

HURLEY 2nd v Holyport 2nd Date: 15th July

Played at Holyport

Innings of Holyport 2nd

P Edwards		b. Brown	32
T Kanti	LBW	b. Williams	4
A Finlay	c. Abdullah Ali	b. Nothey	15
A Roberts		b. Brown	6
T Rasool	LBW	b. Brown	15
M Griffiths		b. Brown	22
T Head		b. Haines	0
D Varney		b. Haines	8
J Dunn		b. Brown	2
Z Rasool	Not out		0
J Masood	LBW	b. Haines	0
		Extras	26
		Total	130
		For	10

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wkts.
K Nothey	7	2	30	1
A Williams	4	0	30	1
R Brown	13	3	34	5
N Haines	10.5	2	28	3

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A Jabbar		b. Masood	4
K Fuller		b. Masood	2
Abdullah Ali		b. Masood	1
Y Gul		b. Varney	4
Ajmal Ali		b. Masood	0
R Brown		b. Varney	1
K Nothey		b. Masood	14
D Walton		b. Varney	0
M Walton	c. Finlay	b. Razool	16
N Haines		b. Head	3
A Williams	Not out		0
		Extras	22
		Total	67
		For	10

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wkts.
D Varney	8	3	11	3
J Masood	10	1	24	5
Z Rasool	7.3	2	19	1
T Head	5	2	3	1

Result: Holyport 2nd won by 63 runs.

Hurley lost their unbeaten record in the Marrant Chilterns League Division 4 in spectacular fashion, crashing to a 63 run defeat at Holyport. After a delayed start due to rain which saw the match reduced to ninety overs, Nigel Haines predictably asked the hosts to bat first on winning the toss.

Despite the vagaries of the Holyport pitch, which brings a whole new meaning to the term 'low and slow', Holyport posted thirty-six from the first half a dozen overs, despite the loss of opener Tarun Kanti (4) who got his pads in the way of a full toss from Alex Williams. Paul Edwards (34) and Andy Finlay (15) kept up the flow of runs until extra bounce from Kuldeep Nothey found the glove of Finlay on its way to Abdullah Ali at gully. Williams struggled to find a consistent line and was replaced by Ross Brown who picked up two wickets in his first three overs to reduce Holyport to 79 for 4 after 14 overs. Skipper Haines replaced Nothey and together with Brown, put the brakes on the flow of runs. Mike Griffiths showed stubborn resistance and made the most of some good fortune, being dropped at slip off Brown and then recalled by the Hurley fielders when erroneously given out LBW. The dismissal of Edwards, dragging on to Brown started the collapse of the Holyport innings with the last six wickets falling for 29 runs. Tight bowling by Brown (5-34) and Haines (3-28), coupled with some bizarre batting saw the hosts bowled out for 130 in the thirty-fifth over.

Chasing a low total for victory should have been an easy task for the Hurley batsmen but it proved to be anything but. The slinging left arm action of Masood (5-24) caused problems for the upper order as six wickets fell in the first nine overs with only 24 runs on the board. Despite some good bowling from Masood and Des Varney (3-11), most of the Hurley batsmen were authors of their own downfall with some poor shot selection. Nothey (14) and Mike Walton (16) stemmed the clatter of wickets with a partnership of nine in five overs. With these two at the crease Hurley still had hopes of pulling off an unlikely victory but a delivery from Masood that seemed away to take Nothey's off stump put an end to the partnership. Haines (2) and Walton put together the biggest partnership of the innings (19 in ten overs) but it was only delaying the inevitable. When Haines fell to Tristan head at 58 for 9 in the twenty-eighth over the game was all but over. Walton and Williams (0*) managed to eke out another nine runs before Walton, trying to farm the strike, edged Razool to the keeper.