

Ballinger Waggoners v Hurley Sunday 27th September 2020

Innings of Ballinger Waggoners

	Name	How Out	Bowler	Runs
1	Toby Lyons	ct Mo Basharat	b Maz Nabi	11
2	Richard O'Kelly		b Maz Nabi	1
3	Simon Steele		b Ajmal Ali	17
4	Steve Carter	ct Joseph Brittain	b Ajmal Ali	2
5	Hamish Sim	ct Ajmal Ali	b Maz Nabi	2
6	Steve Conway†		b Aiden Mukherjee	5
7	Alfie Clifford		b Aiden Mukherjee	5
8	Matt Clifford		b Mo Basharat	31
9	Nick Adams*		b Mo Basharat	5
10	Ollie Bloore	not out		0
11	Tom Holliday		b Mo Basharat	0
Extras	b (1), lb (1), w (10), nb (2)			14
Total				93
Wickets				all out
Overs				28.3

	Bowler	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets
1	Hamzah Zaman	5	0	15	0
2	Maz Nabi	8	3	11	3
3	Ajmal Ali	5	1	12	2
4	Aiden Mukherjee	5	1	16	2
5	Joseph Brittain	3	0	24	0
6	Mo Basharat	2.3	0	13	3

Innings of Hurley

	Name	How Out	Bowler	Runs
1	Imran Arshad		b Nick Adams	0
2	David Simoes†	not out		35
3	Mubashir Nabi	lbw	b Tom Holliday	29
4	Joseph Brittain		b Tom Holliday	0
5	Dave Walton		b Matt Clifford	1
6	Ajmal Ali		b Matt Clifford	0
7	Hamzah Zaman	not out		22
8	Shoaib Kayani	did not bat		
9	Maz Nabi	did not bat		
10	Aiden Mukherjee	did not bat		
11	Mo Basharat*	did not bat		
Extras	b (4), lb (1), w (2), nb (1)			8
Total				95
Wickets				5
Overs				22.1

	Bowler	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets
1	Nick Adams	8	0	23	1
2	Ollie Bloore	4	0	25	0
3	Tom Holliday	6	2	23	2
4	Matt Clifford	3.1	1	18	2
5	Alfie Clifford	1	0	1	0

Result: Hurley won by 5 wickets.

The last day of the 2020 season saw Hurley travel to Ballinger Common to take on the Waggoners in a forty over contest. The balmy summer days of a week ago had morphed into blustery winter conditions causing Hurley's long-suffering scorer to ply her trade from the comfort of the pavilion and the umpires to wrap up warm in several layers.

The hosts won the toss and opted to bat first, opening with Toby Lyons and Richard O'Kelly against Hurley's regular new ball attack of Hamzah Zaman and Maz Nabi. It was Nabi who made an early breakthrough bowling O'Kelly in his first over. A sharp catch at slip by Mo Basharat saw the end of Lyons to give Nabi his second victim. Ajmal Ali replaced Zaman and

struck with his third delivery as Carter sliced to gully where Joe Brittain snaffled the chance at the second attempt. Another wicket for Nabi had the hosts struggling at 24 for 4 after fourteen overs. Steele played a dogged knock to try and hold the innings together but having hit Ali down the ground for a towering six, the bowler got his revenge as Steele played all round a straight delivery. Aiden Mukherjee replaced Nabi and despite struggling to find his line in the first over, soon settled into a good rhythm and was rewarded with the wickets of Steve Conway and Alfie Clifford, both clean bowled. Matt Clifford restored some pride for the Waggoners with a belligerent 31 before Hurley skipper Basharat brought himself on and made short work of wrapping up the innings, bowling Adams, Clifford and Holliday in the space of five deliveries as Ballinger subsided to 93 all out in the twenty-ninth over.

Ajmal Ali did a great job of catering for the Hurley boys with a welcome selection of hot snacks for the tea interval, if only his batting had been of the same quality!

If Hurley thought an easy victory was on the cards, the first ball of their innings made them think again as Imran Arshad was cleaned up by the wily Nick Adams. Mubashir Nabi joined Simoes and put bat to ball with good effect as they racked up forty-seven runs for the second wicket. Despite coming in from some punishment from Nabi, the young Ollie Bloore bowled a threatening spell of left arm seam and was unlucky not to pick up a wicket. Tom Holliday eventually got the much-needed breakthrough trapping Nabi plumb in front of middle stump in the tenth over. Joseph Brittain joined Simoes and looked very assured until falling over to off and being bowled by Holliday. Dave Walton's stay at the crease was a brief one, clean bowled by Matt Clifford for a single. The next ball saw the dismissal of Ali who appeared to have successfully dug out a yorker, only for the ball to roll back onto the stumps. With partners disappearing at regular intervals, Simoes (35*) played a vintage performance, holding the innings together and putting pressure on the fielders with some sharp running between the wickets. When Hamzah joined Simoes there were still thirty-four needed for victory, but these came in quick time as the hard-hitting left-hander raced to 22 off 17 deliveries giving Hurley victory by 5 wickets with seventeen overs to spare.

And so ends another season, probably the strangest one that any of us can remember but despite everything that is going on in the world, cricket is the winner. Let us hope 2021 sees things back to normal.