

HURLEY 1XI v Downley – 4th August 2018

Hurley drew (W/L/D)

DOWNLEY		
D Stone	c Walton b Arshad	12
P Stone	b Arshad	25
A Brown	st Walton b Ridgeway	82
M Paveen	lbw b Langlands	42
R Ali	c Arshad b Akhtar	54
U Ali	c&b Langlands	4
B Hughes	c C Dawkins b Ridgeway	31
H Ali	st Walton b Akhtar	11
C Guy	c O Dawkins b Akhtar	3
J Holmes	Not Out	5
Extras		33
Total		302-9 47overs

N Akhtar	10.3-1-46-3	P Ridgeway	12-0-75-2
I Arshad	11-1-51-2	J Langlands	6-0-60-2
O Dawkins	7-1-40-0		

HURLEY		
N Akhtar	b Willans	34
I Arshad	b Willans	37
N Fernando	b Brown	5
J Langlands	st Guy b Brown	0
O Dawkins	c Brown b Willans	0
Ameer Ahmed	b Brown	20
C Dawkins	c ? b Brown	34
P Hinnell	b Ali	5
P Ridgeway	Not Out	13
T Golabek	lbw b Brown	0
M Walton	Not out	6
Extras		16
Total		170-9 43ovs

M Paveen	3-0-11-0	D Willans	11-3-28-3
J Holmes	6-0-24-0	A Brown	14-2-43-5
H Ali	4-1-16-0	U Ali	5-0-32-1

Downey clearly had more faith in Hurley's batting than Hurley have especially given Hurley's recent form. The visitors rattled up 302-9 in their full 47 overs making full use of the hard fast outfield and good wicket. Hurley sweltered under another merciless sun and merciless batting. An early wicket to Imran Arshad (2-51) as Dave Stone (12) edged behind proved another false dawn as two big partnerships took the match away from Hurley. Arshad broke the 2nd wicket stand of 62 with a beautiful away swinging delivery that took off stump. Aaron Brown (82) and M Paveen (42) then added 98 in 13 overs to prove the one big partnership that has dogged Hurley in recent weeks. Paveen was trapped lbw by Jonothan Langlands as Hurley took 3 wickets in 5 overs (202-5). Phil Ridgeway removed Brown stumped by Walton, and U Ali skied back to Langlands. Raj Ali (54) and Ben Hughes (31) set about a wilting Hurley as the visitors blasted 100 off the last 12 overs. Ollie Dawkins bowled with venom and was unlucky to return wicketless giving keeper Mike Walton hot work behind.

The return of Arshad and tuna sandwiches gave grateful respite at tea. Shelter was sought under the tree for the batting side and scorers while Akhtar (34) and Arshad (37) coasted to an opening stand of 76 in 20 overs. Hurley then, almost predictably gave it away. Akhtar and Arshad were bowled by Willans to lazy shots, Fernando was bowled, Langlands charged

Brown and was stumped and Ollie Dawkins shovelled to mid-on. Hurley were 84-5 losing 4 wickets in as many overs, Hurley have been here many times before this season. Ameer Ahmed (20) and Chris Dawkins (34) both batted with great surety to add 46 and push Hurley to 130 in 9 precious overs. Ahmed showed great application but was bowled by Brown as Hurley wobbled declining to 148-8 after 38 overs. Chris Dawkins showed great promise and application as Hurley try to attract more youth into their ranks. Ridgeway (13not) and Tim Golabek (0) saw out a further 3 overs before the Belgian was trapped lbw. If you need two batsmen to see out the final 17 balls you could do worse than the experience of Ridgeway and 'The Wall' Mike Walton. Hurley escaped with a one sided draw at 170-9. It remains a mystery why Downley consumed the full 47 overs to accumulate an out of reach score when 270 and another 5 overs may have delivered a deserved win.

Hurley are still in the midst of availability problems and with the mercurial Akhtar bowling out for the season look to get something from a disappointing season.