

HURLEY v Welford Park Date: 3rd July

Played at Welford Park

Innings of Hurley

S. Kayani		b. Cale	22
M. Walton		b. Hutchinson	14
Steve Taylor		b. Cale	2
G. Lewis	c. I. Herrington	b. Velusamy	22
J. Dawson	st. T. Herrington	b. Hutchinson	0
Noble		b. Ashton	9
D. Walton		b. Hutchinson	0
M. Hampton		b. Ashton	3
M. Basharat	Not out		13
Scott Taylor		b. Ashton	0
H.Mansell	c. Ashton	b. Jurgen	1
		Extras	40
		Total	126
		For	10

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wkts.
M. Galbraith	3	1	14	0
A. Cale	8	1	16	2
G. Reppard	7	0	25	0
A. Hutchinson	4	0	17	3
Velusamy	6	1	23	1
Ashton	4	0	4	3
Jurgen	0.3	0	1	1

Innings of Welford Park

M. Galbraith	c. Basharat	b. St. Taylor	2
M. George	c. Noble	b. Basharat	9
M. Jurgens	c. St. Taylor	b. D. Walton	17
I. Herrington	c. Basharat	b. D. Walton	21
J. Brown	Not out		25
T. Herrington	c. St. Taylor	b. D. Walton	5
A. Hutchinson	Not out		33
		Extras	15
		Total	127
		For	5

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wkts.
Steve Taylor	8	1	22	1
M. Basharat	8	4	13	1
D. Walton	4	0	21	3
Noble	6	1	30	0
S. Kayani	4	1	23	0
M. Walton	1	0	8	0
Scott Taylor	0.4	0	4	0

Result: Welford Park won by 5 wickets.

Hurley made the long journey to the rural surrounds of Welford Park in West Berkshire to play a forty over competition on a wicket that could be charitably described as 'interesting'. Matt Hampton called incorrectly and the visitors were invited to bat first. Shoaib Kayani (22) and Mike Walton (14) did well to post forty-two for the first wicket in nine overs despite the alarming irregularity of the bounce. Kayani was the first to fall, losing his leg stump to left arm seamer 'Curly' Cale. Cale struck again in his next over to remove Steve Taylor (2). George Lewis played some nice strokes on his way to twenty-two, sharing a third wicket partnership of thirty-three with Walton. The loss of Walton, bowled by a quicker delivery from leg-spinner Hutchinson precipitated a collapse from 79 for 2 to 87 for 6 in the space of three overs. Hurley's middle order disappeared with barely a whimper; Dave Walton was bowled first ball by a high full toss from Hutchinson which he managed to deflect on to his stumps. Guest player Noble threw caution to the winds to score an entertaining nine runs and thirteen from Mo Basharat helped Hurley to a disappointing 126 all out from 32.3 overs. Defending a small total, Hurley were in need of a top notch fielding performance and Mo Basharat set the tone with a catch at backward square to dismiss Galbraith from Steve Taylor's third delivery. A one handed catch above his head from Noble off Basharat was good enough to see off George at nineteen for two in the tenth over. Basharat and Taylor continued to keep a check on the run rate and after sixteen overs Welford had only managed thirty-six runs. A pacey spell from Noble, punctuated with the sight of Howard Mansell trying

to move the heaviest sight screen in existence on his own (an impossible feat) failed to achieve a breakthrough. Three wickets for Dave Walton, thanks to catches by Steve Taylor and Basharat left Welford requiring sixty-one from the final nineteen overs and the game was in the balance. There was to be no further success for Hurley as Brown (25*) and Hutchinson (33*) gradually got on top of the required rate and made them pay for not batting out their overs, passing the winning line with eight overs to spare.