

HURLEY 2nd v Amerlee

Date: 4th August

Played at Amersham Hill

Innings of Amerlee

Name	How Out	Bowler		Runs
1	Mike Cooper	lbw	b Raheem Dad	67
2	Charlie Etheridge†	ct Yasir Gul	b Raheem Dad	72
3	Ronald Hedley	st Mike Cole	b Dave Walton	8
4	Benson D'Costa	not out		94
5	Alastair Rae	lbw	b Raheem Dad	9
6	Jordan Essex		b Fiyyaz Mahmood	22
7	Andrew Marsh	lbw	b Liam Cole	5
8	Jon Martin	not out		5
9	Mark Sharrington	did not bat		
10	James Newbury*	did not bat		
11	Darmendra Pathak	did not bat		
Extras	b (7), w (5), nb (5)			17
Total				299
Wickets				6
Overs				40

Bowling

Bowler	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets
1 Andleeb Imran	6	0	40	0
2 Raheem Dad	13	0	64	3
3 Dave Walton	6	0	48	1
4 Steve Taylor	5	0	42	0
5 Fiyyaz Mahmood	3	0	29	1
6 Liam Cole	3	0	40	1
7 Azim	4	0	29	0

Innings of Hurley 2nd

	Name	How Out	Bowler	Runs
1	Yasir Gul	ct Jon Martin	b Mark Sharrington	6
2	Abdullah Ali	st Benson D'Costa	b Jordan Essex	107
3	Steve Taylor*	ct Mark Sharrington	b James Newbury	31
4	Raheem Dad	not out		73
5	Azim		b Darmendra Pathak	11
6	Andleeb Imran	ct Benson D'Costa	b Mark Sharrington	5
7	Mike Cole†	st Benson D'Costa	b Jordan Essex	22
8	Dave Walton	not out		4
9	Liam Cole	did not bat		
10	Fiyyaz Mahmood	did not bat		
	Extras	b (18), lb (11), w (9)		38
	Total			297
	Wickets			6
	Overs			50

Bowling

	Bowler	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets
1	Mark Sharrington	15	2	33	2
2	Darmendra Pathak	8	0	44	1
3	Benson D'Costa	2.4	0	21	0
4	James Newbury	9	0	57	1
5	Mike Cooper	7	0	56	0
6	Jordan Essex	8.2	2	57	2

Result: Match Drawn

On Saturday Hurley 2nds travelled to Amersham Hill to take on Amerlee on what was to prove another scorching day and another enthralling run chase with nearly 600 runs scored on the day.

Skipper Steve Taylor arrived just before the start to learn that Dave Walton had been unsuccessful with the toss and that Hurley were down to 10, with both original opening bowlers late drop outs!

Undeterred, after hasty introductions to the new opening bowlers Hurley took to the field and opened with debutants Imran and Azim. The outfield was lightning fast and soon it became apparent that this was going to be a long hot day in the field. An

opening partnership of 113 from Cooper (67) and Etheridge (72) put the Hurley bowlers to the sword and once again dropped catches proved costly.

The introduction of Raheem Dad (3-64) and Dave Walton (1-48) pegged back the run rate somewhat and constant bowling changes kept the batsmen guessing. An impressive 94 not out by D'Costa ensured an early declaration at 299-6 after 40 overs but not before Liam Cole (1-40) & Fiyyaz Mahmood (1-29) had combined to earn 3 bowling points for the visitors.

A sumptuous tea was gratefully received by the Hurley lads and time to focus on the job in hand. Yasir Gul was an early casualty getting a leading edge off the impressive Sharrington (2-33) which brought Steve Taylor to join Abdullah. They were relatively untroubled in a partnership of 64 and boundaries came easily before Taylor (31) fell to a catch on the boundary.

This brought in Raheem Dad to join Abdullah and they plundered the Amerlee bowling with a magnificent partnership of 135. The tiring Abdullah was stumped after a well deserved century and his innings of 107 put Hurley back in the box seat. With 2 Amerlee bowlers having to be taken off for "dangerous" bowling, the chase was on and the rate required hovered around 7 or 8 an over as Azim (11), Imran (5) and the experienced Mike Cole (22) partnered Dad through the final overs.

With 11 required off the last over, Cole plundered a boundary before being stumped which brought Dave Walton to the crease with 7 needed off 2 balls. His first ball was pulled behind square for 4 but he was unable to lay a bat on the final delivery leaving Hurley at 297-6.

To all but chase down 300 was a tremendous effort and the 10 men and boys did the club proud in nearly pulling it off.