

Hurley Past v Hurley Present Sunday 30th August 2020

Innings of Hurley Present

	Name	How Out	Bowler	Runs
1	Liam Cole	ct Andy Dobson	b Phil Ridgeway	31
2	Mike Cole		b Kevin Clement	3
3	Mubashir Nabi		b Kevin Clement	3
4	Josh Cole	ct Andy Dobson	b Imran Arshad	65
5	Shoaib Kayani	lbw	b Steve Taylor	12
6	Scott Taylor	not out		24
7	Akash Singh†	st David Simoes	b Iain Hopes	4
8	Mike Walton	not out		3
9	Maz Nabi	did not bat		
10	Joban Singh	did not bat		
11	Mo Basharat*	did not bat		
Extras	b (1), lb (3), w (6), nb (1)			11
Total				156
Wickets				6
Overs				35

	Bowler	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets
1	Kevin Clement	7	0	21	2
2	David Simoes	5	1	13	0
3	Imran Arshad	5	1	20	1
4	Iain Hopes	4	0	29	1
5	Phil Ridgeway	7	0	32	1
6	Steve Taylor	7	0	37	1

Innings of Hurley Past

	Name	How Out	Bowler	Runs
1	Jonathan Simon		b Scott Taylor	22
2	Patrick Hinnell	ct Akash Singh	b Mike Walton	1
3	R Dorrington		b Hamzah Zaman	2
4	Rob Eustace		ct & b Mo Basharat	9
5	Andy Dobson		b Hamzah Zaman	47
6	Phil Ridgeway		ct & b Scott Taylor	0
7	David Simoes†	run out (Maz Nabi)		2
8	Paul McDermott		b Maz Nabi	1
9	Imran Arshad	not out		18
10	Kevin Clement	not out		11
11	Steve Taylor*	did not bat		
	Extras	b (4), lb (2), w (11), nb (5)		22
	Total			135
	Wickets			8
	Overs			35

	Bowler	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets
1	Robert Simon	5	0	19	0
2	Mike Walton	4	3	3	1
3	Hamzah Zaman	4	1	8	2
4	Maz Nabi	5	0	13	1
5	Mo Basharat	3	0	13	1
6	Joban Singh	4	1	16	0
7	Mubashir Nabi	2	0	11	0
8	Scott Taylor	3	1	14	2
9	Liam Cole	3	0	15	0
10	Mike Cole	1	0	10	0
11	Josh Cole	1	0	7	0

Result: Hurley Present won by 21 runs.

The annual fixture between Hurley' old boys and the current crop of players is more of a social occasion than a serious cricket match, however the Present XI were looking for

revenge after being on the wrong end of the result for the last two seasons. After old acquaintances were renewed a 35 over match was agreed partly due to some of the old boys fearing they wouldn't last for 40 overs. By agreement, the Present XI batted first, sending out father and son Mike and Liam Cole to open the innings. Run scoring proved far from easy against the opening attack of Kevin Clement, who may not be as quick as in his younger days but still managed to bowl a tidy line and length, and Dave Simoes, forsaking the gloves to bowl his unique brand of medium pace filth. The score had reached 18 in the seventh over when the senior Cole was beaten by Clement. Meanwhile at the other end, Liam dug in as though he was opening in a test match. Mubashir Nabi only managed three runs before Clement claimed his second scalp. This brought the Cole brothers together to add 47 for the third wicket in 11 overs. The wily left arm spin of Phil Ridgeway finally winkled Liam out for a career best 31. Josh continued with the good form he has shown all season with 65 from 69 deliveries, falling in the penultimate over as the Present XI looked to press on to 150. Fourteen runs from the final over saw the total to 156 for 6 with Scott Taylor unbeaten on 24.

The Past XI reply opened with Pat Hinnell and his nephew Jonathan Simon facing Bert Simon and Mike Walton. Walton's first three overs were all maidens and he had Hinnell caught behind by Akash with the score on three in the fourth over of the innings. Simon rolled back the years to reprise his role of a gritty opener, anchoring the innings as Rob Dorrington and Rob Eustace came and went. At 27 for 3 in the fifteenth over, Andy Dobson strode to the middle in the way he had done many times for Hurley in his prime. He soon got into his stride and proved he was still the master of the quick single even though the legs might not have the speed they once did. A partnership of 58 in nine overs with Simon helped to keep the Past XI in the hunt although the required rate was slowly climbing. Simon's vigil was ended by Scott Taylor who then dismissed Ridgeway with the next delivery, a full toss that was chipped back to the bowler. Simoes attempted one quick single too many and was run out by Maz Nabi who then bowled Paul McDermott. Any hope the Past XI had of victory ended when Hamzah Zaman returned to bowl Dobson four overs from the end. Imran Arshad and Kevin Clement added another 29 runs in the final four overs but were unable to get over the line, falling 21 runs short.

There will be a few aching muscles tomorrow from players who have not put on the whites since last year's encounter, but in a year that has presented lots of challenges it was good to meet up with old friends and enjoy a game of cricket and a few beers together.