

## HURLEY v Twyford & Ruscombe

Date: 8<sup>th</sup> July

### Played at Hurley

### Innings of Hurley

Yasir Gul	ct Marc Teal	b Paul Hackett	2
Hassan Gul		b Steve Beamish	15
Scott Taylor		b Tom Fort	58
James Calliss		b Marc Teal	4
Steve Taylor	run out (Marc Teal)		60
Ajmal Ali		b Tom Fort	24
H Mahmood	ct Raja Singh	b Tom Fort	3
Henry Graham	not out		13
Jo Graham		ct & b Tom Fort	1
Dave Walton	not out		2
Mo Basharat*†	did not bat		
Extras	b (5), lb (3), w (20)		28
		<b>Total</b>	210
		<b>Wickets</b>	8 dec
		<b>Overs</b>	39

### Bowling

<b>Bowler</b>	<b>Overs</b>	<b>Maidens</b>	<b>Runs</b>	<b>Wickets</b>
Paul Hackett	3	0	12	1
Dylan Burr	4	0	37	0
Steve Beamish	12	1	56	1
Jonathon Low	2	0	18	0
Marc Teal	8	0	42	1
Tom Fort	10	1	37	4

## Innings of Twyford & Ruscombe

Pete Woodman	ct Mo Basharat	b Dave Walton	28
Pete Schofield		b Henry Graham	21
Marc Teal*		b Scott Taylor	68
Hugh Fort	st Mo Basharat	b Steve Taylor	31
Raja Singh†	ct H Mahmood	b Ajmal Ali	4
Jonathon Low	ct Jo Graham	b Hassan Gul	13
Dylan Burr	ct Ajmal Ali	b Steve Taylor	1
Tom Fort	ct Scott Taylor	b Hassan Gul	7
Steve Beamish	ct Yasir Gul	b Steve Taylor	0
Paul Hackett	not out		4
Extras	b (8), lb (2), w (15), nb (1)		26
	<b>Total</b>		203
	<b>Wickets</b>		9
	<b>Overs</b>		35.1

## Bowling

Bowler	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets
Henry Graham	4	0	31	1
Jo Graham	5	0	24	0
H Mahmood	3	0	40	0
Dave Walton	4	1	13	1
Hassan Gul	5.1	1	24	2
Scott Taylor	4	0	16	1
Ajmal Ali	4	0	23	1
Steve Taylor	6	1	22	3

## Result: Hurley won by 7 runs.

After the euphoria of England's World Cup win and extended tea breaks on Saturday, normality returned to Shepherds Lane on Sunday with the visit of Twyford & Ruscombe. Hurley have made a habit of close finishes this season, and this match was no exception. The visitors won the toss and despite the scorching sunshine, asked the hosts to bat first. Hurley sent out father and son Yasir and Hassan Gul to open the innings, with most of the Hurley players betting that it would be the father who would be back in the pavilion first. They were not wrong; the third ball saw Yasir

chase a wide one, edging to slip. Hassan was joined by Scott Taylor and the young pairing added 64 for the second wicket. Hassan played confidently for one so tender in years and had the spectators purring with delight at an elegant cover drive for four. When Hassan departed for 15, bowled by Beamish, James Calliss (4) made his seasonal debut, sharing in a partnership of 29. Taylor regularly found the boundary with a variety of shots and was joined by his father Steve in a fourth wicket stand of 29. Scott (58) departed at 125 for 4. Steve Taylor, batting in contact lenses for the first time regained the form we all know he is capable of, scoring 60 with an array of shots. Ajmal Ali added a characteristic 24 from 20 deliveries as the pair posted 49 for the fifth wicket. Taylor eventually fell to a direct hit from Marc Teal which left him short attempting a quick single. Hurley reached a reasonable total of 210 for 8 by tea time when Mo Basharat called his men in.

The Twyford & Ruscombe reply began in blistering fashion as the Graham brothers struggled to find any rhythm. Pete Schofield (21) looked to try and smash everything sent down and this was ultimately his downfall, trying to charge Henry Graham and losing his middle stump in the process. The departure of Schofield failed to halt the flow of runs as skipper Marc Teal set about the bowling with murderous intent blasting 68 from 39 deliveries. New recruit Haseem Mahmood went for 40 off three overs and was replaced by Hassan Gul who fared no better, conceding 16 from his first over before being withdrawn. Hurley badly needed a breakthrough and as is often the case it was the experienced Dave Walton who provided it. His third delivery bamboozled Woodman who could only chip it up in the air giving Mo Basharat the simplest of catches behind the stumps. Walton and Scott Taylor did manage to stem the flow of runs conceding only 29 between them in 8 overs. At the start of the last hour, the visitors were firmly in control requiring only 84 runs with 7 wickets in hand. Taylor picked up the vital wicket of Teal at 154 to give Hurley a much needed boost. After a spell of 4 overs from Ajmal Ali (1-23) Basharat turned to his leg spinners with the visitors needing only 44 runs from 12 overs. Steve Taylor (3-22) and Hassan (2-24) gradually turned the match in Hurley's favour. With two overs remaining and 12 runs required, Taylor had Beamish caught at square-leg by Yasir Gul. Last man Paul Hackett joined veteran Tom Fort, with 8 runs needed from the last over. Basharat kept faith in Hassan who duly delivered, as Fort tried to hit the first ball over long off, but failing to clear Scott Taylor who made no mistake to give Hurley what had looked an unlikely victory by 7 runs with 5 balls to spare.