

HURLEY 1XI vs Holyport 1XI – 5th May 2018

Hurley won by 14 runs (45ovs W/L)

HURLEY

D Simoes+	c A Mumtar b Hayes	46
V Bhagwani	b Caskie	12
N Akhtar	lbw b D Mumtaz	7
I Arshad	b D Mumtar	8
J Cole	c Gingie b D Mumtaz	0
H Graham	lbw b Hayes	7
Y Gul	c Patel b D Mumtaz	0
P Ridgeway*	c Hussain b Rasool	19
Amjad Ali	c Thompson b Hayes	5
J Dawson	b D Mumtaz	2
J Langlands	Not Out	14
	Extras	20
	Total	140ao 41.5ovs

A Mumtaz	7-2-28-0	T Hayes	7-1-18-3
I Caskie	7-2-16-1	O Khan	2-0-7-0
D Mumtaz	12-0-35-5	Q Rasool	1.5-0-9-1
F Hussain	5-0-23-0		

HOLYPORT

A Riley	c Ridgeway b Akhtar	14
J Gingie	Run Out (Graham)	8
B Patel	b Akhtar	3
Q Rasool	c Gul b Langlands	14
O Khan	c Bhagwani b Langlands	7
F Hussain	b Akhtar	13
D Mumtaz	b Akhtar	9
A Mumtaz	b Graham	8
A Thompson	Run Out (Dawson)	19
I Caskie	c&b Bhagwani	16
T Hayes	Not out	2
	Extras	13
	Total	126ao 39.3overs

N Akhtar	12-1-33-4	H Graham	7-1-23-1
I Arshad	10.3-2-24-0	Amjad Ali	3-0-14-0
J Langlands	5-1-20-2	V Bhagwani	2-0-4-1

A sizzling, beautiful day for Hurley's first sortie into the League's new format was a dramatic cliff-hanger with the home side edging Holyport by a slim 14 runs. The pocket battleship that is Dave Simoes (46) can rarely be said to be head and shoulders above his compatriots, but his solid 46 was the basis of Hurley's below par 140 all out. With the middle order disappearing faster than Val's scones to the bowling of Danyal Mumtaz (5-35) it was left to Phil Ridgeway (19) and Jonothan Langlands (14not) to push the home side to 140 with a 10th wicket stand of 26, the second highest of the innings. Hurley had started brightly with Simoes and Vik Bhagwani (12) adding 42 in 12 overs before Bhagwani felt the urge to swing and was bowled by Ian Caskie. Seven batsmen failed to make double figures as Hurley slipped in familiar style from 76-2 to 97-7. Langlands greeted his first ball with a sweet punch to long on for a boundary, but with the score on 140 and 3 overs to go and having just found the long off boundary, Ridgeway failed to clear the fielder a second time and the innings closed. Grateful shelter was then sought at tea from a beautiful cloudless day.

Holyport started their reply brightly through Alex Riley (14) and Jan Gingie (8) adding 27 in 9 overs before an unwise run was attempted to Henry Graham at short cover. The return of Hurley's go to hero, Naeem Akhtar (4-33) then bowled Patel and had Riley edging to slip where Ridgeway pouched another superb catch. Another returning old boy, Jonothan Langlands (2-20) had Rasool skying to mid-off where Gul took the steeping catch much to the relief, amusement and astonishment of his team-mates. Holyport subsided to 86-8 as Akhtar generated impressive pace to clean up the stumps of 3 of his victims, and this after fearing he might not bowl this season. Ali Thompson (19) and Ian Caskie (16) then milked the bowling with Akhtar spent to add 38 with an undemanding run-rate of 3 an over. Vik Bhagwani (1-4) then took a stunning return catch to remove Caskie. Holyport needed 17 from the last pair from 5 overs. With Thompson still there and the reliable Tim Hayes, this looked certain before Thompson drove at mid-on and ran. Hayes sent him back, but too late as Jeff Dawson's exocet to keeper Simoes left the batter short. An excellent game more for bowling and fielding than batting. Tea was named Man of the Match.