

HURLEY 2nd v Chalfont St. Giles 2nd Date: 13th August

Played at Chalfont St. Giles

Innings of Chalfont St. Giles 2nd

N. Zala-Webb	c. Walton	b. Riaz	8
T. Barrat	c. Walton	b. Pollitt	14
A. Peal		b. Pollitt	4
G. Holgate	c. Hunjan	b. Pollitt	21
A. Hardy	c. Riaz	b. Arshad	68
O. Zala-Webb		b. Arshad	31
R. Ballard	Not out		56
A. Heaney		b. Arshad	0
C. Cane	Not out		34
		Extras	26
		Total	262
		For	7

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wkts.
S. Riaz	13	2	65	1
D. Pollitt	11	1	56	3
P. Hunjan	7	0	40	0
M. Iqbal	10	1	54	0
I. Arshad	9	2	22	3
I. Ahmed	1	0	16	0

Innings of Hurley

I. Arshad	c. Barrat	b. O. Zala-Webb	10
S. Riaz		b. O. Zala-Webb	6
Y. Ali		b. Ayres	12
A. Ali	c. Heaney	b. Hardy	12
P. Hunjan		b. Heaney	107
C. Williams		b. Heaney	1
A. Dunning	LBW	b. Hardy	0
M. Walton	Not out		36
M. Iqbal	Not out		1
I. Ahmed	dnb		
D. Pollitt	dnb		
		Extras	32
		Total	217
		For	7

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wkts.
C. Ayres	15	5	43	1
O. Zala	15	1	57	2
A. Heaney	9	1	56	2
A. Hardy	7	0	27	2
R. Ballard	3	0	25	0

Result: Match Drawn.

For the second time this season, Chalfont St. Giles posted a big total against Hurley but were unable to capitalise on it. On an overcast day, Mike Walton called correctly and asked the home side to bat first. The Chalfont top order appear to have modelled themselves on Virender Sehwag, going for their shots with little respect for the bowling. Nick Zala (8) was the first to perish, attempting to cut a rising delivery from Shobab Riaz he top edged to the keeper. His replacement Alex Peal only had one shot in his locker, the sweep which he attempted to employ to all four deliveries he received, consequently losing his middle stump to Dave Pollitt. Tim Barrat could only muster 14 runs before becoming Pollitt's second victim, edging to the keeper attempting a cut shot. Despite finding themselves three down inside six overs, the batsmen continued to go for their shots. Andy Hardy played and missed on several occasions on his way to an invaluable 68. Hardy and Ollie Zala (31) added 91 for the fifth wicket before three wickets in two overs from Imran Arshad (3-22) put the brakes on at 171 for 7. With potentially 17 overs still left in the innings and the hard hitting Richie Ballard at the crease a massive total looked likely, however Ballard chose to protect the young Charlie Cane from the fierce pace of Riaz and only 28 runs were added in the next ten overs. As Cane gained in confidence, playing a few nice strokes, Ballard decided it was time to run riot. Sixty-three runs were added in six overs allowing the hosts to declare on 262 for 7 from 51 overs.

Hurley stumbled along to 34 for 3 after a dozen overs as all the top order struggled against the swing of Ollie Zala and Cedric Ayres. A brief recovery between Pav Hunjan and Abdullah

Ali (12) doubled the score but three wickets for one run saw Hurley staring down the barrels of a defeat. Mike Walton had saved himself for just such a scenario and together with Hunjan set about a rebuilding exercise. A mixture of controlled aggression from Hunjan and resolute nudging and nudling from Walton added 142 for the seventh wicket. Strangely Chalfont seemed content to sit back and allow the score to rattle along at over six an over, giving Hurley an outside chance of victory. Once maximum batting points were obtained Hunjan through caution to the winds, he passed a well deserved century before falling in the penultimate over to Heaney for 107. With nine deliveries left to try and force a victory, Chalfont finally set an attacking field but Mudasser Iqbal (1*) and Walton (36*) were untroubled despite Ayres doing a passable impression of Maria Sharapova as he expended every bit of energy in his final over. Hurley finished on a creditable 217 for 7, picking up eight points which should guarantee their survival in division three of the Marrant Chilterns League.