scott (45) and Loki Patel (79) the beneficiaries of some ordinary opening bowling. Josh Cole (0-33) was guilty of bowling too short although both he and Nally Fernando (0-66) caused some discomfort on a pitch that showed some variable bounce from the start. The early switch to spin played dividends as Haines (4-64) bowled Scott with a quicker ball in his first over. Youngster Hassan Gul (0-34) bowled his leg-spin from the Shepherd's Lane end to good effect but was picked off by Patel and Hitesh Parekh (22) who added a quick-fire 26 in only 4 overs before Patel's innings was ended by a superb yorker by Tim Golabek (1-51). Haines trapped Parekh in front

trying to whip the ball to the leg side. With the fielders starting to wilt and making basic mistakes under the onslaught Ian Rundle (59) and skipper Jack Patel (32) increased the tempo with a rapid 54-run partnership before Liam Cole (1-16) got his first senior wicket having Patel caught behind by father Mike with a feint bottom edge. Haines had Colin Blunden (6) stumped advancing down the track and then removed Rundle thanks to a good catch at deep cover by Ajmal Ali to bring the declaration at 268-6 after 41 overs.

With 59 overs to bat Knotty Green started with the old ball and spin. The Hurley reply disappeared rapidly falling to 15-3 in six overs as Pat Hinnell (0) sliced to backward point off Jack Patel (5-47) and Abdullah Ali (3) slapped a full toss off Lucas Patton (2-35) to mid-on. Ajmal Ali (7) smashed his first ball into the sheep field for six but was then also guilty of top edging a full toss to a good spiralling catch at slip. Josh Cole (48\*) and Golabek (5) set about repairing the early damage adding a patient 22 before young Scott Jackson (1-25) bowled Golabek with one that nipped back. Josh and Mike Cole (82) rebuilt the innings adding 83 in 20 overs; the younger Cole relishing a supporting role as the elder started slowly before increasing the run-rate. Josh retired suffering from the effects of cramp and it was left to Cole and Fernando (14) to carry on the partnership. At this stage Knotty Green were pushing for the win needed, and rotated the bowling to try and force a wicket. Jack Patel returned and had Fernando adjudged LBW, Liam Cole (0) caught at silly mid-on, and Haines (6) also struck in front. Josh Cole returned with a runner and the father and son added a further 34 to take the score to 183-8 off 53 overs before Mike was hit in front, the umpire failing to detect a feint inside edge. Cole's knock had taken 98 balls and included 14 fours. Green were favourite to wrap up the win with six overs to go, but Josh was resolute and the admirable Howard Mansell (1\*) determined and the pair blocked all that was thrown at them and secured maximum batting points at 203-8. News came through after the game that Holyport had secured maximum points and were therefore crowned Division 4 champions.