

HURLEY v Fiddlers

Date: 22nd July

Played at Hurley

Innings of Fiddlers

1	John Hewitt†	ct Ben Howell	b Dave Walton	71
2	Bill Green		b Ajmal Ali	2
3	Sam Warren	st Mike Walton	b Steve Taylor	107
4	Hamza Din		ct & b Steve Taylor	39
5	C Thompson	not out		15
6	Mike Salmon	did not bat		
7	Rahul Mohindru	did not bat		
8	D Woodworth	did not bat		
9	Nigel Haines	did not bat		
10	R Mohindru	did not bat		
11	Simon Jessup*	did not bat		
Extras b (1), lb (2), w (6)				9
Total				243
Wickets				4
Overs				38

Bowling

	Bowler	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets
1	Ajmal Ali	6	1	33	1
2	Mo Basharat	7	2	32	0
3	Ben Howell	3	0	26	0
4	Robert Simon	4	0	24	0
5	Dave Walton	4	0	35	1
6	Steve Taylor	8	0	60	2
7	Hassan Gul	2	0	16	0
8	Phil Ridgeway	4	1	14	0

Innings of Hurley

1	Patrick Hinnell	ct Nigel Haines	b Mike Salmon	0
2	Hassan Gul	ct Sam Warren	b Mike Salmon	11
3	Yasir Gul	ct Hamza Din	b R Mohindru	2
4	Ben Howell		b R Mohindru	14
5	Steve Taylor		b R Mohindru	4
6	Phil Ridgeway		b D Woodworth	34
7	Mike Walton†	st John Hewitt	b Nigel Haines	10
8	Ajmal Ali	ct Rahul Mohindru	b Nigel Haines	0
9	Dave Walton	st John Hewitt	b Rahul Mohindru	7
10	Robert Simon		b Rahul Mohindru	11
11	Mo Basharat*	not out		0
Extras lb (3), nb (4)				7
Total				100
Wickets				all out
Overs				42.3

Bowling

	Bowler	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets
1	Mike Salmon	9	5	17	2
2	R Mohindru	9	4	19	3
3	D Woodworth	7	2	29	1
4	Nigel Haines	9	2	21	2
5	Rahul Mohindru	5.3	3	13	2
6	C Thompson	3	3	0	0

Result: Fiddlers won by 143 runs.

Yet another scorching day at Shepherds Lane greeted Fiddlers for their annual visit to Hurley. The visitors won the toss and predictably opted to bat first.

An opening partnership of 30 between John Hewitt and debutant Bill Green was ended in the seventh over when Ajmal Ali removed Green's middle stump. Sam Warren joined Hewitt and the pair piled up the runs adding 77 in a dozen overs. The introduction of Dave Walton led to the downfall of Hewitt who sliced into the covers where Ben Howell, making his senior debut held on after a juggle. Another large partnership developed as Warren and Hamza Din grew in confidence. Three dropped catches didn't help the Hurley cause. The score had reached 200 by the time Din (39) skied one off Steve Taylor who made sure of the catch himself. Warren duly reached his century and celebrated as though it was in a Lords test match, before falling to Taylor, stumped by Mike Walton off what proved to be the last ball of the innings as Simon Jessup called his men in with 243 for 4 on the board.

The Hurley reply never really got going, an all too familiar story these days. Pat Hinnell edged Mike Salmon to slip in the first over, where Nigel Haines took a low catch. It wasn't until the fifth over that a run was registered on the scoreboard. Only two more were added before Yasir Gul fell to Ramone Mahindru. The two youngsters Hassan Gul (11) and Ben Howell (14) staged a recovery with a 24 run partnership, ended when Howell was castled by Mahindru. Gul combined solid defence with some crisp drives before falling to a sharp catch by Warren off Salmon. Steve Taylor (4) was bowled by a shooter from Mahindru, leaving Mike Walton to join Phil Ridgeway in a partnership of forty for the sixth wicket. At the start of the last hour, with Ridgeway and Walton looking solid, Hurley still had hopes of the holding out for a draw, however fatigue got the better of Walton (10), who charged Haines and was left stranded as Hewitt removed the bails. Only 8 more runs were added for the loss of Ridgeway (34) and Ali (0); at 79 for 8 with 17 overs remaining, the hosts were staring defeat in the face. Bert Simon joined Dave Walton and the tail enders frustrated the Fiddlers attack for another five overs before Walton (7) was stumped off Rahul Mahindru. Skipper Mo Basharat joined Simon with a dozen overs remaining. Realising the gravitas of the situation, the last pair dug in with some solid defence, Basharat blocking 27 deliveries without scoring. Simon combined some flamboyant forward defensives with a couple of boundaries, reaching double figures. Just when hopes of a draw were being resurrected, Simon shouldered arms to a Mahindru delivery which nipped in to take the off stump, giving Fiddlers a deserved victory with less than five overs remaining.