

HURLEY v Ibstone**Date: 10th July****Played at Ibstone****Innings of Hurley**

C. Ainger		b. North	0
R. Brown		b. North	14
S. Taylor		b. Paskin	52
M. Allen		b. North	0
J. Langlands	c. McLellan	b. H. Ali	29
S. Kayani	c. Crowther	b. Bridges	18
M. Hampton	c. Hester	b. Paskin	7
M. Walton	c. Ghafoor	b. Paskin	10
A. Allen	c. &	b. Bridges	10
M. Basharat	Not out		15
A. Morgans	Not out		5
		Extras	23
		Total	183
		For	9

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wkts.
A. North	8	4	7	3
H. Ali	6	2	42	0
M. Lambourn	7	1	25	0
H. Ali	8	2	25	1
J. Paskin	9	0	42	3
G. Bridges	7	0	32	2

Innings of Ibstone

N. Hester	Run Out	(Brown)	1
G. Crowther	c. Morgans	b. Basharat	0
A. Ghafoor	c. Walton	b. Taylor	42
S. McLellan	st. Walton	b. Basharat	13
G. Bridges	Not out		74
J. Woolcott		b. Taylor	5
A. North	c. Hampton	b. Taylor	8
A. Ali		b. Taylor	1
H. Ali	c. Basharat	b. Langlands	15
J. Paskins		b. Langlands	0
M. Lambourn		b. Langlands	0
		Extras	11
		Total	170
		For	10

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wkts.
M. Basharat	9	2	45	2
R. Brown	7	1	27	0
S. Taylor	9	1	46	4
J. Langlands	9.5	0	49	3

Result: Hurley won by 13 runs.

Hurley have been involved in some tight finishes of late and Sunday was no exception. Once again the Sunday 1st team were on safari, this week travelling deep into the Buckinghamshire bush country to the village of Ibstone where they found a traditional village ground surrounded by countryside, with a quaint, spatially challenged pavilion. Hurley skipper, Matt Hampton was still suffering the after effects of a night out with David Bentley and was quite relieved to be asked to bat first, giving him some extra recovery time. With Shoab Kayani and Mo Basharat still trying to find their way out of High Wycombe, Ross Brown stepped up to open the innings with Colin Ainger on a well grassed wicket which had little pace in it. The Ibstone opening attack of skipper Adam North and Hussain Ali were a contrast in styles. The left arm seam of North (3-7) conceding only seven runs from eight overs whilst picking up three wickets, whereas Ali (0-42) proved a bit erratic going for seven an over. With Ainger (0), Brown (14) and Mark Allen (0) all back in the pavilion, Hurley were struggling at 21 for 3. Once again it was Hurley's top batsman Steve Taylor (52), aided and abetted by Jonathan (J-Lo) Langlands(29) pressing his claim as an all rounder, who got the innings back on track with a partnership of forty-six in twelve overs. Langlands fell going for a six over extra cover, but just failed to clear McLellan. Useful cameos from the lower order, Mike Walton (10), Amy Allen (10) and Basharat (15) took Hurley to a respectable 183 for 9 at tea.

A splendid tea of curry and assorted spicy accompaniments, obviously intended to slow down the fielding side, was provided and the Hurley players managed to do it justice before taking the field. The Ibstone reply soon faltered, losing Crowther for a single to a good catch

by Alan Morgans from the final delivery of Basharat's first over. Ten more runs had been added when Ross Brown showed the value of a good follow through, fielding off his own bowling to score a direct hit at the striker's end to run out Hester. The left handed Ghafoor and heavily tattooed McLellan started to rebuild and pushed the score along at around 3.5 runs per over. As McLellan began to advance down the track to the seamers, Mike Walton donned the face mask to stand up to the bowling of Basharat and it only took two deliveries to achieve the desired effect, Basharat pushing one through wide of off stump, leaving the batsman stranded as Walton whipped off the bails. Leg-spinner Taylor replaced Brown and immediately dismissed the dangerous looking Ghafoor, top edging to the keeper. Taylor ripped through the middle order, utilising flight and spin and a catch from Hampton at cover to reduce the hosts to 104 for 7 and put Hurley firmly in the driving seat. With wickets tumbling around him, and the required rate climbing to eight an over Bridges threw caution to the wind and attempted to win the game single handedly. Langlands had Hussain Ali caught at square leg-by Basharat and followed up two balls later by destroying Paskin's stumps to leave Ibstone requiring thirty-six from five overs with last man Lambourn at the crease. Basharat was brought back to replace Taylor and conceded fifteen runs in an over to Bridges, leaving twenty-one needed and Bridges on strike. Bridges smashed Langlands down the ground for a six before taking a single to leave Lambourn on strike, he only survived two deliveries before Langlands ripped out his off stump, giving Hurley victory and leaving Ibstone fourteen runs short and Bridges undefeated on seventy-four.