

Knotty Green 3rd XI: 78 in 29.0 overs (Sukh Singh 5-27)

Hurley 2nd XI: 79-1 in 20.3 overs

Hurley won by 9 wickets

Knotty Green CC

Name	How Out	Bowler	Runs
Priyam Desai		b Joban Singh	0
Dev Barot		b Ravi Singh	10
Kamindu Patel	st Akash Singh	b Sukh Singh	30
Matt Sutcliffe†		b Ravi Singh	1
Himanshu Jansari		ct & b Sukh Singh	2
Michael Butcher*		b Sukh Singh	9
Madhawa Daulagala	lbw	b Sukh Singh	6
Priyank Dobariya	ct Kuljit Lally	b Sukh Singh	9
Lalji Patel	not out		1
Aman Patel		b Ravi Singh	4
Pruthvi Patel		b Ravi Singh	0
Extras	b (2), lb (4)		6
Total			78
Wickets			all out
Overs			28

* = Captain, † = Wicket Keeper

Bowler	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets
Joban Singh	6	2	17	1
Kuljit Lally	6	2	13	0
Ravi Singh	9	4	14	4
Sukh Singh	7	1	28	5

Hurley CC

Name	How Out	Bowler	Runs
Clive Williams	not out		20
Mandeep Singh	ct Unsure	b Lalji Patel	35
Jasdeep Singh	not out		5
Dimple Singh	did not bat		
Akash Singh†	did not bat		
Joban Singh*	did not bat		
Gurjant Singh	did not bat		
Ravi Singh	did not bat		
Gul Raja	did not bat		
Sukh Singh	did not bat		
Kuljit Lally	did not bat		
Extras	b (11), lb (1), w (7)		19
	Total		79
	Wickets		1
* = Captain, † = Wicket Keeper	Overs		21

Bowler	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets
Priyank Dobariya	4	1	16	0
Aman Patel	5	0	16	0
Pruthvi Patel	3	0	18	0
Lalji Patel	3	1	6	1
Himanshu Jansari	3	0	11	0
Dev Barot	3	3	0	0

A superbly disciplined bowling and fielding performance by Hurley 2s was too much for the early leaders of division 2. On a perfect cricket day at Shepherds Lane, with the pitch at last dry and firm, but still showing signs of green on the surface, captain Joban Singh chose to put Knotty Green in first.

The decision looked a good one even in the first over, as Joban found swing and a full length to remove the left-handed Priyam Desai. Both he and new-ball partner Kuljit Lally maintained their consistency admirably, each producing six testing overs without much luck as Dev Barot and Kamindu Patel dragged the visitors up to 30, 16 of those coming from edges that narrowly missed the close catchers.

The introduction of Ravi for the 13th over shifted the balance, as Barot misjudged his pace and was bowled. Sukh replaced Lally and in his second over, induced a rash charge from

Patel, Akash completing the stumping. Ravi bowled keeper Matt Sutcliffe with another quicker ball, and in the 20th over, Himanshu Jansari hacked a rare full toss from Sukh back to the bowler. Knotty Green had lost four top-order wickets for 23 runs with more than half the innings remaining.

Rather than dig in and try to bat out the remaining overs, Knotty Green's lower order tried to hit their way out of trouble. Sukh duly cashed in, bowling Michael Butcher, beating Madhawa Daulaga with turn and bounce to have him lbw, and inducing a leading edge from Priyank Dobariya that looped gently to Lally for his first Hurley catch and Sukh's fifth wicket. Two more straight balls from Ravi accounted for the final pair and Knotty Green were all out for 78 with 16 overs unbowled.

Mandeep Singh made an aggressive start to Hurley's chase, losing the ball into the hedge behind the mower shed in Aman Patel's first over and hitting three more fours and two sixes on his way to 35, before he clipped Lalji Patel firmly off his pads and was well caught low down at square leg by Dobariya.

Jasdeep Singh joined Clive Williams, and with neither player in sparkling form this season and only 26 runs still required, the pair settled for getting some scratchy batting practice and still being there at the end. Jasdeep's one piece of aggression was a stylish pull off Jansari past square leg for four, while Williams collected his first boundary of the season with a nudge to midwicket and an unnecessary fling at the stumps that ran away to the tennis court. It wasn't pretty but the pair held on and, with the help of 19 extras, took Hurley to a nine-wicket victory in the 21st over.