

**HURLEY v Nettlebed**

**Date: 27<sup>th</sup> May**

**Played at Hurley**

**Innings of Nettlebed**

S Butler	c. M Walton	b. Nothey	1
D Watts		b. H Graham	0
M Vines	Retired Out		101
O Simmons		b. Nothey	9
M Challis	st. M Walton	b. D Walton	31
T Edwards	c. Y Gul	b. H Gul	65
H Butler		b. H Graham	1
R Simmons	Not out		7
A Osman	Run Out		29
M Butler	Not Out		0
		Extras	3
		Total	247
		For	8

**Bowling**

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wkts.
H Graham	8	2	24	2
K Nothey	9	1	60	2
D Walton	4	0	53	1
J Cole	1	0	5	0
J Graham	3	0	21	0
H Gul	5	0	50	1
L Cole	2	0	31	0

## Innings of Hurley

P Hinnell	LBW	b. Osman	30
D Walton	c. O Simmons	b. Dyer	0
Y Gul	LBW	b. Dyer	0
H Gul		b. O Simmons	0
J Cole	c. R Simmons	b. S Butler	24
K Nothey	Not Out		28
L Cole	c. M Butler	b. Osman	0
J Graham	LBW	b. S Butler	0
H Graham	LBW	b. M Butler	56
M Walton	Not Out		1
		Extras	19
		Total	158
		For	8

## Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wkts.
Dyer	3	0	3	2
M Butler	5	0	19	1
H Butler	5	0	10	0
O Simmons	6	1	8	1
D Watts	4	0	30	0
A Osman	10	0	43	2
S Butler	7	0	36	2
M Vines	2	0	6	0

## Result: Match Drawn.

Reduced to 10 men by an injury to skipper Mo Basharat, Hurley's Sunday XI managed to salvage an unlikely draw against Nettlebed to maintain their unbeaten start to the season.

The visitors won the toss and opted to bat first, opening with Sam Butler and Dan Watts against the Hurley attack of Kuldeep Nothey and Henry Graham. There was only one run on the board in the third over when Graham produced late swing to take the off stump of Watts. With Nothey cutting the ball off the seam it was no surprise when an attempted drive by Butler found a thick outside edge that was well snaffled by Mike Walton standing up behind the stumps. Matt Vines and Owen Simmons (9) launched a counter attack before Nothey struck again to bowl Simmons. At 25 for 3 Hurley looked to be on top, however the hard hitting Vines, accompanied by an equally aggressive Mike Challis started to smash the ball into the surrounding countryside. The pair added 71 in 9 overs before Dave Walton (1-53) had Challis stumped. Worse was to come for the home side as Tom Edwards (65) continued the onslaught posting 105 in 10 overs with Vines as all the Hurley bowlers

came in for some punishment. One of Hurley's brightest young prospects is leg spinner Hassan Gul, who despite the onslaught, stuck to his task and was rewarded with the wicket of Edwards who was brilliantly caught in the deep by the bowler's father, much to the surprise of his team mates. Vines duly reached his century before retiring and a late cameo from Osman (29) allowed Nettlebed to make an early declaration on 247 for 8.

The Hurley reply started in similar fashion to the Nettlebed innings, as an expansive drive from Dave Walton off Dyer was caught at slip, followed by Yasir Gul playing all round a straight delivery to reduce the hosts to 9 for 2 after four overs. Hassan Gul (0) battled hard for 31 deliveries before falling to Owen Simmons. Skipper Cole (24) and Nothey (28\*) showed some resistance but with more than 180 runs required at the start of the last hour there could only be one winner of this contest. Once Cole departed, caught behind off Sam Butler, Liam Cole and Joe Graham both failed to get off the mark, leaving Nettlebed requiring two more wickets for victory with fourteen overs remaining. Henry Graham strode to the wicket and proceeded to take the attack to bowlers with a quick fire 56, ably supported by the experienced Nothey. With no chance of a Hurley victory, the Nettlebed skipper seemed reluctant to attack, placing most of his fielders in the deep to save runs rather than in catching positions. Just when the game appeared to be safe, Graham was harshly adjudged leg before to Watts, leaving Mike Walton (1\*) and Nothey to see off the last three deliveries which they did with ease.