

Hurley v Sri Lankan Cavaliers Sunday 13th September 2020

Innings of Sri Lankan Cavaliers

	Name	How Out	Bowler	Runs
1	- Buddhi*	ct Steve Taylor	b Mo Basharat	29
2	- Raj		b Scott Taylor	2
3	- Hadgie	ct Scott Taylor	b Steve Taylor	46
4	- Chula		b Hamzah Zaman	120
5	Shantha S	ct Shoaib Kayani	b Hamzah Zaman	26
6	- Kaushalya	ct Shoaib Kayani	b Steve Taylor	9
7	- Ashan	not out		6
8	- Gihan	not out		3
9	- Dilupa	did not bat		
10	- Kanchana	did not bat		
11	Upali U	did not bat		
Extras	lb (2), w (28), nb (4)			34
Total				275
Wickets				6
Overs				40

	Bowler	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets
1	Scott Taylor	6	0	25	1
2	Hamzah Zaman	7	0	42	2
3	Mubashir Nabi	5	0	23	0
4	Mo Basharat	6	0	31	1
5	Ajmal Ali	3	0	36	0
6	Steve Taylor	8	0	72	2
7	Mandeep Singh	3	1	21	0
8	Shoaib Kayani	2	0	23	0

Innings of Hurley

	Name	How Out	Bowler	Runs
1	Shoaib Kayani		b - Dilupa	22
2	Mandeep Singh	lbw	b - Hadgie	19
3	Ajmal Ali	ct - Chula	b - Dilupa	11
4	Mubashir Nabi	st - Raj	b - Dilupa	0
5	Scott Taylor		b - Chula	17
6	Steve Taylor		b - Chula	0
7	Mike Walton†	ct - Chula	b - Kaushalya	4
8	Hamzah Zaman		b - Chula	0
9	Maz Nabi		b - Kaushalya	14
10	Dave Walton	not out		1
11	Mo Basharat*	not out		1
Extras	lb (1), w (27), nb (1)			29
Total				118
Wickets				9
Overs				40

	Bowler	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets
1	- Kanchana	5	0	27	0
2	Upali U	6	0	16	0
3	- Hadgie	3	0	10	1
4	- Dilupa	8	1	24	3
5	- Chula	8	1	22	3
6	- Buddhi	2	0	13	0
7	Shantha S	4	3	2	0
8	- Kaushalya	4	2	3	2

Result: Sri Lankan Cavaliers won by 157 runs

Good end of season availability saw Hurley able to field two Sunday sides for the second week running and a hastily arranged fixture saw the first and probably the last visit of Sri Lankan Cavaliers to Shepherds Lane. In over forty years playing cricket I have never seen such disgraceful scenes on a cricket pitch. From a team who appeared to me more interested in arguing and fighting than playing the game, led by a captain who was the main protagonist. This was a shame as they do have some talented cricketers. With several players delayed by heavy traffic, the start of the match was delayed by over 30 minutes. The visitors won the toss and elected to bat, with Hurley only having 8 men available at the start of play the visitors loaned some sub fielders for the first couple of overs. Scott

Taylor struck in the first over as Raj slogged across the line and lost his off stump. Taylor (1-25) and Hamzah Zamman (2-44) initially kept a check on the run rate, keeping the batsmen to around four an over. Mo Basharat replaced Taylor and dismissed Cavaliers' skipper Buddhi to a good catch at gully by Steve Taylor, but not before Buddhi had started an argument, having a go at the Hurley fielders for no apparent reason. The hard hitting Hadgie (41) and Chula (120) upped the tempo and all the bowlers came in for some punishment. Zamman and Steve Taylor picked up a brace of wickets apiece but a poor fielding performance from Hurley with catches going down more regularly than bats in a Chinese market helped the Cavaliers reach a formidable 275 for 6 from 40 overs.

The Hurley reply started at a good pace with Shoaib Kayani and Mandeep Singh posting 44 for the first wicket at four an over before Hadgie trapped Singh in front of middle. The middle order couldn't keep the chase going and regular wickets saw the hosts collapse to 97 for 6 by the twenty-sixth over and the match was over as a contest. This didn't stop another confrontation as one of the Cavaliers started abusing the umpire which almost led to a mass brawl. Once the cricket resumed Hurley only had pride to play for and were determined to keep the visitors on the field for the whole forty overs which they did thanks to a gritty rear guard action by the Walton brothers and Basharat who consumed 78 deliveries between them as Hurley finished on 118 for 9.