

HURLEY v Harrow Wayfarers

Date: 1st July

Played at Hurley

Innings of Harrow Wayfarers

	Name	How Out	Bowler	Runs
1	Will Buckfield	retired out		100
2	J Laxton*†		b Nigel Haines	63
3	T Powell-Williams	not out		33
4	Ben Sargeant	ct Mo Basharat	b Hassan Gul	6
5	Andy Powell-Williams	not out		23
6	E Gorrie	did not bat		
7	A Gorrie	did not bat		
8	Jon Humphreys	did not bat		
9	A Rudge	did not bat		
10	N McLaughlin	did not bat		
Extras	b (9), lb (10), w (1), nb (3)			23
Total				248
Wickets				3 dec

Bowling

	Bowler	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets
1	Henry Graham	8	1	38	0
2	Ajmal Ali	4	0	19	0
3	Mo Basharat	6	1	25	0
4	Hassan Gul	6	0	61	1
5	Nigel Haines	6	0	42	1
6	Dave Walton	4	0	44	0

Innings of Hurley

Name	How Out	Bowler	Runs
1	Jeff Buckfield†	b A Rudge	81
2	Patrick Hinnell	not out	69
3	Yasir Gul	ct & b A Rudge	6
4	Matt Hampton	ct Will Buckfield b A Gorrie	35
5	Ajmal Ali	ct Ben Sargeant b A Gorrie	5
6	Henry Graham	not out	19
7	Dave Walton	did not bat	
8	Hassan Gul	did not bat	
9	Mo Basharat*	did not bat	
10	Nigel Haines	did not bat	
Extras	b (21), lb (5), w (4), nb (7)		37
Total			252
Wickets			4

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wkts.
Jon Humphreys	3.3	1	18	0
E Gorrie	9	1	55	0
T Powell-Williams	3.5	1	18	0
Ben Sargeant	3	0	34	0
A Rudge	7	0	38	2
N McLaughlin	5	0	37	0
A Gorrie	4	0	19	2
Will Buckfield	2	0	7	0

Result: Hurley won by 5 wickets.

It was a day for opening batsmen at Shepherds Lane on Sunday, with century opening partnerships for both teams as Hurley hosted Harrow Wayfarers. Over the years there have been some keenly contested fixtures between the two side and this was no exception.

With Hurley reduced to nine men by a late drop out, Wayfarers sportingly offered one of their players as a guest to even up the numbers. Mo Basharat won the toss

and asked the visitors to bat first on another scorching afternoon. Skipper Jerry Laxton and young gun Will Buckfield set about the Hurley attack with gusto, scoring at around a run a ball from the off as the fielders were left to chase leather across the parched outfield. The opening partnership progressed easily to 172 in the 25th over before Nigel Haines got through the defences of Laxton (63). Buckfield soon reached his century and retired to allow some of the youngsters to bat. There was no let up in the scoring rate, as Tom Powell-Williams (33*) and Ben Sargeant continued the assault. Hassan Gul picked up the wicket of Sargeant, caught at gully by Mo Basharat. Andy Powell-Williams (23*) joined his son in an unbeaten stand of 48 before the innings was declared on 248 for 3.

The Hurley opening pair of Jeff Buckfield (81) and Pat Hinnell (69*) started a little more sedately than their counterparts from Harrow, gradually increasing the rate to get to three figures in the 18th over. Buckfield fell in the 20th over, bowled by Ally Rudge with the score on 126. Yasir Gul could only manage half a dozen runs before lobbing a return catch to give Rudge his second success. At the start of the last hour, the match was evenly poised with 123 runs required and 8 wickets in hand. Matt Hampton showed some form of old with 35 from 26 deliveries before Andy Gorrie struck twice to remove Hampton and Ajmal Ali. Henry Graham (19*) joined Hinnell with 24 needed from 6 overs and the match firmly within Hurley's reach. The target was reached with sixteen deliveries to spare. A remarkable effort from Hinnell, Hurley's longest serving player who is nearer to 70 than 60, batting for 148 minutes, facing 97 deliveries for his unbeaten 69.

Credit must go to Jerry Laxton and his Wayfarers, who as usual, ensured a great game of cricket, played in the right spirit.