

# KNOTTY GREEN 1<sup>st</sup> XI v HURLEY 1<sup>st</sup> XI

12<sup>th</sup> June 2021

**Venue:** Forty Green Road, Beaconsfield

**Toss:** Knotty Green\*

**Weather:** 23 degrees, sunny

## Innings of Knotty Green#

1 Thomas Patel*	c Hussain	b Imran	56
2 Arron Allison+		b Imran	39
3 Neel Patel	lbw	b Imran	17
4 Jonathan Patel	c Navjot	b Imran	6
5 Jordan Allison	run out		21
6 Rodney Charles		c&b Jaspreet	47
7 Jaimin Patel	not out		78
8 Colin Blunden		b Jaspreet	0
9 Himanshu Patel	not out		10
10 Kuldip Patel)	did not bat		
11 Ross Ritchie)			
Extras	(6 w, 20 b, 7 lb)		33
Total			307-7
Overs			40

## Bowling

Navjot S	7-0-54-0
Aman S	8-0-28-0
Imran M	9-0-70-4
Jaspreet S	11-0-74-2
K Baillie	4-0-40-0
H Gul	1-0-14-0

## Innings of Hurley

1 Kelvin Baillie+	lbw	b H Patel	12
2 Clive Williams	run out		16
3 Ibraz Hussain		b T Patel	15
4 Jagdeep Singh		b T Patel	0
5 Navjot Singh	lbw	b Ritchie	28
6 Aman Singh	not out		64
7 Hassan Gul		b Ritchie	0
8 Jaspreet Singh	c Allison	b K Patel	12
9 Imran Mohammed	run out		0
10 Yasir Gul*	run out		8
11			
Extras	(6 nb, 5 w, 16 b, 2 lb)		29
Total			184
Overs			34

## **Bowling**

H Patel	8-0-33-1
K Patel	9-1-61-1
T Patel	8-2-42-2
R Ritchie	9-1-30-2

**Result:** Knotty Green won by 123 runs

Matchday seven saw the Saturday Ones return to the road to visit Knotty Green, equidistant between Penn and Beaconsfield, after their defeat at home to a strong Penn & Tylers Green. The hosts were no longer the all-conquering team of 2020, but they had not lost at home since the visit of Pinkneys Green in August 2019. The match took place on the first weekend of the EURO 2020 football championships delayed by the Covid-19 pandemic.

Not for the first time this season, the travelling players started arriving at 12:50pm and the match got underway at 1:05pm with eight. In a sign of the times, the selected wicketkeeper had reportedly been pinged by the Covid contact-tracing app, and following one additional late drop-out, one of the opening batsmen had been redirected from the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI match to make ten. The hosts took the view that Hurley had forfeited the toss by virtue of their late arrival and were invited to take the field. The warmest start to June since 2007 continued.

Hurley opened the bowling from the far end with balding debutant Navjot Singh in tandem with Aman Singh. Imran Mohammed was introduced for the tenth over and Aman Singh changed ends. Aman was replaced at the far end for the seventeenth over by Jaspreet Singh bowling slow left-arm. Thomas Patel and Aaron Allison raced to an opening stand of seventy-nine inside twelve overs. Patel, the left-hander in the navy helmet drove straight, while Allison, the tall right-hander in the maroon helmet, made good use of the pronounced slope in the outfield. Eventually Imran found a way through Allison's defence. Neel Patel added forty-three with Thomas until adjudged lbw to Imran in the twentieth. In Imran's next he had Jonathan Patel caught on the off-side by Navjot, and Imran completed his four-wicket haul having Thomas caught in the deep by Ibraz Hussain with the score 139-4 at the half-way mark. These dismissals brought together Jordan Allison and Rodney Charles, who added fifty-three for the sixth wicket until the former was run out in the pursuit of quick singles. There was nothing foolish nor equine about Rodney as he drove and spanked the ball. Jordan's wicket brought in Jaimin Patel, and he seemed to have just landed from the Indian Premier League.

The last nine overs of Knotty's innings saw a rapid acceleration and the addition of 115 runs. One memorable shot saw the ball hit out of the ground at the top. Kelvin Baillie passed the gloves to Aman for ten overs in order to have a bowl from the near end, and the latter discovered the perils of keeping wicket without wearing a box. There was time for Jaspreet to take two unassisted wickets, but eventually the hosts called a halt to the onslaught on the forty-over mark with the score on 307.

In order to win the match, Knotty Green were required to take nine wickets in fifty overs. They opened the bowling with Himanshu Patel bowling slow left-arm from the far end with the old ball. Thomas Patel took the new ball for the tenth over from the near end, and at this point left-arm seamer Ross Ritchie was introduced. Himanshu used variations in pace, and in the third over he trapped Baillie lbw with the score on twelve. Hussain added thirty-nine with Clive Williams until bowled by Thomas in the twelfth. Jagdeep Singh departed in similar fashion two balls later. Navjot added thirty-three with Williams until adjudged lbw to Ritchie in the twenty-first. Williams ran himself out in the next attempting to push the score along, and Ritchie made it two wickets in three balls by bowling Hassan Gul for a duck. At ninety-one for six after twenty-two Hurley were staring down the proverbial barrel somewhat, but Aman set about reducing the margin of defeat with some lusty blows, and hit five sixes during his unbeaten half-century. There was a bizarre episode during this phase as the vocal Thomas was goaded by the travelling batsmen after a boundary was struck and a brief pause took place to restore calm. The left-hander Jaspreet was unlucky to be dismissed caught behind of Kuldip Patel when allegedly caught off the hip, but there was no retraction of appeal. The ninth and final stand saw forty-seven added in five overs, and Imran and Yasir Gul were both run out when involved in the farming of the strike. Hurley were bowled out more than one hundred runs adrift and sixteen overs short of the draw.

Hurley were defeated in a run-fest and the match had everything including musical distraction in late afternoon and a crying baby. Hurley won on this ground in 2017 when Varun Sharma played, but that match now seems quite a while ago. The next fixture is a home match against current or recent division leaders Cadmore End.

**Umpires:** Andy Capstick and Howard Mansell