

HURLEY v Bucklebury Date: 14th August**Played at Bucklebury****Innings of Bucklebury**

O. Warne	c. Griffin	b. Langlands	10
A. Bingley	c.&	b. M. Allen	29
J. Karwan	c. Double	b. Lewis	8
B. Hunt	c. M. Walton	b. D. Walton	8
T. Pettifer		b. D. Walton	18
J. Astor	c. Langlands	b. A. Allen	27
T. Eden	st. M. Walton	b. D. Walton	0
R. Ambler	c. Double	b. Pergl-Wilson	15
T. Howard		b. Pergl-Wilson	14
John Tribble	Not out		3
Jack Tribble		b. A. Allen	1
		Extras	19
		Total	152
		For	10

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wkts.
J. Langlands	5	1	10	1
J. Lewis	5	1	24	1
D. Walton	7	0	44	3
M. Allen	6	0	19	1
A. Allen	5.1	0	23	2
G. Pergl-Wilson	5	1	23	2

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P. Todd	c. Bingley	b. Ambler	9
G. Double	c. Warne	b. Ambler	24
B. Griffin		b. Karwan	0
M. Hampton		b. Karwan	16
M. Walton	c. Hunt	b. Howard	12
J. Langlands		b. Karwan	9
J. Lewis		b. Karwan	0
M. Allen	c. Ambler	b. Bingley	2
D. Walton	c. Bingley	b. Warne	10
G. Pergl-Wilson		b. Howard	2
A. Allen	Not out		1
		Extras	12
		Total	97
		For	10

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wkts.
A. Bingley	7	3	15	1
T. Pettifer	2	0	30	0
R. Ambler	7	4	3	2
J. Karwan	7	2	27	4
T. Howard	5	1	20	2
O. Warne	0.4	0	1	1

Result: Bucklebury won by 55 runs.

Hurley travelled to Bucklebury, home village of the future Queen of England, to find cricket at its most rural. An artificial wicket in the middle of a school playing field, no sight screens, a boundary marked with flags but no white line and a pavilion the size of a shed with no showers, toilet or running water. With several players struggling to find the venue even with the aid of Sat Nav, the start was delayed until 3 o'clock with the home side opting to bat first in a 35 over contest. Jonathan Langlands (1-10) and Justin Lewis (1-24) kept a tight rein on the opening batsmen who only managed half a dozen runs in the first five overs. The score had crept along to 12 in the seventh over when Langlands had Owen Warne (10) caught at slip by Brian Griffin. A juggled slip catch by Greg Double off Lewis ended Karwan's brief stay at the crease to reduce the hosts to 23 for 2. Dave Walton replaced Langlands and after conceding 20 from his first over, settled down to frustrate the middle order. An excellent caught and bowled by Mark Allen to dismiss Alex Bingley for 29 was followed by three wickets for Dave Walton. Ben Hunt (8) attempted a sweep and was caught by Mike Walton diving down the leg side, Pettifer (18) was clean bowled and Eden beaten in the flight to give Walton his 200th stumping for Hurley. Two wickets for Giles Pergl-Wilson on his seasonal debut and two for Amy Allen wrapped up the tail to dismiss Bucklebury for 152 in the penultimate over.

The target did not look to be a challenging one and when Greg Double (24) and Paul Todd (9) plundered 38 runs from four overs of wayward bowling from Pettifer and Bingley, Hurley looked to be well on their way. The opening attack was replaced by Roger Ambler and Justin Karwan and Hurley tumbled to 42 for 3. The batsmen found it hard to come to terms with the unusual bounce of the artificial wicket and some poor technique and shot selection saw the visitors collapse to 70 for 6 after 19 overs. An excellent spell of 7-4-3-2 from Ambler saw the required run rate increasing and despite some spirited hitting by Dave Walton (10) Hurley subsided to 97 all out in the 29th over.