

## Pinkneys Green v HURLEY 1XI – 4th June 2011

### **PINKNEYS GREEN**

S Venkat	c Todd b Taylor	70
M Elliott	b Akhtar	21
M Pereira	c Taylor b Ridgeway	63
J Dhillon	c Akhtar b Taylor	18
R Lashley	lbw Taylor	0
B Diab	b Akhtar	26
A Talhan	Not Out	57
I Dassanyake	Not Out	23
	Extras	20
	<b>Total</b>	<b>298-6</b>

M Cole	15-2-79-0	G Apps	4-0-23-0
N Akhtar	13-1-80-2	P Ridgeway	11-1-53-1
R Brown	2-0-15-0	S Taylor	4-0-29-3

### **HURLEY**

P Ridgeway	c & b Withana	43
D Simoes	c Pereira b Withana	56
S Taylor	c & b Talhan	42
T Moore	b Talhan	4
R Brown	c Talhan b Diab	16
N Akhtar	Not Out	42
T Balchin	Not Out	6
P Todd		
D Day		
G Apps		
M Cole		
	Extras	20
	<b>Total</b>	<b>229-5</b>

Hurley's frustrating season continues as Pinkneys Green batted the visitors out of this contest in Division 2 of the Chilterns League posting a daunting 298-6 from 49 overs. Pinkneys won the toss and elected to bat on a placid wicket with a fast if uneven outfield and short boundary on the far side. Venkat (70) set clear intentions dispatching the first two balls of the innings to the short boundary and the home side raced to 52 from the opening 10 overs. Hurley's cause was not helped by their persistent frailty of dropping simple catches and Naeem Akhtar (2-80) was frustrated as Venkat was spilled at extra cover when he had reached 22. Akhtar made the breakthrough bowling Mike Elliott (21) with a full toss, but Venkat and Pereira (63) added 94 in 13 punishing overs to launch a rampant Pinkneys to 151 as the Hurley fielding began to shred. Hurley were lifted after Paul Todd swallowed a steeping catch off Venkat as the batsman attacked the leg spin of Steve Taylor's first over. Taylor (3-29) engineered a middle order stutter as 4 wickets fell for 40 runs including a touch of brilliance from skipper Akhtar as he ran round from deep mid off to catch the dangerous Dhillon (18) low one handed. But the pace of the Pinkneys inning was such that even at 191-5 the home side still had a potential 20 overs remaining. While, like George Michael it was good to see Dhillon coming out, Talhan (57not) in 45 balls then helped propel the home side to relative security at 298-6 at tea with some clean hitting. 84 runs came from the last 10 overs as the Hurley fielders hardly seemed to touch the ball except to retrieve it from the long grass.

Hurley needed to bat long and see where it took them. Phil Ridgeway (43) and Dave Simoes (56) provided an excellent platform adding 68 in 17 overs before Ridgeway fell to a brilliant caught and bowled by Withana (2-48). But Hurley were always behind the withering required run rate and needed a big innings in a short time from someone to get them close. Steve Taylor (42) picked off the bad ball to steady the innings as Hurley slipped to 126-3. Ross Brown (16) again looked poised until the only ball that popped all day accounted for him at short cover. Skipper Akhtar (42not) has had a wretched time with the bat this season, and after a nervous start began to hit the ball freely, but by then Hurley

could only salvage a draw, Akhtar and Trevor Balchin (6not) added an untroubled 45 for the last wicket to secure the tame draw on 229-5. The result leaves Hurley languishing dangerously close to the lower reaches of the Division with only one win all season.