

HURLEY v Reading Lawyers Date: 10th June

Played at Hurley

Innings of Reading Lawyers

M. Symons	st. M. Walton	b. Basharat	6
W. Baker		b. Kayani	6
M. Burrows		b. Scott Taylor	36
D. Loosemore	c. Kayani	b. Scott Taylor	33
B. De Wet	c. Basharat	b. Simon	70
W. Nassau-Lane	LBW	b. Scott Taylor	0
M. Cripps		b. D. Walton	11
G. Mullett	Not out		12
N. Burrows	Not out		18
		Extras	4
		Total	196
		For	7

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wkts.
M. Basharat	8	1	20	1
S. Kayani	8	5	13	1
Scott Taylor	8	1	42	3
Steve Taylor	6	0	41	0
R. Simon	6	0	42	1
D. Walton	4	0	38	1

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S. Kayani	c. M. Burrows	b. McGill	0
P. Hinnell		b. McGill	4
Steve Taylor	c. M. Burrows	b. Ajmal	4
C. Ainger		b. D. Burrows	3
A. Morgans	LBW	b. Nassau-Lane	9
M. Walton		b. D. Burrows	13
M. Hampton	c. De Wet	b. D. Burrows	34
M. Basharat	LBW	b. D. Burrows	6
Scott Taylor	c. Loosemore	b. D. Burrows	0
D. Walton	Not out		10
R. Simon	Not out		8
		Extras	16
		Total	107
		For	9

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wkts.
J. McGill	8	3	8	2
Ajmal	8	0	24	1
D. Burrows	8	0	23	5
B. De Wet	7	3	17	0
W. Nassau-Lake	8	0	23	1
D. Loosemore	1	0	6	0

Result: Reading Lawyers won by 89 runs.

Hurley entertained Reading Lawyers at Shepherds Lane on an overcast Sunday afternoon. With the wicket still quite soft after all the midweek rain, Matt Hampton asked the visitors to bat first in a 40 over match. The opening attack of Mo Basharat (1-20) and Shoaib Kayani (1-13) made the most of the conditions to strangle the run rate. Kayani started with five consecutive maidens, which would have been six if Bert Simon had not allowed a ball through his legs. With a quarter of the innings gone there were only 10 runs on the board. Mark Symons became increasingly frustrated at his inability to get Basharat away and was put of his misery by Mike Walton under arming the ball on to the stumps as the batsman was slow to regain his ground after been beaten down the leg side by Basharat. At the other end Will Baker struggled against the accuracy of Kayani until an off-cutter jagged back to take the top of off stump. At 17 for 2 after 14 overs the Lawyers' middle order decided that all out attack was the only way forward. Mark Burrows (36) and David Loosemore (33) came out swinging at everything and Hurley's second string bowlers all came in for some punishment as several catches were put down. The partnership of 67 in 10 overs was broken by Scott Taylor, who had Loosemore caught at mid-off by Kayani who made several yards to take a good catch. Brian De Wet took a liking to the spinners, smashing Steve Taylor and Dave Walton to all parts as he blasted 70 from

39 deliveries before falling to Bert Simon. A double wicket maiden from Scott Taylor put a brake on the scoring, but the Lawyers still ended up with a very competitive 196 for 7. The Hurley reply started in a similar fashion, with runs hard to come by. Both openers were back in the hutch before the score had reached double figures with McGill (2-8) doing the damage. With the departure of Colin Ainger (3) and Steve Taylor (4) Hurley found themselves behind the 8 ball at 19 for 4. Alan Morgans and Mike Walton slowed the fall of wickets with a partnership of 17 but were unable to increase the scoring rate. Matt Hampton joined Walton in the 22nd over and gave his side some brief hope. A partnership of 37 from 7 overs at least got the scoreboard moving, but Dave Burrows (5-23) put paid to any feint hopes of victory for Hurley with four wickets in three overs. With the game all but over, Hurley's last pair entertained the crowd with an unbeaten last wicket stand of 19 in seven overs. Walton employed his flat batted drive to good effect and Simon with the highest back-lift since Brian Lara was a sight to behold. Try as they might to bring the match to an early end, the Lawyers' bowlers were unable to dislodge the intrepid duo as Hurley finished on 107 for 9.