

**HURLEY v West Reading**

**Date: 22<sup>nd</sup> April**

**Played at Hurley**

**Innings of West Reading**

U Asif	c. Williams	b. Nothey	34
A Razzak	c. Nothey	b. J Graham	7
A Amin		b. Ridgeway	35
U Ali	Retired Out		101
A Hussain		b. Ridgeway	0
A Davison	c. Ridgeway	b. Nothey	51
S Jaffary	Not out		30
U Mahmood		b. H Graham	18
M Asif	Run Out	(M Walton)	1
I Akram	Not out		0
		Extras	31
		Total	308
		For	8

**Bowling**

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wkts.
K Nothey	9	0	51	2
J Graham	9	0	76	1
H Graham	9	0	62	1
P Ridgeway	9	1	39	2
D Walton	9	0	63	0

## Innings of Hurley

C Williams	c. Jaffary	b. Hayat	1
A Ali	c. Razzak	b. Hayat	10
H Graham	c. Davison	b. Mahmood	8
J Cole	c. Jaffary	b. Akram	6
J Dawson	c. Jaffary	b. Hussain	3
Y Gul	Run out		3
P Ridgeway		b. Mahmood	5
J Graham		b. Mahmood	0
M Walton	st. Davison	b. Jaffary	12
K Nothey		b. Hussain	4
D. Walton	Not out		9
		Extras	23
		Total	84
		For	10

## Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wkts.
M Asif	7	4	6	0
K Hayat	4	1	12	2
I Akram	5	1	15	1
U Mahmood	5	1	18	3
A Hussain	4	0	12	2
S Jaffary	6	1	14	1

## Result: West Reading won by 224 runs.

Hurley got their season underway with an uninspiring performance against West Reading on Saturday. With Shepherds Lane looking like an oil painting in the spring sunshine, the visitors had no hesitation in batting first. The opening pair of Asif and Razzak found the hard dry track to their liking. With the ball coming on nicely both batsmen looked to score freely, plundering nine runs from Kuldeep Nothey's first over, despite the ball beating the outside edge on a couple of occasions. Joe Graham got the breakthrough Hurley needed in the sixth over with the score on 27 when one too many cross batted shots from Razzak ballooned to backward point where Nothey took the catch. With the score progressing at a run a ball the bowlers struggled to contain the batsmen despite a sharp catch at slip by Clive Williams to give Nothey a deserved wicket (63-2). Phil Ridgeway and Henry Graham replaced the opening pair and did manage to gain some control, dragging the run rate back to around five an over. Two wickets in successive deliveries by Ridgeway to dismiss Amin (35) and Hussain (0) gave Hurley hope at 132 for 4. Some lack lustre fielding, with three chances going down did not help the Hurley cause as Usman Ali (101) reached a deserved century before retiring. Adam Davison reached his half-century lofting Nothey over long-on for a maximum, only to fall to the next delivery attempting a repeat when Ridgeway ran in to take a well judged catch. Henry

Graham returned to pick up the wicket of Mohammed Asif before the visitors finished on a very competitive 308 for 8 from 45 overs.

The Hurley reply was over almost before it had began. Openers Abdullah Ali and Williams struggled against the pace of Asif, whose first two overs were both maidens. Ali smashed a couple of boundaries of Hayat's first over before holing out at 10 for 1 in the fourth. Williams followed two overs later, slicing to cover point. Henry Graham (8) and Josh Cole (6) provided some stubborn resistance with a partnership of 21, aided by a plethora of no balls from Mahmood. When not over stepping, Mahmood proved to be a handful for the batsmen, finding late away movement and was rewarded when Graham edged to the keeper. Cole then lofted Akram to mid-off and there was no way back for the hosts at 37 for 4 after twelve overs. Yasir Gul was involved in the strangest of dismissals, having survived a loud appeal for LBW, he loitered outside his crease and a sharp-eyed fielder threw down the stumps to run him out. The Walton brothers put together a typically defiant partnership of 19 in ten overs to frustrate the bowlers before Jaffary beat Mike (12) who was smartly stumped by Davison, leaving Dave undefeated on nine. All in all, a pretty disappointing performance from the Hurley lads, but better to get it out of the way now before the league season starts.