

MONKS RISBOROUGH v HURLEY

14th MAY 2022

Venue: Whiteleaf
Toss: Monks Risborough
Weather: 20 degrees C, sunny

Innings of Monks Risborough# 13:10-15:50

1 Mohammed Amjad+	lbw	b Zaman	8
2 Farooq Butt	run out		11
3 Humza Amjad		b Ajmal	30
4 Hamza Khan	c Js Singh	b A Khan	11
5 Intekhab Alam		b A Singh	0
6 Arshid Mahmood*		b Zaman	58
7 Syed Raza		b Js Singh	31
8 Rashid Nawaz	c Amit Singh	b Js Singh	0
9 Ajaz Arif	c Gul	b Ajmal	7
10 Habib Raja	c Amit Singh	b Ajmal	9
11 Abdul Razzaq	not out		14
Extras	(1 nb, 3 w, 1 b, 1 lb)		6
Total			185
Overs			39.1

Fall of wicket

1-19 (4.6), 2-25 (8.4), 3-54 (12.3), 4-54 (13.5), 5-77 (20.4), 6-113 (27.5), 7-127 (29.1), 8-131 (30.6), 9-171 (36.4), 10-185 (39.1)

Rate of scoring

19-1 (5), 27-2 (10), 33-2 (12), 54-4 (13), 60-4 (15), 76-4 (20), 84-5(22), 96-5 (23), 103-5 (25),
127-7 (30), 150-8 (35), 164-8 (36), 185-9 (39)

Bowling (Hurley)

U Zaman	8-2-36-2
N Khan	4-0-17-0
A Singh	9-1-30-1
A Khan	1-0-17-1
M Singh	6-0-24-0
S Ajmal	6-0-32-2
Js Singh	4-0-20-2

Innings of Hurley**16:15-18:25**

1 Umar Zaman	lbw	b Razzaq	5
2 Gurpreet Singh+	c Raza	b Mahmood	16
3 Aman Singh	c H Amjad	b Mahmood	5
4 Saeed Ajmal	c Raja	b Nawaz	12
5 Naeem Khan		b Raja	10
6 Yasir Gul*	c H Amjad	b Arif	9
7 Amit Singh		b Raja	23
8 Jagdeep Singh	run out (H Amjad)		12
9 Manpreet Singh	c H Amjad	b Mahmood	25
10 Abdullah Khan	c H Amjad	b Raja	4
11 Jaspreet Singh	not out		2
Extras	(6 w, 2 b, 2 lb)		10
Total			133
Overs			27.3

Bowling (Monks Risborough)

A Mahmood	6-0-31-3
A Razzaq	0.4-0-1-1
F Butt	4.2-0-27-0
R Nawaz	4-1-14-1
H Raja	6.3-0-23-3
A Arif	6-1-29-1

Fall of wicket

1-9 (1.1), 2-26 (4.1), 3-34 (6.1), 4-53 (9.3), 5-53 (10.3), 6-85 (18.6), 7-85 (19.1), 8-127 (26.4), 9-127 (26.6), 10-185 (27.3)

Rate of scoring

10-1 (2), 26-1 (4), 34-3 (6), 43-4 (8), 53-4 (10), 62-5 (12), 63-5 (14), 75-6 (16), 84-6 (18), 85-7 (20), 91-7 (22), 106-7 (24), 127-7 (26)

Result: Monks Risborough won by 52 runs

Matchday two of the 2022 season saw Hurley make the duty trip to Monks Risborough in what appeared to be an early contender for basement clash of the season. Hurley arrived off the back of what was statistically their heaviest defeat since the Chris Batt match of 2004 (Taplow at home; however, they were also bowled out for under a hundred before tea at Shepherds Lane twice in 2019). Monks Risborough, not wishing to be outdone, had contrived to collapse from 36-2 to 48 all out on the same day at newly promoted Braywood 2s. The last visiting team to win at Monks Risborough was Penn & Tylers Green on 31st July. The current match took place on the same day as the FA Cup Final and the Eurovision Song Contest.

There were six survivors from the Denham debacle last time out and four debutants in the Hurley team. Owing to social commitments, Hurley had to make do without the services of Mr Eight-hundred-dismissals, but the unheralded Gurpreet Singh took the gloves and kept wicket tidily.

The coin fell as a head on an unexpectedly fine day, and home captain Arshid Mahmood invited Hurley to take the field. Umar Zaman opened the bowling from the near end with Naeem Khan. Mohammed Amjad and Farooq Butt had taken the score to nineteen, and the latter was run out taking a risky single to the near end with the last ball of the fifth over. It was a tight one, but the veteran walked without being given in a nice display of sportsmanship. The other opener Amjad was trapped lbw to Zaman in the ninth. Abdullah Khan bowled the thirteenth over and received some treatment but secured the wicket of Hamza Khan for his troubles courtesy of a leg-side catch by Jaspreet Singh. Aman Singh bowled Intekhab Alam in the next with the score on fifty-two. Humza Amjad batted well for his thirty, but was bowled by off-spinner Saeed Ajmal in the twenty-first. Syed Raza batted with his usual aggressive intent, but was bowled by Jaspreet from the far end in the twenty-eighth. Mahmood went more on the attack after Raza's departure and batted for twenty-

four overs for his half-century to ensure that Monks posted a competitive total, but was ninth out when bowled by the returning Zaman.

After the mid-match interval Arshid Mahmood commenced the bowling from the near end. Zaman and Gurpreet made a positive start for Hurley, but the former was adjudged lbw to Abdul Razzaq with the first ball of the second over. Three balls later Razzaq withdrew from the attack with a thigh strain, and his over was completed by Farooq Butt. The out-of-form Aman Singh was next out caught at mid-off with the score on twenty-six with the first ball of the fifth. At that point Hurley appeared to have a Chiltern escarpment to climb. Gurpreet was the next to fall, caught by Syed Raza on the off-side two overs later. Saeed Ajmal and Naeem Khan lifted the score to fifty-three, but fell in consecutive overs with Habib Raja having a hand in both dismissals.

Yasir Gul and Amit Singh added thirty-two but departed in consecutive deliveries at the nineteen-over mark, leaving Hurley at a perilous eighty-five for seven. An eight-wicket stand of forty-two between Jagdeep and Manpreet Singhs with plenty of overs in hand, a sloping ground and lightning outfield caused the hosts some anxiety, but both fell to the excellent fielding of Humza Amjad in the pivotal twenty-seventh over bowled by the returning Mahmood. Four balls later Humza wrapped up the Hurley innings with another catch to dismiss Abdullah Khan.

The over-rate was not helped by time lost searching for balls on both sides of the wicket. This was a defeat for Hurley but not a thrashing. The Hurley bowlers got much more of a game this week, and with Ajmal and Jaspreet in the team, Hurley fielded more of a balanced attack. Manpreet Singh also made an encouraging debut. All Hurley lack is a match-winning batsman. Monks Risborough joined Liverpool FC and Ukraines's Kalush Orchestra in the list of the day's winners.

Umpires: Azhar Shazad & Howard Mansell