

HURLEY v Wembley

Date: 25th September

Played at Wembley

Innings of Wembley

S. Razvi	st. M. Walton	b. Ridgeway	3
H. Mahwana		b. Riaz	2
T. Choudrey	c. Scott Taylor	b. Ridgeway	12
A. Chandrashekar		b. Riaz	0
S. Patel	c. Steve Taylor	b. Hunjan	104
N. White	c. Allen	b. Ahmed	0
B. Plowright		b. Riaz	14
M. Shah	Not out		31
N. Shah		b. Hunjan	0
M. Plowright	LBW	b. Riaz	0
C. Meyers		b. Riaz	0
		Extras	18
		Total	184
		For	10

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wkts.
P. Ridgeway	8	4	9	2
S. Riaz	13.5	4	39	5
I. Ahmed	6	1	32	1
D. Walton	5	0	29	0
Scott Taylor	4	0	17	0
Steve Taylor	5	0	34	0
P. Hunjan	6	1	19	2

Innings of Hurley

P. Ridgeway		b. N. Shah	77
P. Hunjan	c. B. Plowright	b. White	7
Steve Taylor	Run Out		25
M. Allen	c. Razvi	b. N. Shah	6
S. Riaz	c. Chandrashekar	b. Razvi	35
M. Hampton	c. Meyers	b. N. Shah	0
M. Walton		b. Razvi	10
I. Ahmed	c. Patel	b. N. Shah	0
D. Walton	Not out		2
Scott Taylor	c. Patel	b. N. Shah	0
		Extras	2
		Total	164
		For	9

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wkts.
T. Choudrey	6	1	32	0
N. White	9	0	31	1
M. Shah	2	0	25	0
S. Patel	5	0	23	0
N. Shah	7.3	1	29	5
S. Razvi	4	0	24	2

Result: Wembley won by 20 runs.

Hurley ended their season with a trip to Wembley and in the shadow of the famous arch the home side opted to bat first. Excellent control from Phil Ridgeway (2-9) and pace from Shobab Riaz (5-39) soon had the home side reeling. Riaz struck in his second over to remove Mahwana (2). With runs hard to come by, frustration told on the batsmen and Razvi was tempted down the track by Ridgeway and beaten in the flight to give Mike Walton an easy stumping. The young Chandrashekar was clearly unnerved by the pace of Riaz and failed to get in line with a Yorker which ripped out his middle stump. Excellent catches by Scott Taylor and Mark Allen saw the home side slump to 28 for 5 after sixteen overs. Matt Hampton took the decision to open up the game, replacing the opening bowlers, and Patel (104) took full advantage, contributing 99 runs to a sixth wicket partnership of 120 with Bruce Plowright (14). Riaz was recalled and proved he is more than a one trick pony, dismissing both the aged Plowright brothers with slower leg-breaks which totally deceived the batsmen. Patel's innings was ended on 104 when he went down the track to Hunjan but could only edge to slip where the ever reliable Steve Taylor held the catch. The Wembley

innings dragged on for nearly three hours, with skipper Charlie Meyers sportingly allowed to bat with a runner, despite coming in to the game with an injury. The last four overs were purely a time wasting exercise as only one run was added before Riaz wrapped up the innings with the wicket of Meyers.

The Hurley reply got off to an excellent start, reaching the drinks break at 97 for the loss of Hunjan (7). With Phil Ridgeway in full swing on 77 and Steve Taylor at the crease victory appeared to be in their grasp. The introduction of left arm spinners Razvi and Newton Shah proved to be the turning point. The second ball after the drinks break accounted for Ridgeway and then Mark Allen (6) toe ended a catch to Razvi to give Newton his second wicket. A poor call from Riaz left Steve Taylor (25) stranded but with 5 wickets remaining and only 62 runs required from 14 overs victory was still on for the visitors. Skipper Hampton failed to trouble the scorers leaving Mike Walton and Shobab Riaz as the last two recognised batsmen. A partnership of 31 in 5 overs looked to have all but sealed the victory when Riaz lofted Razvi to cover where Chandrashekar held the catch which gave Wembley hope of pulling off an unlikely victory. The loss of Imran Ahmed for a duck put more pressure on the visitors but with Walton at the crease there was still hope, however this was ended when he was deceived by a 'Chinaman' from Razvi which spun sharply to hit the base of leg stump. Another three runs were added by Dave Walton (2) and Scott Taylor (1), but the pressure got to Taylor who skied a delivery from Shah to give Wembley an unlikely victory and leave Hurley wondering how they managed to snatch defeat from the jaws of victory. At the end of the day, cricket was the winner and hopefully by next April all this will be forgotten and the mental scars healed as we look forward to another season of cricket at Shepherds Lane.