

HURLEY v Phoenix RFC CC

Date: 19th June

Played at Phoenix RFC

Innings of Phoenix RFC

T. Betts	c. Sc. Taylor	b. St. Taylor	91
J. Varley	c. Sc. Taylor	b. Chambers	90
S. Hollister	c. Sc. Taylor	b. Allen	1
N. Raj		b. Allen	9
G. Davinett	c. M. Walton	b. Chambers	0
M. Neal	c. Allen	b. Chambers	0
T. Porter	Not out		8
B. Nathan	c. St. Taylor	b. Chambers	0
A. Brench	Not out		6
		Extras	23
		Total	228
		For	7

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wkts.
R. Brown	6	1	17	0
J. Chambers	6	0	42	4
Scott Taylor	4	0	39	0
Steve Taylor	6	0	43	1
D. Walton	2	0	25	0
D. Morgans	2	0	26	0
A. Allen	4	0	29	2

Innings of Hurley

R. Brown		b. Porter	32
M. Hampton	c. Raj	b. Porter	23
Steve Taylor		b. Crawford	13
A. Allen	c. Smith	b. Crawford	0
A. Morgans	c. &	b. Crawford	2
D. Walton	c. Betts	b. Neal	13
J. Chambers	st. Smith	b. Hollister	11
M. Walton	Not out		7
Scott Taylor	Not out		0
H. Mansell	dnb		
D. Morgans	dnb		
		Extras	11
		Total	112
		For	7

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wkts.
N. Raj	5	0	24	0
H. Neal	5	0	22	1
T. Porter	5	0	25	2
B. Crawford	6	1	15	3
G. Davinett	3	0	14	0
S. Hollister	4	2	4	1
A. Brench	2	1	6	0

Result: Phoenix RFC won by 116 runs.

Hurley arrived for their first ever fixture at Phoenix RFC to find the gates locked and no sign of any opposition. Eventually the man with the keys arrived and the Hurley crew trooped in to find a damp, green, unprepared wicket in the middle of the rugby pitch. To allow the wicket more time to dry, the match was reduced to 30 overs a side and on winning the toss Matt Hampton had no hesitation in asking the hosts to bat first. A tidy opening spell of six overs for seventeen by Ross Brown was not matched by the other bowlers and Tim Betts (90) and Jason Varley (91) thrashed the ball to all parts in an opening stand of 175 in 23 overs. Left hander Betts was lucky to survive two confident appeals for leg before early in his innings and the umpire's reluctance to raise the finger proved to be vital as the remaining batsmen could only muster twenty-four runs between them once the breakthrough had been made. It was the leg spin of Steve Taylor that eventually proved the downfall of Betts, pulling to square-leg where Scott Taylor held the first of three good catches. Amy Allen accounted for Hollister (1) and Raj (9) and the re-introduction of Jack Chambers with four for 19 in three overs, including a hat-trick, ripped through the middle order as Phoenix collapsed from 181 for 2 to 228 for 7.

Requiring in excess of seven runs per over, Hurley needed a flying start. Matt Hampton (23) and Ross Brown (32) did their best on a track that became more difficult to bat on as it dried in the afternoon sunshine, posting fifty in nine overs. The loss of Hampton, caught by Raj off Porter precipitated a mini collapse to 62 for 3. By the time Amy Allen (0) and Alan Morgans (2) departed to Crawford (3-15) the game was over as a contest. Dave Walton (13) played a few lusty blows before going back into his shell only to hole out to mid-on off Neal two balls from the end. Scott Taylor played out the last two deliveries as Hurley finished on 112 for 7.