

HURLEY 2nd v Emmbrook & Bearwood 2nd Date: 26th May

Played at Hurley

Innings of Emmbrook & Bearwood

S Fairhead		b. Taylor	30
J Thorne		b. Fernando	12
S Nair	c. M Walton	b. Fernando	0
F Hunt		b. Fernando	0
J Smart	st. M Walton	b. H Gul	52
I Narraway	Run Out	(Fernando)	28
J Sharp	Run Out	(A Williams)	6
Alec McNabb	Run Out	(A Williams)	0
P Hunsdon	Not Out		35
Andy McNabb	c. M Cole	b. L Cole	5
G Marsden	c. &	b. Taylor	0
		Extras	17
		Total	185
		For	10

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wkts.
N Fernando	11	1	41	3
A Williams	5	1	16	0
A Ali	5	0	19	0
D Walton	7	0	25	0
S Taylor	9.4	1	31	2
H Gul	5	0	18	1
L Cole	4	0	27	1

Innings of Hurley

Y Gul	c. Smart	b. Hunsdon	34
A Ali	c.	b. Al McNabb	50
N Fernando	c.	b. Al McNabb	45
M Williams		b. Nair	7
Steve Taylor	Not Out		28
M Cole	c.	b. Nair	0
M Walton	Not Out		4
L Cole)		
H Gull)- dnb		
A Williams)		
D. Walton)		
		Extras	21
		Total	189
		For	5

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wkts.
F Hunt	1	0	16	0
J Sharp	8	1	47	0
S Nair	10	2	22	2
G Marsden	6	1	26	0
P Hunsdon	6	0	30	1
Al McNabb	4	0	13	2
J Thorne	2	0	5	0
J Smart	2	0	11	0
I Narraway	0.2	0	4	0

Result: Hurley 2nd won by 5 wickets

The first Chilterns League meeting between Hurley and Emmbrook & Bearwood saw the hosts prevail at Shepherds Lane. Midweek rain had left a damp and slightly green track and Steve Taylor had no hesitation in asking the visitors to bat first.

The Hurley opening attack of Alex Williams (0-16) and Nally Fernando (3-41) kept a check on the scoring rate as Fairhead and Thorne struggled with the odd delivery popping on the damp surface. Fernando stuck with three wickets in five deliveries to reduce the visitors to 26 for three. Thorne (12) was the first to go, bowled by a full length delivery. His replacement Sandeep Nair edged behind without scoring and Finlay Hunt was bowled off his pads from the next delivery. Joe Smart came in to face the hat-trick ball which he confidently drove down the ground for a couple of runs. Smart and Fairhead staged a recovery with a partnership of 56 for the fourth wicket, helped by some dreadful fielding by the Hurley side who managed to put down at least a dozen chances. Skipper Taylor got the break through, bowling Fairhead off his pads. Smart reached a well deserved half-century, combining solid

defence with some exquisite stroke play. An interesting battle developed between Hurley's young leg spinner Hassan Gul and the talented Smart. It was Gul who had the last word when smart got a bit too over ambitious, advancing down the track to be stumped by Mike Walton to give Gul his first league wicket. An unbelievable display of fielding from Alex Williams saw Sharp (6) and Alex McNabb (0) run out by direct hits off consecutive deliveries (128 for7). A late flurry from Paul Hunsdon (35*) and Ian Narraway (28) helped Emmbrook to a competitive score of 185 before the innings was wrapped up with a run out from Fernando and a wicket apiece for Liam Cole and Taylor.

The Hurley reply got off to a flying start with sixteen runs coming from Hunt's first and only over. Two boundaries off the next over saw Hurley on 24 off two. Things calmed down a bit as Jonny Sharp (0-47) and Sandeep Nair (2-22) settled into a rhythm. The opening partnership reached 63 from 14 overs. A change of bowling did the trick for Emmbrook with Hunsdon replacing Nair at the Shepherds Lane end. Yasir Gul tried to pull the first delivery from the new bowler and only succeeded in top edging to the keeper. Fernando joined Ali in the middle and the portly pairing added a very useful 81 for the second wicket. Quick singles were not much in evidence but some lusty blows from both batsmen helped keep the run chase on target. By the time Ali (50) and Fernando (45) departed there were only another 36 runs needed for victory and with Taylor at the wicket, ably assisted by Matthew Williams there didn't appear any cause for concern. Nair returned to the attack to bowl Williams, and then have Mike Cole (0) caught behind two deliveries later. With another sixteen still needed, there were a few jitters in the Hurley dressing room; however with Mike Walton (4*) joining Taylor (28*), there was no further cause for alarm as the experienced duo saw their team home with 28 deliveries to spare.