

**HURLEY v Ickenham**

**Date: 23<sup>rd</sup> September**

**Played at Ickenham**

**Innings of Ickenham**

A Helg		b. Ridgeway	25
G Rathnam	c. Walton	b. Basharat	13
B O' Driscoll	c. Walton	b. Ridgeway	15
G Benstead	c. Morgans	b. Calliss	51
S Benstead	c. Sharma	b. L Cole	40
H Godami	c. J Cole	b. Calliss	6
S Sardana	c. J Cole	b. Calliss	13
Rishi Soni	Run Out	(Graham)	16
Rob Soni	Run Out	(Graham)	3
J Hamilton	Not out		15
S Lupton	Not out		0
		Extras	17
		Total	214
		For	9

**Bowling**

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wkts.
H Graham	6	2	15	0
M Basharat	8	2	25	1
P Ridgeway	8	3	18	2
V Sharma	4	0	19	0
L Cole	8	0	74	1
J Calliss	6	0	54	3

## Innings of Hurley

M Walton	c. Lupton	b. Hamilton	2
A Morgans	Run Out		6
Y Gul	Not out		30
V Sharma	Not out		155
J Calliss	)		
H Graham	)		
P Ridgeway	)		
M Cole	)- dnb		
J Cole	)		
L Cole	)		
M Basharat	)		
		Extras	22
		Total	215
		For	2

## Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wkts.
J Hamilton	8	3	5	1
S Sardana	8	2	28	0
Rishi Soni	4	0	32	0
S Lupton	8	1	47	0
G Benstead	2.5	0	39	0
Rob Soni	4	0	44	0
S Benstead	1	0	10	0

## Result: Hurley won by 8 wickets.

The final weekend of the season saw Hurley travel to Ickenham for their penultimate game and come away with an eight wicket victory built around a stunning knock from Varun Sharma. The hosts won the toss and opted to bat first on a slightly damp wicket. Tidy opening spells from Henry Graham (0-15) and Mo Basharat (1-25) kept the run rate down with only twenty-eight runs coming from the first dozen overs. Basharat made the initial breakthrough as Rathnam top edged straight up in the air to give the keeper a simple catch. Phil Ridgeway (2-18) showed why he is Hurley's best bowler this season, with only seven scoring shots off his eight overs. Youngster Ben O'Driscoll looked confident at the crease but the wily Ridgeway got his man as O' Driscoll gloved down the leg side and Walton dived to take the catch. After the drinks break, Ickenham looked to up the run rate but Ridgeway claimed his second wicket, bowling Albert Helg (25) through the gate. With scarce bowling resources available, Hurley turned to their young spinners, Liam Cole (1-74) and James Calliss (3-54). Despite coming under an onslaught from George (51) and Sam Benstead (40), they stuck to their task and got their rewards. Two excellent catches in the covers by Josh Cole and two run outs from Henry Graham, one of them a direct hit, kept the wickets falling as the hosts finished on a creditable 214 for 9.

Hurley openers Mike Walton (2) and Alan Morgans (6) struggled early on against some accurate pace bowling from James Hamilton (1-5) and Samir Sardana (0-28) with only sixteen runs coming from the first six overs. Ironically it was probably the worst ball of Hamilton's spell that picked up the first wicket as Walton got a leading edge to a full toss which ballooned to backward point where Lupton took the catch. A mix up led to the run out of Morgans with the score on twenty-seven. At 27 for 2 from 11 overs Ickenham looked to be in the driving seat, however, the arrival of Varun Sharma changed the course of the match. He set about the bowling with murderous intent, smashing an unbeaten 155 from 92 deliveries with 14 maximums and 9 fours. Aply assisted by Yasir Gul (30\*) the pair took Hurley to victory with four overs to spare with an unbeaten partnership of 188. None of the bowlers were able to contain Sharma but were not helped by a plethora of dropped catches.