

HURLEY v West London Lions**Date: 30th April****Played at Hurley****Innings of West London Lions**

Lalip	LBW	b. Nothey	10
Sid		b. Nothey	48
Pradeep		b. McDermott	15
Vivek	c. Nothey	b. McDermott	22
Reje	c. Gul	b. Walton	33
Rahul	c. Simoes	b. McDermott	0
Asif	st. Simoes	b. Calliss	5
Craig	Not out		33
Sumit	Not out		12
		Extras	8
		Total	186
		For	7

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wkts.
K Nothey	6	0	46	2
R Simon	4	0	35	0
M Basharat	5	0	39	0
P McDermott	5	0	17	3
J Calliss	6	0	23	1
M Walton	4	0	25	1

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D Simoes	c. Craig	b. Number 15	30
P Hinnell	c. Keeper	b. Number 99	22
K Nothey		b. Number 99	34
Y Gul	Not out		17
M Walton	Not out		21
J Calliss)		
P McDermott)		
M Basharat)- dnb		
R Simon)		
		Extras	17
		Total	141
		For	3

Result: West London Lions won by 45 runs.

The first ever visit of West London Lions to Hurley resulted in a victory for the visitors. With the threat of heavy rain due in the early evening, the captains decided on a thirty over contest with no tea break. The visitors were invited to bat first, with openers Lalip and Sid showing aggressive intent from the start with twenty-three runs coming from the first two overs. The next over saw Kuldeep Nothey trap Lalip leg before. Pradeep and Sid added another fifty-one in the next six overs and a massive total looked likely. Nothey struck again to remove Sid at 76 for 2 after nine overs. The introduction of veteran spinner Paul McDermott slowed the run rate as he took 3 for 17 in five overs. With only nine men in the field, only one of whom was under forty years of age, Hurley did remarkably well to restrict the run rate and claw themselves back into the game. James Calliss and Mike Walton picked up a wicket apiece, with Simoes looking sharp behind the stumps in his first outing of the year. West London Lions finished on 186 for 7, a much smaller total than they would have expected.

In reply, Hurley sent out Simoes and Pat Hinnell to start the chase. Simoes scored a fluid thirty with some nicely struck boundaries, before a good catch from Craig cost him his wicket. Nothey (34) joined Hinnell (22) in a partnership of 43 for the second wicket, ended when Hinnell feathered down the leg side to the keeper. Nothey continued to take the attack to the bowlers but Hurley were never able to keep up with the required rate. Yasir Gul (17*) and Mike Walton (21*) added an unbeaten 43 as the hosts finished on 141 for 3.

The crowd of at least half a dozen hardy spectators were also treated to the excitement of a fire engine in Shepherds Lane as a neighbour's bonfire got out of control and threatened the hedgerows, if only Hurley's batting had been ignited in the same way!