

HURLEY 1XI vs Holyport 1XI – 15th July 2017

Hurley won by 26 runs

HURLEY

C Williams	c Jayach'n b Suliman	0
D Simoes+	lbw b Jayach'n	18
V Bhagwani	b Jayach'n	6
S Riaz	c Miller b Hayes	38
St Taylor	c Grayson b Azmath	18
Sc Taylor	b Azmath	3
H Graham	b Morgan	19
J Graham	c&b Azmath	21
Ameer Ali	c Azarudeen b Saldeen	22
P Ridgeway*	Run Out	3
I Arshad	Not Out	5
	Extras	11
	Total	164ao

H Suliman	3-1-3-1	T Hayes	8-2-21-1
V Jayachandran	13-2-53-2	P Morgan	4-0-9-1
S Mohammed	5-0-29-0	M Saldeen	2-0-8-1
M Azmath	9-2-31-3		

HOLYPORT

V Jayach'n	c Simoes b Arshad	0
M Azarudeen	b Riaz	33
S Mohammed	c H Graham b Riaz	4
W Sennett*	b Riaz	16
S Miller+	St Simoes b Ridgeway	17
M Azmath	b Ridgeway	1
M Grayson	b Riaz	0
M Saldeen	b Riaz	0
H Suliman	Not Out	22
T Hayes	b Riaz	22
P Morgan	st Simoes b Arshad	6
	Extras	17
	Total	138ao

I Arshad	5.3-0-42-2	P Ridgeway	7-1-23-2
S Riaz	15-3-57-6	H Graham	4-2-10-0

A gripping local derby saw Hurley edge out Holyport for a nervous 26 run victory that halts the slide of 3 consecutive defeats in the league. A pause of 20 minutes allowed the drizzle to clear, the covers to come off and allow a car load of visiting players to edge closer. Even so, the visitors won the toss and set a field of 7. Hurley could not exploit this early advantage losing Clive Williams in the first over lobbing to point. Hurley's brittle batting once again cracked as Vik Bhagwani (6) was bowled advancing Jayachandran (2-53) and Dave Simoes was caught on the crease lbw. After 10 overs Hurley were 26-3 and Holyport were up to 10 men. A splint was applied by Shoab Riaz (38) and Steve Taylor (18) adding 43 before Taylor drove at mid-off where possibly the tallest fielder plucked the catch. Holyport rotated 7 bowlers but it was Mo Azmath (3-31) that wrecked the home side's middle order removing both Taylors as Hurley subsided to 92-6. The two Graham brothers then came together 'fresh' from tour fuelled with expensive breakfasts and lack of sleep with a critical 7th wicket stand of 39 in 8 overs. Henry was first to depart sweeping and losing his leg peg to Paul Morgan (1-9).

Joe followed 2 overs later but bonus runs from Ameer Ali (22) working hard at his game and getting support not jeers this week pushed the home side to 3 batting points. Phil Ridgeway unwisely opted for a second run on a mis-field and his ancient legs were no match for the throw. He departed in similar fashion to the reverse fixture a month ago and no compensation for putting himself down the order. Hurley closed on 164 from 44 overs possibly 20 runs short of par on a slow wicket.

Hurley then had the ideal start as Jayachandran edged Imran Arshad's first delivery to keeper Simoes. Mohammed followed next over driving a Riaz's (6-57) full toss straight to short cover where Henry Graham took a startled catch. Riaz was bowling with pace and better radar than previous weeks in an unbroken spell of 15 overs. The peripatetic Azarudeen (33) guesting from Crown Wood was hitting the ball hard and at every opportunity and his 34 ball cameo threatened to prolong Hurley's losing streak before Riaz had him chopping on to reduce Holyport to 80-4. This sparked a collapse of biblical proportions as Riaz and Phil Ridgeway (2-23) blew away the middle order as 5 wickets fell for 3 runs in 7 overs. The game seemed over at 83-8 but a dogged 9th wicket stand of 49 between Suliman (22not) and Tim Hayes (22) edged the visitors to within 33 runs of victory and much muttering around the home side. The admirable Riaz got past the Hayes defence and Dave Simoes finished the innings with a superb leg side stumping off Arshad to give Hurley a tense victory. Holyport did their drinking during the game, not after it.