

Ley Hill vs HURLEY 1XI – 20th May 2017

HURLEY

I Arshad	c Dulawatta b Ottaway	6
V Bhagwani	c Wilson b Dulawatta	61
Sc Taylor	c Clark b Ottaway	6
V Sharma	c Runswick b Morris	4
H Graham	c Hutchins b Peterson	10
R Brown	b Clark	0
J Graham	b Dulawatta	36
G Double	c Peterson b Dulawatta	9
P Ridgeway	b Thompson	0
Y Gul	c Peterson b Thompson	0
D Walton	Not Out	0
	Extras	9
	Total	141ao

G Ottaway	7-1-22-2	R Clark	6-1-29-1
C Morris	7-1-25-1	S Dulawatta	7-1-21-2
S Peterson	4-0-30-1	L Thompson	4.3-0-11-2

Ley Hill

O Runswick	c&b Ridgeway	63
C Peterson	Not Out	50
J Hutchins	b Ridgeway	0
R Clark	b Ridgeway	15
L Thompson	Not Out	9
	Extras	7
	Total	144-3

I Arshad	4-0-15-0	V Bhagwani	2-0-17-0
R Brown	5-0-51-0	H Graham	2.3-0-18-0
P Ridgeway	6-0-35-3		

Hurley made the long trip north into the heart of mid-Bucks for their first visit to Ley Hill collecting only 3 points as showers swept across the area and the sky was as dull as Facebook baby pictures. Hurley dribbled up to the ground and skipper Phil Ridgeway suffered the twin blow of a late drop-out and losing the toss. Umpire Dave Walton stepped in fill the void. With the weather threatening to interfere, Ley Hill skipper Peterson had little difficulty in asking Hurley to bat. Imran Arshad (6) cover drove the first ball to the boundary and the sun shone briefly on the visitors. An early break for rain trimmed 6 overs from the match and on the resumption Arshad lost concentration and shovelled the ball to gully. Scott Taylor (6) skied a catch to long-on and Varun Sharma (4) followed a sumptuous cut with a lazy one and Hurley were sinking on 26-3. Only Vik Bhagwani (61) mixed power and defence to good effect to shepherd the visitors innings. Bhagwani and Henry Graham (10) added 27, but Graham edged to slip and Ross Brown lost his leg stump first ball. Joe Graham (36) stood up to the zip of Peterson hooking the ball off his nose as 55 was added for the 6th wicket. Bhagwani's heroic innings was ended by the mystery spin of Dulawatta (2-21). Graham and an ebullient Greg Double (9) added 25 taking Hurley to 135-6, the last 4 wickets fell for 6 runs as Hurley limped to 141 all out inside 36 overs.

Hurley should have been confident in plenty of bowling resources but too many loose deliveries helped Ley Hill race to an opening stand of 91 in 12 overs. Ridgeway (3-35) then deployed his left arm spin and the hard-hitting Runswick (63) drove fiercely back to the bowler who snaffled an excellent catch off his ankles. Two balls later Ridgeway yorked

Hutchins, but with Peterson (50) milking runs, the question was how many points Hurley could salvage. Ridgeway bowled Clark (15) but inevitably Ley Hill galloped home in the 20th over. Hurley took 3 points, less than if the game had fallen to the weather and rued 3 dropped catches, the most expensive in the first over before Runswick had scored a run.