

**HURLEY v Hampton Hill**

**Date: 24<sup>th</sup> September**

**Played at Hampton Hill**

**Innings of Hurley**

P. Ridgeway	LBW	b. Fernando	8
M. Walton	c. Fullicks	b. Rickets	42
D. Walton		b. Butt	0
R. Stone		b. Exworth	14
Scott Taylor		b. Carr	0
N. Carr	c. Fullicks	b. Exworth	1
D. Coates		b. Exworth	0
D. Pothu	c. Coates	b. Rickets	4
J. Fallows	c. Khan	b. Fry	17
S. Hogg	Not out		27
H. Mansell		b. Exworth	2
		Extras	22
		Total	137
		For	10

**Bowling**

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wkts.
T. Butt	12	2	16	1
N. Fernando	6	4	12	1
I. Exworth	7	2	13	3
W. Carr	3.3	1	2	2
P. Rickets	8	1	33	2
R. Coates	3	0	24	0
H. Fry	3	0	25	1

## Innings of Hampton Hill

D. Khan	c. M. Walton	b. Pothu	51
R. Fullicks	c. M. Walton	b. Pothu	7
A. Bhatti		b. Pothu	6
R. Coates Jnr.	c. Stone	b. D. Walton	18
A. Fry		b. Stone	13
I. Exworth	c. Ridgeway	b. Mansell	25
R. Coates Snr	Not out		6
P. Rickets	Not out		0
		Extras	12
		Total	138
		For	6

## Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wkts.
D. Pothu	8	2	34	3
P. Ridgeway	7	2	47	0
D. Walton	3	0	18	1
R. Stone	4	0	23	1
H. Mansell	1.2	0	8	1

## Result: Hampton Hill won by 4 wickets.

The last weekend of the season saw Hurley travel to Bushey Park to take on Hampton Hill in the traditional end of season fixture. A Hurley side fielding two debutants and three guest players from Hampton Hill opted to bat first in the pleasant autumnal sunshine. Mike Walton and Phil Ridgeway struggled against some excellent swing bowling from Taheer Butt (1-16) and Nally Fernando (1-12) in the opening overs. It was ex Hurley stalwart Fernando who made the breakthrough, trapping Ridgeway leg before with a full toss in the sixth over. Dave Walton showed stubborn resistance before being undone by a swinging delivery from Butt which took the off stump. Russ Stone (14) hit three boundaries in a partnership of twenty-one for the third wicket before a ball from Exworth cut back to take his leg stump. The Hurley middle order was blown away with four wickets going down for nine runs leaving the visitors rocking on 49 for 6 after twenty-two overs. Jerry Fallows (17) joined Walton in a stand of forty for the seventh wicket and a gutsy 27 not out from Steve Hogg helped the score along to 128 when Walton's two hour vigil ended on forty-two, caught at mid wicket off a full toss from Rickets. A stubborn display from Howard Mansell (2) frustrated the bowlers for a further eight overs before the visitors were dismissed for 137.

Hurley opted to open the bowling with the pace of Dinesh Pothu (3-34) and slow left armer Phil Ridgeway. Both opening batsmen Khan (51) and Fullicks (7) struggled early on against the pace of Pothu. Fullicks paid the price for trying to cut a rising delivery from Pothu, top edging to the keeper. Khan threw caution to the winds, deciding attack was the best form of defence. A few edges to third man off Pothu and some big shots against Ridgeway took him to a half century before falling caught behind off Pothu. Russ Stone and Dave Walton picked up a wicket apiece to give Hurley some hope, but their meagre total never looked like being enough. Ian Exworth (25) saw his side to the brink of victory before holing out Ridgeway at long-on to give Howard 'Howitzer' Mansell his first wicket of the season, but with only four more runs required, victory was assured and it was Ron Coates who secured the Hill's first ever win against Hurley with a reverse sweep to the point boundary.