

HURLEY 1st v PENN & TYLERS GREEN 1st

5th June 2021

Venue: Shepherds Lane
Toss: Penn & Tylers Green
Weather: 22 degrees C, sunny

Innings of Penn & Tylers Green#

1 Paul Boyle+		b Dawkins	39
2 Chris Mason	c Baillie	b Mandeep	4
3 Jack Lloyd	c Baillie	b Kota	5
4 Raunak Biswas	c Double	b Baillie	73
5 Paulo Vasco	lbw	b Imran	16
6 Gavin Waite*	c Baillie	b Adnan	26
7 Alex Woolley		b Baillie	27
8 William Stonehouse	not out		17
9 Michael Henderson	c Baillie	b Gul	7
10 Lochie Christopherson		b Baillie	4
11 Henry Barber	c Imran	b Mandeep	12
Extras	(1 nb, 17 w, 3 b, 2lb)		23
Total			253
Overs			46.3

Bowling

R Kota	9-0-45-1
Mandeep S	9.3-0-42-2
I Dawkins	6-0-43-1
I Mohammed	7-1-19-1
H Gul	5-0-41-1
Adnan Hussain	2-0-22-1
K Baillie	8-0-36-3

Innings of Hurley

1 Kelvin Baillie		b C'topherson	8
2 Faisal Mahmood	c Lloyd	b Biswas	33
3 Ibraz Hussain	c Waite	b Barber	15
4 Ian Dawkins	run out	(Lloyd)	7
5 Adnan Hussain	c Barber	b Stonehouse	5
6 Hassan Gul	c Woolley	b Henderson	0
7 Mandeep Singh	lbw	b Biswas	24
8 Greg Double+	not out		15
9 Yasir Gul*		b Biswas	0
10 Imran Mohammed	lbw	b Biswas	0
11 Ramkrishna Kota	c Woolley	b Biswas	0
Extras	(7 w, 27 b, 2 lb)		36
Total			143
Overs			34.4

Bowling

H Barber	7-1-20-1
L Christopherson	6-1-22-1
W Stonehouse	5-2-17-1
R Biswas	10.4-2-32-5
M Henderson	6-0-23-1

Result: Penn & Tylers Green won by 110 runs

The first fixture of meteorological summer saw the Saturday Ones host the Penn & Tylers Green 1st XI at Shepherds Lane for the first time since the two teams were last in the 1st Division of the 1st XI in 2004. A combination of weather and opposition issues had led to this match becoming the Ones's first league home game of the season. Last week's win at The Lee had lifted Hurley to second place in the Chiltern & Mid-Bucks Premiership table, while Penn & Tylers Green were sitting in fourth place after a couple of nice wins (Pinkneys Green, Monks Risborough) and with a game in hand.

Your scribe arrived at the ground at about 12:30pm on matchday to find Jeff Dawson making the finishing touches to the outfield, and very nice it looked too in the June sunshine; a full team of opponents limbering up on the outfield, two Hurley players who subsequently opened the bowling, and a locked clubhouse. The 'second garage' erected in the vicinity of the kitchen was soon revealed to be the new scoreboard. Penn opted to bat on a day worthy of the Epsom Derby. Hurley took the field with about eight players at 1:05pm. Ramkrishna Kota started at the Shepherds Lane end. A cluster of latecomers arrived at 1:15-1:20, and despite the chaotic pre-match ritual, the home side found themselves two wickets to the good inside the first half-hour thanks to the safe hands of Kelvin Baillie fielding at point. Mandeep Singh dismissed Chris Mason in the fourth over, and Kota followed up in the next with the wicket of Jack Lloyd to leave Penn twenty-three for two. Paul Boyle enjoyed cover-driving towards the far side, and he and Raunak Biswas added fifty-three for the third wicket until the former was bowled by Ian Dawkins in his fourth over having replaced Kota. Biswas accumulated a half-century almost unnoticed, but batted in all for thirty-three overs and was the sixth wicket to fall with the score on 201. For much of the Penn innings the off-side field seemed largely redundant, with many shots directed towards the nets, the pavilion or down the ground. However a feature of their batting was the good running between the wickets. Imran Mohammed and Baillie took four wickets between them bowling from the farm, and Baillie had a hand in seven of the ten Penn wickets. The visitors were all out for 253 with three balls remaining, and Penn scripted a tough run-chase for the hosts.

The visitors took the field at 4:30pm, and opened from the farm with Henry Barber in tandem with Lochie Christopherson. Lochie bowled Baillie at the end of his second over with the score on fifteen. Faisal Mahmood and Ibraiz Hussain added forty-one for the second wicket, but not before the former survived a confident appeal for caught-behind in the ninth over, to the disgust of the visitors. Soon Hussain was caught at mid-on off Barber. Mahmood batted with Dawkins for seven overs until the latter was run-out in a mix-up while running towards the farm as the non-striker. William Stonehouse replaced Lochie and had Adnan caught in the twentieth. Henderson also bowled from the lane and prised Hassan Gul out for a duck. Biswas replaced Barber, and in his fourth over had Mahmood finally caught at long on in front of the farm to leave Hurley at ninety-nine for five at drinks. Over the next ten overs the asking rate crept up, but nothing could be ruled out while Mandeep was at the crease. However he became the first of four wickets for Biswas in eight balls to blow away the Hurley tail and leave Greg Double out of partners with eight overs to go.

A poor batting effort from Hurley, but the bye count suggests that Double easily won the battle of the wicket-keepers, and it's hard to see what more Baillie could have done in the field. The next match is at Knotty Green.

Umpires: Howard Mansell and Nick Barber