

HURLEY 1XI vs Ley Hill – 8th July 2017

Ley Hill

O Runswick	c&b Arshad	48
C Peterson	st Simoes b Ridgeway	47
R Clark	c Riaz b Ridgeway	62
L Thompson	lbw b Ridgeway	16
B Ford	lbw b Ridgeway	41
J Hutchins	c J Graham b Ridgeway	27
M Lee	Not Out	16
S Daluwatta	Not Out	9
	Extras	20
	Total	286-6

S Riaz	7-0-69-0	H Graham	7-0-49-0
I Arshad	15-0-89-1		
P Ridgeway	15-4-67-5		

HURLEY

C Williams	c&b Daluwatta	0
D Simoes	c Daluwatta b Ottaway	18
S Riaz	b Daluwatta	32
V Sharma	c Hutchins b Morris	28
I Arshad	c Lee b Morris	5
J Graham	c Lee b Morris	0
H Graham	b Clark	16
P Ridgeway	b Ottaway	21
Ameer Ali	b Clark	1
Y Gul	Not Out	0
M Walton	b Ottaway	0
	Extras	14
	Total	135ao

S Dulawatta	8-2-29-2	C Morris	5-2-6-3
L Thompson	8-1-49-0	S Peterson	4-0-17-0
G Ottaway	6-3-15-3	R Clark	4-1-11-2

The chasm between Lay Hill and Hurley was wider than the space between the ears of a 'Love Island' contestant. Lay Hill were virtually unchanged from the encounter earlier in the season while Hurley fielded 5 changes. The visitors won the toss and batted and their confidence was underlined as they raced to 85 in 12 overs enjoying the pace of Shoab Riaz (0-69) and a lightening outfield. The admirable Imran Arshad (1-89) cut down Ollie Runswick (48) as the batsman lobbed a return catch. Lay Hill ticked on at over 7 an over, Phil Ridgeway (5-67) replaced Riaz, was punished in his opening over, but then had Peterson stumped by the pugnacious Dave Simoes. Hurley desperately tried to staunch the flow of runs. Richard Clark (62) survived a confident appeal for another stumping when on 19 as Ridgeway chipped away at the wickets finding turn from the dry pitch. Henry Graham found some good wheels and the pace he generated was rewarded with the batsman calling for a helmet. Lay Hill called a close to the carnage after 44 overs on 286-6 when 300 plenty looked probable. Hurley's fielding at times went ragged as basic long barrier was consigned to the bin.

An excellent tea produced by Malcolm Graham gave some respite but Hurley's reply hit the buffers after only 3 balls as Clive Williams pushed back to Daluwatta (2-29). Dave Simoes (18) and an expansive Riaz (32) added 43 before Riaz's 20/20 approach had him bowled by

Daluwatta. Varun Sharma (28) greeted his first ball with a pull for 6 as 42 was added for the third wicket. At 85-2 Hurley were comfortably placed, but the drinks break triggered a clatter of wickets. Simoes edged to slip, Sharma fell to a stunning catch at cover, Joe Graham was unlucky to be given caught behind with his bat hitting the ground and Arshad's swat topped edged to the keeper. Hurley had lost 4-7. Henry Graham (16) and Phil Ridgeway (21) added 20 but the Hurley innings was fatally wounded. Ameer Ali (1) struggled against both the bowling and less supportive jeering from his more talented colleagues in the hutch as Hurley declined to a disappointing 135 all out in 35 overs displaying less depth than a conversation on 'Love Island'.