

HURLEY v Hambleden

Date: 2nd September

Played at Hurley

Innings of Hambleden

	Name	How Out	Bowler	Runs
1	P Rosier	ct Ajmal Ali	b Mo Basharat	31
2	C Sanders	ct Mo Basharat	b Ajmal Ali	41
3	S Francis		b Raheem Dad	5
4	B Keene	ct Mike Walton	b Ajmal Ali	3
5	S Bradford	lbw	b Henry Graham	9
6	I McDonough		b Ajmal Ali	3
7	N Arnold*	ct Mike Walton	b Ajmal Ali	2
8	M Hollis		b Henry Graham	20
9	J Grant	not out		55
10	David Saint	ct Henry Graham	b Lahore Singh	21
11	P Richardst†	not out		3
Extras	lb (6), w (6), nb (2)			14
Total				207
Wickets				9
Overs				44

Bowling

	Bowler	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets
1	Parvinder Hunjan	5	1	27	0
2	Joban Singh	7	2	21	0
3	Mo Basharat	6	1	20	1
4	Raheem Dad	6	1	16	1
5	Ajmal Ali	8	1	44	4
6	Henry Graham	7	0	48	2
7	Ravi Singh	5	1	25	1

Innings of Hurley

	Name	How Out	Bowler	Runs
1	Dave Walton	ct P Rosier	b J Grant	7
2	Yasir Gul	lbw	b S Bradford	5
3	Shoaib Kayani	ct S Francis	b J Grant	18
4	Parvinder Hunjan	not out		97
5	Raheem Dad	lbw	b I McDonough	12
6	Ravi Singh		b I McDonough	18
7	Henry Graham	ct N Arnold	b I McDonough	30
8	Joban Singh	not out		7
9	Ajmal Ali	did not bat		
10	Mike Walton†	did not bat		
11	Mo Basharat*	did not bat		
Extras	b (2), lb (3), w (9), nb (3)			17
Total				211
Wickets				6
Overs				37

Bowling

	Bowler	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets
1	S Bradford	7	0	25	1
2	J Grant	10	2	33	2
3	M Hollis	2	0	17	0
4	I McDonough	9.1	0	59	3
5	David Saint	7	0	51	0
6	C Sanders	1	0	6	0
7	N Arnold	0.5	0	15	0

Result: Hurley won by 4 wickets.

As August rolled into September, a cloudless sky provided perfect conditions at Shepherds Lane for a thrilling match between Hurley and Hamleden who made the short trip south as late replacements for scheduled opponents Sonning.

The visitors won the toss and opted to bat first. Rosier (31) and Sanders (41) posted a healthy 49 in twelve overs for the first wicket. With the opening attack of Parvinder Hunjan and Joban Singh unable to force a breakthrough, skipper Mo Basharat brought himself and Raheem Dad on with good effect. Basharat soon had Rosier lofting to mid-on where Ajmal Ali took a running catch. After conceding a dozen runs

from his first couple of overs, Dad found the off stump of Francis to reduce Hambleden to 75 for two and then pegged back the scoring rate. Ali replaced Basharat at the Lane End and struck immediately to remove Sanders with Basharat taking the skier at mid-on. A collapse followed as Ali picked up a further three wickets and Henry Graham trapped Bradford leg before to leave the visitors floundering on 109 for 7. With prospects of an early tea looming Hollis (20) and Grant (55) rescued the innings with a partnership of fifty for the eighth wicket. Ali was brought back in an attempt to complete a 'fifer' but was unsuccessful as Grant and Saint plundered 32 runs in his two over spell to take Hambleden to a competitive 207 for 9 at tea.

After the usual sumptuous feast provide by Hurley's tea lady extraordinaire, Val Forrest, Dave Walton and Yasir Gul opened the Hurley reply. Both openers were soon back in the hutch, Walton (7) chipping Grant to Rosier at mid-wicket and Gul (5) yet again LBW, to Bradford. Shoaib Kayani (18) and Hunjan (97*) added a solid 57 in eleven overs before Kayani pulled Grant straight to Francis at square-leg. At the start of the last hour, Hurley needed 129 for victory at a fraction more than a run a ball. Raheem Dad (12) and Ravi Singh (18) both fell to McDonough to take the match in favour of the visitors. Henry Graham joined Hunjan with 60 needed from 8 overs. Both batsmen took the attack to the bowlers, hitting the ball hard to all parts bringing the required rate tumbling down with every passing over. Graham became McDonough's third victim with 19 required from four overs. Joban Singh joined Hunjan and with McDonough withdrawn from the attack for dangerous bowling, the batsmen plundered fifteen from Arnold's completion of the over to secure victory for Hurley with Singh hitting the winning boundary leaving his partner 3 short of a century.