

## HURLEY 1<sup>st</sup> XI v KNOTTY GREEN 1<sup>st</sup> XI

8<sup>th</sup> August 2020

**Venue:** Shepherds Lane, Hurley

**Toss:** Hurley

**Weather:** Hot, hazy sunshine

### Innings of Knotty Green

1 Himanshu Patel	c Double	b I Dawkins	10
2 Thomas Patel*	c Double	b Shah	5
3 Neel Patel	c C Dawkins	b Baillie	47
4 Jonathan Patel	run out		16
5 Ross Kemp	c Double	b Zaman	95
6 Jordan Allison	run out		40
7 Chirag Ghandi		b Zaman	0
8 Arron Allison+	not out		5
9 Colin Blunden	not out		0
10 Mike Widdowson			
11 Kuldip Patel			
Extras	(13w)		17
Total			235-7
Overs			40

## Bowling

U Zaman	8-1-21-2
R Shah	8-1-35-1
I Dawkins	5-0-40-1
O Dawkins	3-0-45-0
K Baillie	8-0-49-1
P Ridgeway	8-0-43-0

## Innings of Hurley

1 Kelvin Baillie		b H Patel	52
2 Chris Dawkins	c A Allison	b Ghandi	0
3 Ibraz Hussain	lbw	b Widdowson	0
4 Abdul Jabbar	run out		10
5 Umer Zaman		b Widdowson	10
6 Ollie Dawkins	lbw	b H Patel	56
7 Greg Double+		b T Patel	7
8 Rizwan Shah		b T Patel	6
9 Ian Dawkins	lbw	b H Patel	10
10 Phil Ridgeway	not out		5
11 Yasir Gul*	run out		0
Extras	(7lb)		12
Total			167
Overs			31.3

## **Bowling**

C Ghandi	5.3-0-17-1
M Widdowson	8-0-45-2
K Patel	4-0-25-0
H Patel	8-2-22-3
T Patel	5-0-24-0

**Result:** Knotty Green won by 68 runs

For the fourth of this season's forty-over contests, Hurley welcomed Knotty Green to Shepherds Lane. The visitors joined the Chilterns League in 2016. In relation to recent form, Knotty Green held a win over Penn & Tylers Green, the team who had placed a one in Hurley's L-column the previous weekend, but the seasonal debut of Ollie & Chris Dawkins and the return of several regulars seemed to ensure that Hurley fielded a strong team. While this match took place during the August heatwave, the corresponding fixture last season was lost to strong winds.

Following the toss, Knotty Green were invited to bat. The now customary opening bowling attack of Umer Zaman and Rizwan Shah bowled tightly, and in the fourth over captain Thomas Patel edged the ball to Greg Double in what was a productive day for the Hurley wicketkeeper. Ian Dawkins came on at the lane end for the eleventh over and had the other opening batsman Himanshu Patel caught behind. Thereafter Knotty Green started to get into the game and the lean, experienced batsman Neel Patel scored off the first-change bowlers. There was some ambitious running between the wickets, and this eventually led to the run-out of Jonathan Patel in the fifteenth over with the score on sixty-nine when a mix-up saw bowler Ian Dawkins throw the ball to Double for the dismissal. Neel Patel was caught just short of his half-century by Chris Dawkins at mid-off off the bowling of Kelvin Baillie, but by this stage the score had increased to 104 in the 22<sup>nd</sup> over. The hard-hitting Ross Kemp was starting to get into his stride, and he and Jordan Allison added 118 for the fifth wicket in a stand that was to prove decisive. Captain Yasir Gul rotated his bowlers, but the flow of runs proved difficult to stem in the conditions. Kemp was eventually caught behind off the returning Zaman in the 38<sup>th</sup> over, and Jordan Allison, who played a vital supporting role, was run out seven balls from the end of the Knotty Green innings.

Knotty Green were keen to continue the match, and took the field after a brief inter-innings break. The accurate Chirag Ghandi opened the bowling from the farm end in tandem with the tall Mike Widdowson. The Hurley innings found itself in intensive care early on as Chris Dawkins was caught behind off Ghandi's sixth ball and Ibraz Hussain was trapped lbw off Widdowson's third ball, both without troubling the scorer. Baillie, however, rebuilt the Hurley innings with a courageous half-century. Abdul Jabbar was run out in the eighth over after poor running, and Zaman was bowled by Widdowson in the twelfth over with the score on fifty-eight. Baillie's innings came to an end when Himanshu Patel, bowling slow-left-arm from the farm end, came on for the seventeenth over with the score on eight-six and bowled the opening batsman. The double-bowling change saw Thomas Patel introduce his own off-spin, and he bowled Double and Shah in his second and third overs. These dismissals brought Ollie Dawkins to the fore, and he added thirty-six for the eighth wicket with his uncle Ian until the latter was adjudged lbw off Himanshu. Ollie hit three sixes off Thomas, and while he was at the crease anything seemed possible, but ultimately there was to be no emulation of the remarkable result emerging from the first Test at Old Trafford, and Ollie also fell lbw to Himanshu with the score on 167. Phil Ridgeway and Gul were unable to add further to the score, and the latter, seemingly carrying an injury, was run out for nought, with eight overs of the Hurley innings unused.

The future hopefully offers less difficult and less vocal opponents. Baillie and Ollie Dawkins both batted well. Some of the fielding was excellent but other fielding was 'iffy'. The match leaves the Hurley 1sts still bidding to end their long winless run at Shepherds Lane. The next fixture is at Pinkneys Green.

**Umpires:** Howard Mansell and Dharak Pandya