

Pinkneys Green 2nd XI vs Hurley 2nd XI – Chiltern League Division 2 (90 overs win/lose)

Date: 25th May 2024

Weather: Pleasant, sunny spells, 20°C

Ground: Pinkneys Green, 213 feet above sea level

Toss: Pinkneys Green – elected to bat first

Result: Hurley won by 6 wickets

Pinkneys Green CC

Batting

Name	How Out	Bowler	Runs	4s	6s	Balls
Sridhar Balachandar	lbw	b Mandeep Singh	2	0	0	12
James Hemmings*†	run out (Resham Singh)		80	5	0	125
Sheyan Patel	ct Joban Singh	b Resham Singh	15	2	0	28
Arun Ramachandran	ct Mandeep Singh	b Mo Basharat	40	4	1	46
Freddie Avery	not out		41	3	0	49
Imran Tariq	ct Jasdeep Singh	b Liam Cole	5	0	0	6
Ben Snapes	not out		8	0	0	7
Anthony Fuller	did not bat					
Anil Mirza	did not bat					
Richard Hemmings	did not bat					
Warren Hendry	did not bat					
Extras	b (6), lb (6), w (3), nb (3)		18			
Total			209			
Wickets			5			
Overs			45.0			

* = Captain, † = Wicket Keeper

Fall of Wickets :

7-1 Sridhar Balachandar (James Hemmings-4*); 40-2 Sheyan Patel (James Hemmings-19*); 124-3 Arun Ramachandran (James Hemmings-56*); 182-4 James Hemmings (Freddie Avery-27*); 193-5 Imran Tariq (Freddie Avery-33*);

* = not out batter

Bowling

Bowler	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Wides	No Balls
Joban Singh	9.0	0	25	0	0	0
Mandeep Singh	8.0	0	25	1	0	0
Resham Singh	4.0	0	36	1	2	2
Prabinder Singh	6.0	0	23	0	1	1
Liam Cole	9.0	0	40	1	0	0
Mo Basharat	9.0	0	48	1	0	0

Fielding Extras/Non-bowler wickets				12	1		
Total	45	0		209	5	3	3

Hurley CC

Batting

Name	How Out	Bowler	Runs	4s	6s	Balls
Josh Cole		b Anil Mirza	5	1	0	5
Jasdeep Singh	ct Sheyan Patel	b Ben Snapes	19	1	0	60
Akash Singh†	ct Anil Mirza	b Anthony Fuller	9	0	0	23
Mandeep Singh	not out		100	14	0	84
Ramanpreet Singh	ct Sheyan Patel	b Anil Mirza	10	0	0	29
Joban Singh*	not out		49	5	1	52
Mo Basharat	did not bat					
Liam Cole	did not bat					
Prabinder Singh	did not bat					
Resham Singh	did not bat					
Dimple Singh	did not bat					
Extras	b (10), lb (2), w (5), nb (1)		18			
	Total		210			
	Wickets		4			
* = Captain, † = Wicket Keeper	Overs		42.0			

Fall of Wickets :

5-1 Josh Cole (Jasdeep Singh-0*); 16-2 Akash Singh (Jasdeep Singh-2*); 78-3 Jasdeep Singh (Mandeep Singh-38*); 116-4 Ramanpreet Singh (Mandeep Singh-62*);

* = not out batter

Bowling

Bowler	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Wides	No Balls
Anthony Fuller	9.0	1	42	1	0	1
Anil Mirza	8.0	1	23	2	0	0
Imran Tariq	8.0	0	40	0	0	0
Ben Snapes	9.0	2	37	1	0	0
Sheyan Patel	2.0	0	16	0	3	0
Freddie Avery	4.0	0	25	0	1	0
Arun Ramachandran	2.0	0	15	0	1	0
Fielding Extras/Non-bowler wickets			12	0		
Total	42	4	210	4	5	1

Hurley 2nds six wicket victory at close neighbours Pinkneys Green was a rather tetchy affair interspersed with cricket of the highest quality, with the match being much closer than the scoreline suggests. The visitors to The Green were indebted to a fantastic all round performance from Mandeep Singh whose unbeaten century wrestled the initiative from Pinkneys when the home side were looking well set. On a pleasant day Pinkneys skipper James Hemmings won the toss and elected to bat first, kindly agreeing to delay the start by 10 minutes to allow the Hurley stragglers to arrive.

On a decent looking pitch for batting but with a lush outfield the home team started steadily. Mandeep (1-25) made the breakthrough in the 4th over trapping Sridhar Balachandar (2) in front leaving the umpire with an easy decision. Sheyan Patel (15) joined Hemmings (80) and the pair added 33 in eight overs seeing off the opening bowlers. The first change bowlers failed to exert much control until Resham Singh's (1-36) innocuous medium pace saw Patel fatuously chipping to extra cover at 40-2. Skipper Hemmings played an intelligent and stoic innings, rotating the strike well with Arun Ramachandran (40) as the pair added 84 in 17 overs, although not without some fortune as several chances weren't taken, the unlucky Liam Cole (1-40) seeing at least two drops and a difficult missed stumping. Cole and Mo Basharat (1-48) regained some control as the batsmen were content to take the singles being offered. Basharat finally had Ramachandran launching one aerial shot too many to be well caught at long-off. Hemmings continued to plug away passing his half-century, and with Freddie Avery (41*) combined to add 58 in the next 11 overs as the fielding became more untidy. That said, it was a smart direct hit from Resham at midwicket that saw Hemmings run out taking a quick single, his 80 coming off 125 balls with just five boundaries at 182-4. Imran Tariq (5) quickly came and went, Cole getting a well-deserved wicket thanks to a catch at cover point. A late acceleration from Avery and Ben Snapes (8*) saw Pinkneys to 209-5 off their allotted 45 overs, and at the tea interval the home side were probably the happier of the two teams.

Hurley soon disappeared to 16-2 inside the first seven overs of their reply as Josh Cole (5) chopped on to Anil Mirza's (2-23) first ball and Akash Singh (9) was caught at fine leg trying to paddle Antony Fuller (1-42) round the corner. A patient 60-ball innings from Jasdeep Singh (19) proved the bedrock of the Hurley chase, as with Mandeep (100*) the pair serenely added 62 in 15 overs. A smart catch, diving forwards, at extra cover saw the end of Jasdeep, Snapes (1-37) the beneficiary. Ramanpreet Singh (10) and Mandeep added a further 38 but once Ramanpreet had departed at 116-4, that was the last success for the home side. Like the blue team in the contemporaneous FA Cup final between the two Manchester clubs, Pinkneys were still favourites as the run rate was now above a run-a-ball and unbeknownst to them, Hurley had a very long tail. Mandeep and Hurley captain Joban Singh (49*) combined to add an imperious and belligerent unbroken 94, despite the home team rotating the bowlers to try and make a breakthrough and the home crowd becoming more restless. Mandeep's 84-ball century included 14 boundaries and once reached allowed Joban to try and reach his half-century. This wasn't quite achieved as the two needed to win was hit to leave Hurley victors by six wickets with 18 balls remaining.