

Wooburn Narkovians v Hurley Saturday 19th September

Innings of Wooburn Narkovians

	Name	How Out	Bowler	Runs
1	Ben Cooper	ct Mike Walton	b Naeem Akhtar	22
2	Ben Sidders		b Naeem Akhtar	34
3	Ian Cuthbert*	ct Umar Zamman	b Phil Ridgeway	29
4	Tom Wright		b Naeem Akhtar	0
5	Paul Cooper		b Hassan Gul	17
6	James Dolan	ct Hamzah Zaman	b Phil Ridgeway	2
7	Ben Halstead	ct Naeem Akhtar	b Raheem Dad	3
8	Richard Barker	ct Kelvin Baillie	b Hassan Gul	36
9	Luke Johnson	ct Yasir Gul	b Hassan Gul	17
10	Tom Pickard	not out		7
11	Kevin Dolan†	did not bat		
Extras	b (2), lb (1), w (16), nb (6)			25
Total				192
Wickets				9
Overs				40

	Bowler	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets
1	Umar Zamman	5	0	29	0
2	Naeem Akhtar	8	1	39	3
3	Alexander Williams	2	0	14	0
4	Raheem Dad	7	1	26	1
5	Hamzah Zaman	3	0	25	0
6	Phil Ridgeway	8	3	10	2
7	Hassan Gul	7	0	46	3

Innings of Hurley

	Name	How Out	Bowler	Runs
1	Clive Williams		b Tom Pickard	2
2	Kelvin Baillie	ct Ben Cooper	b Tom Wright	21
3	Yasir Gul*		b Ben Halstead	24
4	Mike Walton†	ct Luke Johnson	b Richard Barker	0
5	Umar Zamman		b Tom Wright	51
6	Hamzah Zaman	not out		69
7	Naeem Akhtar	not out		8
8	Raheem Dad	did not bat		
9	Phil Ridgeway	did not bat		
10	Hassan Gul	did not bat		
11	Alexander Williams	did not bat		
Extras	b (14), lb (2), w (2), nb (3)			21
Total				196
Wickets				5
Overs				33.2

	Bowler	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets
1	Tom Pickard	5	0	19	1
2	Tom Wright	7	1	44	2
3	Ben Halstead	4	0	21	1
4	Richard Barker	6	1	15	1
5	James Dolan	6	1	32	0
6	Luke Johnson	1	0	15	0
7	Ben Sidders	4.2	0	34	0

Result: Hurley won by 5 wickets.

The penultimate week of the season saw Hurley travelling to a sun drenched Wooburn Narkovians. Yasir Gul called correctly and asked the hosts to bat first, sensing some moisture in the pitch. The Wooburn opening pair of Ben Cooper (22) and Ben Sidders (34) established a solid platform with a partnership of fifty-four in ten overs before Naeem Akhtar (3-39) collected three scalps within half a dozen deliveries. Sidders was the first to go to a delivery that seamed off the pitch to take the top of off. Akhtar's next over saw Cooper edging to the keeper and Tom Wright bowled off his pads in consecutive balls. Ian Cuthbert

(29) and Paul Cooper (17) added thirty-seven for the fourth wicket to keep the scoreboard moving in excess of five per over. The introduction of Phil Ridgeway (2-10) after the drinks break paid immediate dividends, his first delivery was slapped to mid-on by Cuthbert where Umar Zamman was waiting. Ridgeway's eight over spell only conceded ten runs and in tandem with Raheem Dad (1-26) and Hassan Gul (3-46), put a brake on the run rate. Some late order aggression from Richie Barker (36) and Luke Johnson (17) saw the hosts finish on 192 for 9 from 40 overs.

The Hurley reply suffered an early setback, losing Clive Williams (2) in the first over to Pickard. The innings stuttered along at four an over with Kelvin Baillie (21) and Yasir Gul (24) making useful contributions. The loss of Mike Walton, well caught at slip by Johnson off Barker brought Hamzah Zaman out to join Umar Zamman in a match winning partnership. With the required rate nearing a run a ball the match was in the balance but Hamzah (69*) and Umar (51) gradually got into their stride, smashing the ball to all parts in a stand of 125 in sixteen overs. When Umar departed, bowled by Wright, only nine more runs were needed for victory. A couple of boundaries from Akhtar brought the scores level leaving Hamzah to hit the winning runs, finishing unbeaten on a career best 69 and giving his side victory with more than six overs to spare.