

HURLEY v Littlewick Green

Date: 18th August

Played at Hurley

Innings of Littlewick Green

	Name	How Out	Bowler	Runs
1	Richard Thomast†	ct Mike Walton	b Jonathan Langlands	9
2	Shaun Graham	ct Imran Arshad	b Jonathan Langlands	12
3	Warren Fry	lbw	b Imran Arshad	8
4	Junaid Akhtar	ct Imran Arshad	b Ian Dawkins	24
5	Adrian Hurley*	ct Phil Ridgeway	b Ian Dawkins	20
6	Joe Blundell		b Henry Graham	15
7	Evan Gill		b Henry Graham	12
8	Waleed Nawaz		ct & b Ian Dawkins	0
9	Will Brockwell		b Ian Dawkins	0
10	Steve Richardson	not out		1
11	Chris Symonds		b Henry Graham	14
	Extras	b (2), lb (1), w (43)		46
	Total			161
	Wickets			all out
	Overs			34

Bowling

	Bowler	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets
1	Imran Arshad	7	1	51	1
2	Jonathan Langlands	12	3	36	2
3	Ian Dawkins	10	2	38	4
4	Henry Graham	5	1	33	3

Innings of Hurley

	Name	How Out	Bowler	Runs
1	Mike Walton†		b Evan Gill	7
2	Imran Arshad		b Will Brockwell	0
3	Yasir Gul	ct Chris Symonds	b Evan Gill	9
4	Phil Ridgeway*		b Evan Gill	10
5	Ian Dawkins	lbw	b Junaid Akhtar	2
6	Ajmal Ali		b Warren Fry	39
7	Jono Patrick	not out		57
8	Jonathan Langlands		b Warren Fry	10
9	Henry Graham		b Warren Fry	0
10	Jo Graham		b Warren Fry	0
	Extras	b (3), lb (4), w (11)		18
	Total			152
	Wickets			all out
	Overs			44.5

Bowling

	Bowler	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets
1	Evan Gill	12	2	47	3
2	Will Brockwell	6	3	7	1
3	Junaid Akhtar	12	1	41	1
4	Warren Fry	10.5	3	24	4
5	Waleed Nawaz	3	0	21	0
6	Chris Symonds	1	0	5	0

Result: Littlewick Green won by 9 runs.

The local derby between Hurley and Littlewick Green at Shepherds Lane proved to be a close affair with the visitors prevailing by a narrow margin. Hurley were reduced to 10 men after a late dropout on the morning of the match and on winning the toss, Phil Ridgeway inserted the visitors in the overcast conditions. The Green got off to a flying start with 27 runs accruing from the first three overs, but they were soon pegged back as Jonathan Langlands found his rhythm. It was Langlands who made the breakthrough when Richard Thomas chased a wide delivery, toe ending it into the keeper's gloves. Two wickets in consecutive overs reduced the visitors to 38 for 3 as Arshad trapped Warren Fry leg before and Shaun Graham chipped a leg stump full

toss from Langlands straight to Arshad at backward-square. A partnership of 45 between Littlewick skipper Adrian Hurley (20) and Junaid Akhtar (24) got the visitors back on track before a diving catch at slip by Ridgeway off Ian Dawkins removed Hurley. The Hurley bowlers combined some excellent bowling with a plethora of ill directed wides, which ultimately proved costly. Henry Graham replaced Langlands at the river end and struck with his second delivery, a middle stump yorker, to dismiss Blundell. One over from Dawkins put Hurley firmly in the driving seat, dismissing Akhtar, caught one handed by Arshad at mid wicket, Nawaz, caught and bowled, and Brockwell, bowled middle stump, to reduce the visitors to 128 for 8. Graham struck again to dismiss Gill leaving Chris Symonds to add a gutsy 14 runs to take the visitors to 161 all out from 34 overs before Graham claimed his third wicket.

With a small total to chase, Hurley were looking for a more solid batting performance than in recent weeks. They opted to open with Mike Walton and Imran Arshad, but the opening partnership only lasted seven deliveries. Walton played out a maiden to a hostile opening over from Evan Gill and then Arshad played all round an in-swinging delivery from Brockwell. Despite some stubborn resistance from Walton and Ridgeway, Hurley soon found themselves in familiar territory at 41 for 5 after 20 overs. Ajmal Ali (39) and Jono Patrick (57*) staged a recovery with a partnership of 89 for the sixth wicket, with every boundary cheered by their team mates. When Ali fell to Fry in the 39th over, 32 runs were needed from the last six overs which looked well within the grasp of the home batsmen. Some tight bowling from Fry left the hosts still needing 13 from the final over. Only three runs came from the first two deliveries before a hat trick from Fry removed Langlands and both the Graham brothers to seal the victory.

A much improved performance from Hurley, however the 43 wides sent down by the bowlers ultimately proved crucial in a low scoring match. The 13 points gained ensured Hurley's survival in the Premiership with two matches remaining, but they will need to improve next season.