

Denham 2nd v Hurley 2nd Saturday 29th August 2020

Innings of Denham

	Name	How Out	Bowler	Runs
1	Ricky Mallett	ct Gurdev Singh	b Joban Singh	1
2	Amir Hussain	ct Akash Singh	b Mandeep Singh	68
3	Bobby Rai	ct Steve Taylor	b Hamzah Zaman	4
4	Arun Singh	lbw	b Jo Graham	50
5	Josh Simpson†	ct Josh Cole	b Mandeep Singh	1
6	Gaurav Hans	ct Steve Taylor	b Mandeep Singh	0
7	Sikander Merchant	ct Steve Taylor	b Liam Cole	19
8	Taimoor Sadiq	not out		4
9	Inderjeet Gahunia	ct Akash Singh	b Jo Graham	0
10	Danny Dawson*		b Jo Graham	1
11	Charles George		b Jo Graham	0
Extras	b (3), w (8)			11
Total				159
Wickets				all out
Overs				38

	Bowler	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets
1	Joban Singh	7	3	11	1
2	Hamzah Zaman	7	0	43	1
3	Gurdev Singh	4	0	19	0
4	Mandeep Singh	8	0	37	3
5	Liam Cole	8	0	35	1
6	Jo Graham	4	1	11	4

Innings of Hurley

	Name	How Out	Bowler	Runs
1	Kelvin Baillie	ct Inderjeet Gahunia	b Amir Hussain	45
2	Mandeep Singh	lbw	b Danny Dawson	14
3	Josh Cole	ct Inderjeet Gahunia	b Ricky Mallett	43
4	Akash Singh	ct Arun Singh	b Taimoor Sadiq	3
5	Steve Taylor		b Ricky Mallett	19
6	Gurdev Singh		b Ricky Mallett	6
7	Mike Walton*†	not out		13
8	Jo Graham	not out		5
9	Joban Singh	did not bat		
10	Liam Cole	did not bat		
11	Hamzah Zaman	did not bat		
Extras	b (2), lb (7), w (2), nb (1)			12
Total				160
Wickets				6
Overs				39

	Bowler	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets
1	Inderjeet Gahunia	7	0	40	0
2	Danny Dawson	8	2	19	1
3	Amir Hussain	8	2	31	1
4	Taimoor Sadiq	8	1	27	1
5	Charles George	4	0	24	0
6	Ricky Mallett	4	0	10	3

Result: Hurley 2nd won by 4 wickets.

On a miserable day that felt more like November than August, Hurley 2nd XI edged home in a thriller against Denham. The players arrived at the ground to find a lush outfield and a large damp patch on one end of the track. Hurley skipper for the day Mike Walton called correctly and unsurprisingly invited the hosts to bat first. Progress for Ricky Mallett and Amir Hussein was slow with Joban Singh opening up with two maidens from the southern end. The first delivery of the fifth over saw Mallett chip a leg-stump half-volley from Joban to square-leg where Gurdev took the simple catch. The score had pootled along to 31 in the twelfth over when Hamzah Zaman picked up his first league wicket for the club, having Bobby Rai caught at extra cover by Steve Taylor. The loss of Rai seemed to spur Denham into action with Hussein taking 20 runs off Zaman's next over. Together with the classy looking Arun Singh, he added 69 in ten overs for the third wicket. Just when it looked like the game

might be getting away from Hurley, Mandeep made the vital breakthrough to dismiss Hussein, caught low down on the mid-wicket boundary by Akash. Mandeep followed this with two wickets in his next over to drag Denham back to 107 for 5. Singh and Merchant steadied the ship with a forty-run partnership before Denham lost their last five wickets for only a dozen runs with Liam Cole (1-35) and Joe Graham (4-11) doing the damage. Graham applied the coup de gras, bowling Danny Dawson and Charles George with consecutive deliveries to dismiss Denham for 159.

The Hurley reply started with Kelvin Baillie and Mandeep. Baillie survived an appeal for leg-before off the first delivery from Indie Gahunia before driving the next delivery over the bowler's head to the boundary making his intent clear from the start. Mandeep was happy to take the supporting role as Baillie hit Gahunia out of the attack, the opener withdrawn after conceding 26 from his first four overs. At the other end Denham skipper Dawson (1-19) proved much more economical and was rewarded with the wicket of Mandeep, adjudged leg-before in the fourteenth over. Baillie followed in the next over to a one-handed catch by Gahunia off Hussein. Akash only managed three runs and Hurley found themselves at 75 for 3 off eighteen overs. Josh Cole (43) and Steve Taylor (19) added a solid 56 for the fourth wicket make sure Hurley were in front of the required rate before both falling to Mallet. With 21 more runs needed from seven overs with five wickets in hand, Hurley were still favourites but the nerves were jangling, and Denham had their tails up again. Walton joined Gurdev in the middle and the pair nudged their way towards the target. A square-cut from Walton to the point boundary off Sadiq, took the pressure off and when Gurdev was bowled by Mallet in the thirty-eighth over only seven more runs were required. Graham got off the mark with a boundary to massive cheers from the Hurley players and supporters. The penultimate over saw Hurley still needing three to win. Walton played out three dot balls before taking a single, the next ball saw Graham chip to mid-on where the fielder failed to hang on to the catch as the batsmen scampered through for a single. The victory was sealed off the next delivery with a trademark nudge to third-man from Walton to see his side home with six deliveries to spare.