

HURLEY v Wooburn Narkovians

Date: 8th September

Played at Hurley

Innings of Hurley

	Name	How Out	Bowler	Runs
1	Dave Walton		b Richard Barker	0
2	Clive Williams	ct Kevin Dolan	b C Lambing	14
3	Raheem Dad	lbw	b Andrew Barker	45
4	Mike Walton*†	run out (Unsure)		5
5	Christopher Dawkins	ct Kevin Dolan	b Rhys Wheeler	40
6	Henry Graham	not out		53
7	Matthew Williams	ct Kevin Dolan	b Andrew Barker	0
8	Ibrahim Dad		b James White	2
9	Jonathan Langlands	ct A Lamming	b James White	7
10	Nigel Haines	not out		2
11	Alexander Williams	did not bat		
	Extras	b (18), lb (4), w (8), nb (4)		34
	Total			202
	Wickets			8

Bowling

	Bowler	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets
1	Richard Barker	6	3	15	1
2	C Lamming	8	0	38	1
3	T Wright	6	0	28	0
4	A Lamming	6	2	25	0
5	Rhys Wheeler	5	0	32	1
6	Andrew Barker	6	0	26	2
7	James White	3	0	16	2

Innings of Wooburn Narkovians

	Name	How Out	Bowler	Runs
1	Neil Martin		b Nigel Haines	56
2	Andrew Barker	ct Mike Walton	b Jonathan Langlands	29
3	James White	lbw	b Jonathan Langlands	0
4	Imran Sharif	lbw	b Raheem Dad	18
5	Rhys Wheeler	ct Henry Graham	b Alexander Williams	32
6	Kevin Dolan*†	lbw	b Nigel Haines	3
7	T Wright	st Mike Walton	b Alexander Williams	14
8	Richard Barker	not out		2
9	A Lamming		b Christopher Dawkins	1
10	C Lamming		b Alexander Williams	0
Extras	b (4), lb (1), w (20), nb (1)			26
Total				181
Wickets				9 (ao)
Overs				37.2

Bowling

	Bowler	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets
1	Jonathan Langlands	8	1	28	2
2	Alexander Williams	5.2	0	42	3
3	Henry Graham	1	0	13	0
4	Christopher Dawkins	7	1	29	1
5	Raheem Dad	8	1	39	1
6	Nigel Haines	8	0	25	2

Result: Hurley won by 21 runs.

As a glorious summer turns to autumn, the stalwarts of club cricket turn up for end of season friendlies in a desperate attempt to add a few more runs and/or wickets to the season's total. And so it was as Hurley took on Wooburn Narkovians at Shepherds Lane on Saturday. On winning the toss, Hurley skipper Mike Walton opted to bat first on a wicket sporting a covering of green grass, to the surprise of some of his batsmen. The opening partnership of Dave Walton and Clive Williams didn't survive the first over as Walton was beaten off the pitch by Rob Barker and lost his off stump. Raheem Dad joined Williams (14) in a partnership of thirty-seven for the second wicket ended when Williams edged behind off Cameron Lamming. Like England skipper Joe Root, Mike Walton batted at four, and like Root he got sold down the river by his partner, there the similarity ends. Walton had made a watchful

three runs before cutting Lamming to the third man boundary. Having run two, Walton set off for an easy third only to find Dad camped firmly at the other end, leaving his skipper stranded as the throw came in from the deep. Dad atoned for his error with a well crafted 45, putting on 56 with Chris Dawkins (40) for the 4th wicket. Dad was eventually trapped leg before by Andy Barker. Hurley's two young guns, Dawkins and Henry Graham looked to up the run rate in the second half of the innings and Graham reached a deserved half-century with a maximum over long on. A brief flurry from Jonathan Langlands (7) helped the hosts to a respectable total of 202 for 8 from their 40 overs.

As the clouds rolled in after tea, a hint of rain in the air briefly threatened but the Wooburn opening pair of Neil Martin (56) and Andy Barker (29) made light of the gloomy conditions, posting the first fifty inside eight overs. Alex Williams came in for some punishment and was withdrawn from the attack after conceding thirty-eight off four overs. At the River End Langlands (2-28) found considerable swing and looked more likely to cause problems for the batsmen. Barker was the first to go, edging a wide delivery from Langlands into the keeper's gloves with the score on 59. Langlands struck again in his next over trapping White plumb in front. Martin and Sharif continued to take the attack to the bowlers with a partnership of fifty-seven but the introduction of veteran left-arm spinner Nigel Haines helped peg back the scoring rate, however at 129 for 2 after 23 overs the visitors looked to be in charge. Haines picked up the vital wicket of Martin and Dad claimed Sharif leg before in the next over. With eleven overs remaining and the required rate below a run a ball, the match was well within the grasp of Wooburn and despite the loss of skipper Dolan, leg before to Haines at 154 for 5 it should have been a walk in the park. With five overs remaining the visitors required 26 more to win with Rhys Wheeler going well but then contrived to snatch defeat from the jaws of victory. Alex Williams was brought back and struck with his first ball as Wheeler skied him to cover where Graham remained calm under the catch. Two balls later, Wright charged down the wicket and was stumped. The next over saw Dawkins bowl Alex Lamming, leaving Wooburn needing 22 from three overs with the last pair at the crease. Two balls later it was all over as Williams knocked Cameron Lamming's middle stump out of the ground to secure victory for Hurley. A special mention to Hamza Dad who stepped in as sub fielder when Dave Walton went lame early in the innings and made a valuable contribution to the victory.