

HURLEY v Fiddlers

Date: 24th July

Played at Hurley

Innings of Fiddlers

S. Jessop	c.&	b. Brown	22
C. Long	St. M. Walton	b. Scott Taylor	73
M. Baglow	c. Brown	b. Langlands	19
S. Mahil	St. M. Walton	b. Steve Taylor	32
R. Monon		b. D. Walton	19
M. Large	Not out		24
D. Moules	LBW	b. D. Walton	4
D. Woodworth	Not out		0
		Extras	30
		Total	223
		For	6

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wkts.
D. Wright	10	1	36	0
R. Brown	5	0	25	1
M. Basharat	7	1	32	0
J. Langlands	7	0	35	1
Scott Taylor	5	0	45	1
Steve Taylor	3	0	15	1
D. Walton	3	0	20	2

Innings of Hurley

S. Kayani	c. Long	b. Woodworth	17
G. Lewis	c. Mahil	b. Salmon	0
Steve Taylor	c. Monon	b. Smith	18
R. Brown		b. Jessop	77
J. Langlands	Not out		63
M. Hampton	st. Large	b. Haines	14
D. Wright		b. Jessop	1
M. Basharat		b. Haines	1
D. Walton	LBW	b. Haines	0
M. Walton	Not out		0
Scott Taylor	dnb		
		Extras	18
		Total	209
		For	8

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wkts.
C. Smith	8	2	13	1
M. Salmon	12	3	44	1
D. Woodworth	10	1	52	1
N. Haines	9	1	60	3
S. Jessop	4	0	27	2

Result: Match Drawn.

Summer finally returned and the players of Hurley and Fiddlers were grateful for the opportunity to play on a dry wicket in glorious sunshine. Visiting skipper, Mike Salmon, won the toss and opted to bat first. Openers Simon Jessop and Cloudsley Long made reasonable progress although Long rode his luck, playing and missing on numerous occasions to Darryn 'Fatboy' Wright and then surviving and edge off Ross 'Junior Ball' Brown which flew low to second slip where Steve Taylor just failed to hold on. The score had reached 35 in the 8th over when Brown made the breakthrough collecting a leading edge off his own bowling to dismiss Jessop (22). A 52 run partnership between Long and Matt Baglow (19) was broken by Jonathan 'J-Lo' Langlands when Baglow slapped a delivery to Brown at point. Long continued to attack, utilising the lofted clip off the legs to good effect and reached 73 when Scott Taylor drew him down the track to be easily stumped by Mike Walton at 172 for 3. Only three more runs were added when Steve Taylor replicated his son's success by turning one passed the outside edge of Mahil's bat with the same end result. Ricky Monon (19) was bamboozled by the flight and lack of pace from Dave Walton (2-20), missing a straight delivery which trickled into middle stump. An entertaining 24 from Malcolm Large helped Fiddlers to a declaration at 223 for 6.

After the usual sumptuous Hurley tea, the Hurley reply got off to a poor start with George 'Kid' Lewis carving Mike Salmon to Mahil at cover in the second over. Shoaib Kayani (17) and Steve Taylor (18) struggled to keep the score moving finding the fielders with regularity. Extra bounce from Chris Smith proved to be the downfall of Taylor, attempting to cut a wide delivery he could only top edge it to slip where Monon held an easy catch. By the drinks break the score had only reached 73, leaving 151 required from the last 20 overs. Whether it was something in his drink, or the nicotine fix from the drinks break cigarette we will never know, but Kayani resumed with all guns blazing, doubling his score from the first four deliveries after the break before holing out to Long off Dave Woodworth. Brown (77) and Langlands (63*) refused to take a backward step, adding 89 in nine overs with Nigel Haines taking most of the punishment. The loss of Brown, bowled Jessop proved to be the turning point, although Hurley did not give up the chase, the incoming batsmen inevitably found it hard to score at the required 8 runs per over without losing wickets and Haines took full advantage, bowling Basharat and trapping Dave Walton leg-before to set up a hat-trick. Mike Walton denied the slow-left armer his moment of glory leaving Hurley requiring an unlikely 24 from the final over. Two boundaries from the first two deliveries by Langlands kept the crowd on the edge of their feet and Hurley's hopes alive but Jessop kept his cool and the match ended with honours even and the game of cricket the winner.