

HURLEY 2nd XI v Wargrave 2nd XI

Date: 23rd July

Played at Hurley

Innings of Wargrave 2nd XI

D. Jeary		b. Pollitt	0
A. Hester	c. &	b. Hussain	19
I. Stuart		b. Iqbal	25
S. Jeffery	c. Taylor	b. Iqbal	22
K. Clark		b. Iqbal	0
S. Harrison	st. M. Walton	b. Pollitt	52
P. Drew	LBW	b. Pollitt	24
S. Walker	c. Pothu	b. Pollitt	3
P. Norris		b. Hussain	9
S. Smithurst	Not out		1
S. Morton	Not out		0
		Extras	21
		Total	176
		For	9

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wkts.
D. Pollitt	13	2	24	4
D. Pothu	10	2	38	0
F. Hussain	14	1	62	2
M. Iqbal	15	2	48	3

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I. Arshad	c. Walker	b. Morton	0
Y. Ali		b. Morton	2
S. Taylor	LBW	b. Walker	19
M. Walton		b. Morton	0
D. Pothu	c. Drew	b. Morton	2
M. Iqbal		b. Smithurst	14
F. Hussain		b. Smithurst	21
A. Dunnings	LBW	b. Walker	0
J. Dawson		b. Walker	0
D. Walton	Not out		3
D. Pollitt		b. Smithurst	0
		Extras	11
		Total	72
		For	10

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wkts.
S. Morton	10	1	30	4
S. Walker	14	4	27	3
S. Smithurst	5	2	8	3

Result: Wargrave 2nd XI won by 104 runs.

Matches between local rivals Hurley and Wargrave are normally hard fought affairs, but the meeting between the two sides in Division 3 of The Marrant Chilterns League at Shepherds Lane turned into a rout. Phil Norris called incorrectly and the visitors were invited to bat first on a wicket which had absorbed a lot of rain in the days preceding the match. As is customary for Hurley these days, they took the field with only nine players but this did not handicap them unduly as the opening bowlers, Dave Pollitt and Dinesh Pothu dominated the batsmen in the early overs. Pollitt struck with the third delivery of the match, an in-swinging full toss proving too good for Dave Jeary. The young Andrew Hester (19) and Ian Stuart (25) had to dig deep and it was not until the 12th over that the runs scored overtook the overs bowled. The pair had advanced the score to fifty-three in twenty-three overs, by which time Hurley were up to a full compliment of payers, when Hussain held on to a return catch to dismiss Hester. Three wickets in the space of four overs for Mudasser Iqbal (3-48) accounted for the Wargrave middle order. Stuart paid the penalty for trying to force the pace, dragging on an attempted cut shot. Ken Clark (0) was bowled through the gate by a quicker delivery and Steven Jeffery (22) hung out his bat to a wider delivery which was snaffled by Steve Taylor at slip. From 83 for 5 Simon Harrison (52) and Phil Drew (24) staged a recovery to take the score to 128 for 6 when Drew was trapped leg-before by another Pollitt full toss. A further two wickets for Pollitt helped to restrict Wargrave to 176 for 9 from 52 overs, a score which looked to be about par on a difficult wicket. The Hurley reply never really got going as Scott Morton (4-30) ripped out the top order to reduce the hosts to 9 for 3 after five overs, aided by a spectacular slip catch from Walker to dismiss Imran Arshad. Steve Taylor (19) looked like staging a revival until his innings was cut short, adjudged leg-before to Walker. The veteran Phil Drew behind the stumps pulled off an amazing catch to dismiss Pothu and

Hurley were deep in the mire at 30 for 5. Mudasser Iqbal (14) and Farouk Hussain (21) gave a brief glimmer of hope but three wickets in four overs for only one run put the match beyond doubt. The only question remaining was whether India at Lords or Hurley at Shepherds Lane would be bowled out first. Simon Smithurst (3-8) wrapped up the victory with two wickets with consecutive deliveries to dismiss Hurley for seventy-two, their lowest total of the season. India managing to last about five minutes longer!