

HURLEY 2nd v Holyport 2nd

Date: 14th May

Played at Holyport

Innings of Holyport 2nd

J. Price	c. M. Walton	b. Chambers	18
M. Francis	LBW	b. Chambers	22
W. Sennet		b. Riaz	46
P. Samuels	LBW	b. Riaz	17
M. Taylor		b. Riaz	17
O. Bielby	c. &	b. Pollitt	15
B. Betts		b. Riaz	5
P. Jheeta		b. Pollitt	1
S. Mortimer	st. M. Walton	b. Arshad	2
T. Head	c. Riaz	b. Pollitt	9
D. Varney	Not out		17
		Extras	38
		Total	207
		For	10

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wkts.
S. Riaz	15	6	38	4
I. Arshad	10	2	43	1
J. Chambers	7	0	36	2
P. Hunjan	5	0	20	0
D. Walton	7	0	40	0
D. Pollitt	5.5	2	17	3

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S. Riaz		b. Head	5
P. Hunjan	LBW	b. Varney	0
M. Walton	c. Frances	b. Head	34
J. Taylor	c. Sennet	b. Varney	2
I. Arshad		b. Varney	0
C. Williams		b. Head	5
S. Taylor Snr.		b. Head	12
J. Chambers		b. Betts	19
D. Pollitt	c. Bielby	b. Betts	4
S. Taylor Jnr.	c. Bielby	b. Varney	4
D. Walton	Not out		0
		Extras	22
		Total	107
		For	10

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wkts.
D. Varney	12	6	17	4
T. Head	13.2	6	28	4
O. Bielby	7	2	14	0
S. Mortimer	5	2	12	0
B. Betts	5	1	17	2
P. Jheeta	5	2	5	0

Result: Holyport 2nd won by 101 runs.

A poor batting performance by Hurley 2nds saw Holyport retain their 100% record at the top of the Marrant Chilterns League Division 3. On a blustery day, Hurley chose to bowl first on a wicket that was hard but patchy and tinged with green. The opening bowlers Shobab Riaz (4-38) and Imran Arshad (1-43) made life very difficult for Jon Price (18) and Mark Frances (23). It was not until the fourth over that a run was scored off the bat and after ten overs the score had limped along to 21 with both batsmen struggling to play the swinging ball. The batsmen didn't panic and saw off the opening attack, advancing the score to 59 when Jack Chambers (2-36) made the breakthrough, trapping Frances leg before. Chambers followed up with the wicket of Price, edging a full length delivery to the keeper. Will Sennet (46) decided to take the attack to the bowlers hitting two sixes and five boundaries in a partnership of forty-four with skipper Phil Samuels (17). Riaz was brought back into the attack to try and stem the flow of runs, which he did with dramatic effect, picking up four wickets for seven runs in the space of six overs. Olly Bielby (15) was lucky to survive a confident appeal for a catch behind, before being dropped twice but Dave Pollitt made no mistake when given a second chance hanging on to a return catch. A late flurry from Tristan Head (9) and Des Varney (17*) saw the hosts to a total of 208 all out in the fiftieth over.

The Hurley reply was virtually over before it began, with most of the top order blown away in the breeze after eight overs. Riaz (5) was the first to go, bowled by an off cutter from Head (4-28) at six for one. Pav Hunjan (0) followed in the next over, leg before to Varney (4-17). Six for two soon became eleven for four; James Taylor falling to a diving, one handed catch from Sennet at short extra and Imran Arshad bowled off his pads by Varney without troubling the scorers. Only five more runs had been added when Clive Williams played an airy waft to a slower ball from Head and lost his off stump. Hurley skipper Mike Walton stood alone like the captain of a sinking ship surveying the wreckage around him. With half the side gone after eight overs, the only hope Hurley had was to salvage some pride and hope for rain. Steve Taylor (12) joined his skipper and the pair added twenty-one in eight overs before Taylor was bowled round his legs by Head. Hurley colt Jack Chambers showed the sort of fighting spirit needed by his side, batting for fifty-five minutes for 19 runs in a fifty run partnership to frustrate the Holyport attack. Two wickets for Ben Betts gave Holyport renewed hope of forcing a victory with thirteen overs remaining to take the final two wickets. Fourteen year old Scott Taylor strode nervously to the wicket and after pulling his first ball for four, proceeded to block out everything the bowlers could deliver for the next eight overs. He was finally undone by Varney, top edging to Bielby at short leg. With only three overs remaining an unlikely escape was looking possible for the visitors, but Head ended the stubborn resistance of Walton (34), edging to the keeper to give Holyport maximum points with fourteen balls to spare.