

Littlewick Green v Hurley

6th July

Played at Littlewick Green

Innings of Littlewick Green

	Name	How Out	Bowler	Runs
1	Richard Thomast		b Naeem Akhtar	10
2	Christie Green		b Naeem Akhtar	8
3	Kirk Graham		b Naeem Akhtar	100
4	Warren Fry		b Shobab Riaz	15
5	Matt Wood		b Naeem Akhtar	88
6	Michael Grayson	st Mike Walton	b Jonathan Langlands	6
7	Jack Mason-Apps	not out		6
8	James Herron	not out		1
9	Will Brockwell*	did not bat		
10	Junaid Akhtar	did not bat		
11	Lewis Critcher	did not bat		
Extras	b (6), lb (7)			13
Total				247
Wickets				6 dec
Overs				42

	Bowler	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets
1	Naeem Akhtar	11	1	58	4
2	Imran Arshad	5	1	27	0
3	Shobab Riaz	8	2	28	1
4	Mandeep Singh	3	0	17	0
5	Phil Ridgeway	7	0	35	0
6	Liam Cole	4	0	44	0
7	Jonathan Langlands	4	0	25	1

Innings of Hurley

	Name	How Out	Bowler	Runs
1	Shobab Riaz	ct Junaid Akhtar	b Christie Green	15
2	Naeem Akhtar	lbw	b Junaid Akhtar	16
3	Josh Cole*	ct Lewis Critcher	b Matt Wood	25
4	Imran Arshad	ct Matt Wood	b Junaid Akhtar	3
5	Mike Cole	ct Junaid Akhtar	b Matt Wood	5
6	Mike Walton†	ct Lewis Critcher	b Warren Fry	14
7	Akash Singh		b Matt Wood	0
8	Phil Ridgeway	not out		40
9	Mandeep Singh	lbw	b Christie Green	9
10	Jonathan Langlands	not out		4
11	Liam Cole	did not bat		
Extras	b (9), w (13), nb (6)			28
Total				159
Wickets				8
Overs				48

	Bowler	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets
1	Will Brockwell	4	1	16	0
2	Christie Green	10	3	20	2
3	Junaid Akhtar	8	0	25	2
4	Lewis Critcher	5	1	16	0
5	Matt Wood	7	1	25	3
6	Kirk Graham	9	3	22	0
7	Warren Fry	3	1	6	1
8	James Herron	2	0	20	0

Result: Match Drawn.

Hurley made the short trip to Littlewick Green and arrested their run of defeats in the Chiltern & Mid Bucks Premiersip One. The hosts won the toss and elected to bat first on a track that stated behaving erratically from the off, with bounce varying between ankle and head height. Naeem Akhtar showed Hurley what they had been missing this season as he settled into his usual rhythm and produced a late in-swinger to remove the off stump of the left-handed Christie Green. Akhtar then removed the other opener Thomas at 30 for 2. South Africans, Kirk Graham and Warren Fry added some stability to the innings with a 44-run partnership which was broken by the pace of Shobab Riaz. This brought Matt Wood to

the middle to join Graham and as the wicket lost some of its venom the pair set about building a big partnership. Graham rode his luck, being put down on the square leg boundary by Riaz off Liam Cole and then the bowler spilling the chance of a return catch. With a big score building, Akhtar was recalled and got the breakthrough, dismissing Graham, but not before he had posted his century and the score passed 200. As Littlewick looked towards a declaration, Michael Grayson and Wood started to swing the bat with intent. Grayson survived an appeal for caught behind off Langlands but had dragged his back foot and the eagle-eyed Walton behind the stumps sent him on his way. Wood fell to Akhtar in the 42nd over as he looked to reach three figures before the declaration came, setting Hurley the task of scoring 248 in 48 overs.

The Hurley reply, led by Akhtar and Riaz, started slowly, reaching 38 in twelve overs before Riaz holed out to Junaid Akhtar in the covers off Green. Akhtar and Arshad soon followed to leave the visitors wallowing at 51 for 3 after fifteen overs. Mike Cole joined his son Josh and stemmed the flow of wickets with a dogged partnership of 23 in ten overs. The dismissal of Cole senior led to vociferous celebrations by the young Littlewick side. With the required rate now reaching 7.5 an over, any real hopes of a Hurley victory were gone. Walton loves nothing more than a blockade and he duly dropped anchor. Matt Wood ended Cole's resistance as the Hurley skipper was unlucky to flick a leg-side full toss to Critcher at fine leg. Four deliveries later, Akash Singh was bowled off his pads. The veteran pair of Ridgeway and Walton defied the Littlewick bowlers for ten overs as they tried everything they could, including sledging to try and force a breakthrough. The introduction of Fry did the trick as Walton top-edged a full toss to backward square with Hurley still nine overs from safety. Dogged defence from Mandeep Singh, who was unlucky to be adjudged leg-before to Green, left Langlands and Ridgeway to survive another eleven deliveries, which they did without alarm and taking the score past 150 to secure what might turn out to be a couple of vital bonus points as Hurley look to stave off relegation.