

HURLEY 1XI vs Binfield 2XI – 5th August 2017

HURLEY

P Ridgeway	c&b Edgington	11
D Simoes	c H Lee b Humphrey	21
S Riaz	b Gupta	30
V Sharma	Jeffrey b Gupta	64
St Taylor	Run Out	19
A Iqbal	c Jeffrey b Gupta	3
M Cole	lbw b Sykes	0
A Ahmed	b Sykes	1
P Hinnell	Run Out	3
I Arshad	b Gupta	5
J Caliss	Not Out	2
	Extras	14
	Total	173ao

B Sykes	10-3-27-2	I Goddard	11-0-59-0
P Edgington	9-6-10-1	K Gupta	12.1-0-42-4
A Humphrey	6-0-24-1		

BINFIELD 2

S Jeffrey	c Taylor b Riaz	41
K Gupta	b Riaz	19
R Higginson	b Riaz	0
E Lee	c Riaz b Ridgeway	18
H Lee	b Ridgeway	24
P Edgington	b Ridgeway	18
J Lennon	lbw b Ridgeway	15
B Sykes	lbw b Ridgeway	0
R Carson	c Ridgeway b Taylor	10
I Goddard	Not Out	11
A Humphrey	b Taylor	0
	Extras	16
	Total	172ao

I Arshad	5.2-0-27-0	St Taylor	6.1-1-16-2
S Riaz	13-0-71-3		
P Ridgeway	14.4-5-52-5		

After six and a half hours of this absorbing match, the result came down to one run with Hurley snatching an unlikely dramatic win. Hurley found their resources stretched as thin as a Sugarbabe sandwich with colt James Caliss making his Saturday 1XI debut and Pat Hinnell his first Saturday 1XI appearance in several decades. A ten minute delay to roll back the covers gave way to Hurley batting having lost the toss. Phil Ridgeway (11) resumed his traditional roll opening with Dave Simoes (21) and these two cautiously added 21 in 8 overs before Ridgeway drove crisply back to Paul Edgington (1-10) who took a neat catch above his head. Simoes fell to a 'wicket maiden' edging Amelia Humphrey (1-24) to slip and Hurley were 53-2. Shabob Riaz (30) and Varun Sharma (64) negotiated some low bounce at the cow-field end to add 38 in 8 overs, both batsman hitting the ball hard. Riaz was bowled by the medium pace of Kamal Gupta (4-42) but a 4th wicket stand of 65 between Sharma and Steve Taylor (19) put Hurley in an excellent position at 156-3. But instead of kicking on, Hurley tripped up losing 5 wickets for 4 runs in 5 overs. A combination of Gupta, Ben Sykes (2-27) and some unco-ordinated running to the soundtrack of orchestrated appealing saw Hurley

decline to 160-8. Hurley inched to 173 inside 49 overs with Pat Hinnell sent back 20 yards by young James Caliss. Two overs a side had been lost to a sharp rain break at 2.48.

Binfield took off like Usain Bolt smashing the Hurley attack for 67 in 10 overs but losing Gupta (19) and Higginson to some excellent pace from Riaz. Despite a run-rate of over 5, Hurley chipped away at the wickets and no real partnership of substance was established. Imran Arshad broke down in his 6th over with Phil Ridgeway (5-52) taking over from the lane end. He struck in his third over as Ed Lee (18) steepled to extra cover. His brother Henry briefly shone before he was bowled by Ridgeway going back instead of forward. The visitors reached 142-5 needing just 32 with overs and wickets in hand. But 2 wickets to Ridgeway and one to Steve Taylor reduced Binfield to 159-8. Needing just 14, Ridgeway picked up Lennon (15) with Binfield 163-9. Ian Goddard was then dropped twice to difficult chances as the tension increased, keeper Simoes apoplectic at stumping appeals. Binfield moved to 172 and with only one run to defend Ridgeway finished his match-winning spell with 3 dot balls to leave Amelia Humphrey on strike to Taylor. He saved his best delivery to deceive the batter (and everyone else) with a flighted full-toss. Clearly he had applied mystery top-spin as the ball dipped, poor Amelia tried to sweep, only to lose middle and leg stump. A roar of frustrated relief from the Hurley players as a season's ill-luck went their way. Amelia was heart-broken and it was sad to see her distraught after a gutsy display. A dramatic end to a vocal match.