

Hurley **166 (37.0 overs)** Ayres 5-11
Chalfont St Giles **127 (39.3 overs)**
Hurley won by 39 runs

Hurley CC

Name	How Out	Bowler	Runs
Clive Williams	ct Chris Miles	b Cedric Ayres	3
Mandeep Singh	ct Andy Hardy	b Cedric Ayres	13
Akash Singh†		b Oscar Nelson	3
Dimple Singh		b Cedric Ayres	0
Joban Singh*		b Oscar Nelson	18
Jasdeep Singh	ct Charlie Lowe	b Oliver Miles	11
Parvinder Hunjan	ct Charlie Lowe	b Daniel Lowe	32
Raman Singh		b Daniel Lowe	12
Gurdev Singh	not out		19
Sukh Singh		b Cedric Ayres	35
Kuljit Lally	ct Daniel Lowe	b Cedric Ayres	2
Extras	w (14), nb (4)		18
Total			166
Wickets			all out
Overs			37

* = Captain, † = Wicket Keeper

Bowler	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets
Cedric Ayres	7	2	11	5
Charlie Lowe	7	1	20	0
Oscar Nelson	7	0	57	2
Oliver Miles	5	1	13	1
Josh Maggs	4	0	31	0
Daniel Lowe	7	1	34	2

Chalfont St Giles CC

Name	How Out	Bowler	Runs
Nick Zala	ct Joban Singh	b Gurdev Singh	25
Daniel Lowe		b Gurdev Singh	10
John Moffit	ct Sukh Singh	b Parvinder Hunjan	10
Andy Hardy†	ct Parvinder Hunjan	b Joban Singh	50
Adrian Calugar		b Parvinder Hunjan	0
Chris Miles	ct Akash Singh	b Parvinder Hunjan	3
Josh Maggs	ct Raman Singh	b Sukh Singh	0
Oscar Nelson	ct Raman Singh	b Mandeep Singh	6
Oliver Miles	ct Raman Singh	b Joban Singh	0
Charlie Lowe	not out		1
Cedric Ayres*		b Gurdev Singh	4
Extras	b (5), lb (1), w (11), nb (1)		18
		Total	127
		Wickets	all out
* = Captain, † = Wicket Keeper		Overs	40.3

Bowler	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets
Joban Singh	9	2	23	2
Kuljit Lally	9	5	9	0
Gurdev Singh	8.3	1	36	3
Parvinder Hunjan	6	1	19	3
Sukh Singh	4	0	16	1
Mandeep Singh	4	1	18	1

Hurley 2s recovered from another poor start with the bat to post a competitive total, and a superlative bowling performance sealed an emphatic win at Chalfont St Giles.

On a bright spring day, when the every-present hilltop breeze alternated between pleasantly cooling and really-a-wee-bit-chilly, Chalfont won the toss and asked Hurley to bat on the first properly hard cricket pitch any Hurley player had seen since September. That pitch was one of the stars of the day; not one of the 20 wickets could be blamed on it, it gave bounce to bowlers who worked for it and allowed batters the confidence to put away loose deliveries.

Hurley's batting took a while to appreciate this, though. Openers Clive Williams and Mandeep Singh struggled for fluency against the experienced Cedric Ayres and Charlie Lowe, although Lowe had his own struggles into the awkward breeze. Mandeep was

fortunate to survive a skied pull that escaped the gloves of Andy Hardy, but feathered an edge in Ayres's next over that the keeper held. Williams, having at last got his first run of the season with a fortuitous tickle to fine leg, ought to know by now that patience can work when fluency is elusive. Instead, he tried to force it and was again early on a drive that spooned gently to Chris Miles at mid-off.

Hurley's middle-order Singhs were again exposed early and did not stick around. Dimple missed a straight ball from Ayres, while Oscar Nelson replaced Lowe and bowled Akash off his pads. Captain Joban took advantage of some short balls from Nelson and left-armers Oliver Miles before swinging past a fuller one from Nelson that hit middle stump.

Parvinder Hunjan joined Jasdeep with Hurley 43-5 and in trouble, but the pair applied themselves and stopped the clatter of wickets. Their 19-run partnership was more valuable than the numbers suggest, as Chalfont's teenage bowlers saw anything loose start to hit the middle of the bat. Jasdeep played himself in but tried one big shot too many and lofted Miles to Charlie Lowe at deep midwicket, but Hunjan settled and turned the innings around. Debutant Raman supported him patiently and the pair added 45 before Raman was bowled by the excellent Daniel Lowe. (It's worth noting that the partnership would have passed 50 had the Hurley batters run the threes offered by the long boundaries and lush outfield, instead of jogging for two.)

Gurdev took on Raman's supporting role, making a disciplined and unselfish 19 not out, and when Hunjan followed Jaspreet down Charlie Lowe's throat, in came Sukh to pick up where he left off, unbeaten, against Fulmer the previous Saturday. 112 for 8 became 164 for 9, as Sukh made the slow outfield irrelevant with three huge sixes. Ayres returned to hand Sukh his first Hurley dismissal, and Kuljit Lally added his first two Hurley runs before being last out to give Ayres five, but Hurley enjoyed their tea a lot more than they had expected an hour earlier.

When Hurley took the field, the contrast with the rather sloppy batting display could hardly have been greater. Lally (9-5-9-0) bowled unchanged into the wind, and that he didn't get a wicket does not reflect his contribution. Such was his accuracy and consistency that Chalfont's batters had no answer and five wickets fell at the other end as they tried to break loose. Joban bowled a full length at a threatening pace and found movement and edges. One by Nick Zala in the first over of the innings went low to Akash, whose outstretched glove just kept it off the ground, but Williams at slip couldn't close his left hand on the rapid rebound.

Chalfont were surviving but not scoring, and the initial asking rate of 3.7 was up to 4.3 when Gurdev replaced Joban. Daniel Lowe was the first out, bowled by a precise yorker, followed two overs later by Zala, whose thin edge this time carried comfortably to Akash. Hunjan replaced Lally and quickly found himself on a hat-trick, as John Moffit went to the first of three catches by Raman and Adrian Calugar swung unwisely across a full ball on middle stump.

Hardy persevered, joined by Chris Miles, who contributed 3 to a partnership of 32 before becoming Hunjan's third victim. Sukh's bouncy wrist spin and changes of pace removed Joshua Maggs, leaving Chalfont 85-6 and requiring five an over.

Joban changed ends and was rewarded with the wicket of Hardy, unlucky to fall one short of 50. Oliver Miles poked tamely to give Raman his third catch, and it was left to the pair who'd begun the match for Chalfont to try to finish it together. Gurdev replaced Joban and the classic full-and-straight was enough to account for Ayres and give Hurley victory.