

HURLEY 2nd v Littlewick Green 2nd Date: 21st July

Played at Littlewick Green

Innings of Hurley

| | Name | How Out | Bowler | Runs |
|----|------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------|
| 1 | Clive Williams* | | b Channi Sethi | 0 |
| 2 | Patrick Hinnell | lbw | b Channi Sethi | 54 |
| 3 | Yasir Gul | ct Simon Fuller | b Jack Hesom | 0 |
| 4 | Matthew Williams | | b Jack Hesom | 1 |
| 5 | Abdullah Ali | st Bill Green | b John Lucey | 84 |
| 6 | Greg Double† | | b Fred Herbert | 78 |
| 7 | Abdul Jabbar | ct Chris Leakey | b Jamie Middleton | 33 |
| 8 | Fayyaz Kayani | not out | | 14 |
| 9 | Ajmal Ali | not out | | 0 |
| 10 | Dave Walton | did not bat | | |
| 11 | Hassan Gul | did not bat | | |
| | Extras | b (19), lb (2), w (6), nb (4) | | 31 |
| | Total | | | 295 |
| | Wickets | | | 7 dec |
| | Overs | | | 46 |

Bowling

| | Bowler | Overs | Maidens | Runs | Wickets |
|---|-----------------|--------------|----------------|-------------|----------------|
| 1 | Channi Sethi | 11 | 3 | 27 | 2 |
| 2 | Jack Hesom | 8 | 0 | 63 | 2 |
| 3 | John Lucey | 4 | 0 | 31 | 1 |
| 4 | Chris Leakey | 7 | 1 | 29 | 0 |
| 5 | Ben Duxbury | 3 | 0 | 22 | 0 |
| 6 | Simon Fuller | 5 | 1 | 18 | 0 |
| 7 | Fred Herbert | 5 | 0 | 43 | 1 |
| 8 | Jamie Middleton | 3 | 0 | 41 | 1 |

Innings of Littlewick Green 2nd

| | Name | How Out | Bowler | Runs |
|----|-----------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------|-------------|
| 1 | Bill Green*† | ct Greg Double | b Dave Walton | 36 |
| 2 | Channi Sethi | | b Ajmal Ali | 5 |
| 3 | Simon Fuller | not out | | 100 |
| 4 | Chris Leakey | lbw | b Fayyaz Kayani | 15 |
| 5 | Mike Duxbury | | b Fayyaz Kayani | 14 |
| 6 | David Herron | | b Abdul Jabbar | 23 |
| 7 | John Lucey | ct Matthew Williams | b Dave Walton | 4 |
| 8 | Ben Duxbury | not out | | 0 |
| 9 | Jamie Middleton | did not bat | | |
| 10 | Fred Herbert | did not bat | | |
| 11 | Jack Hesom | did not bat | | |
| | Extras | b (1), lb (3), w (1), nb (3) | | 8 |
| | Total | | | 205 |
| | Wickets | | | 6 |
| | Overs | | | 44 |

Bowling

| | Bowler | Overs | Maidens | Runs | Wickets |
|---|---------------|--------------|----------------|-------------|----------------|
| 1 | Fayyaz Kayani | 13 | 8 | 24 | 2 |
| 2 | Ajmal Ali | 11 | 5 | 54 | 1 |
| 3 | Abdul Jabbar | 9 | 2 | 36 | 1 |
| 4 | Hassan Gul | 6 | 0 | 51 | 0 |
| 5 | Dave Walton | 5 | 0 | 36 | 2 |

Result: Match drawn.

A (mostly) placid pitch and the relentless heat eventually got the better of both sides in a high-scoring draw at Littlewick Green - which might consider changing its name to Littlewick Yellowy-Brown. Remarkably, the square remained a vivid emerald, although the soil beneath the tufts of live grass was as hard and dry as the outfield.

With a reshuffled team, including three seam bowlers who had not played together for Hurley before, Clive Williams chose to bat when 'tails' proved correct. That shuffle had also given Hurley three openers, so Pat Hinnell opened with Williams and Abdullah Ali dropped to no.5 - either to repair a poor start or to cash in on tiring bowlers. As it turned out, he did both.

Hurley 2s' successes this summer have been largely built on a solid opening stand. This time, the partnership lasted just one ball; Channi Sethi's looser landing short and barely leaving the ground as it crept under Williams' bat. Yasir Gul and Matthew Williams contributed one

run between them, but kept Hinnell company as he ran busily and played some sweet pulls and cuts when the bowlers dropped short.

Even so, 29-3 was not the start the captain had hoped for, and Abdullah called on his full repertoire of premeditated blocks to see that it got no worse. Hinnell kept up the scoring and the pair added 57 before Hinnell (54) got another from Sethi that certainly wasn't too high, and departed lbw. That brought in Greg Double, who played with confidence and aggression, while Abdullah brought out some of his big shots as the bowlers faded in the sun. Double made a personal-best 78 out of a stand of 120, before Fred Herbert did him for lack of pace.

With everything that beat the infield going for four, even 206 didn't seem like a winning total and Abdullah stepped up the pace. Abdul Jabbar (33) at first tried a little too hard to match him and lost his timing, but found it again and got the score into declaration territory. Abdullah (84) was eventually stumped, and Fayyaz Kayani (14*) helped Hurley into the 280s. Jabbar was well caught on the boundary by Chris Leakey but Williams called the players in an over early at 295-7.

Littlewick Green never really threatened to overtake Hurley. Ajmal Ali bowled Sethi (5) with one that straightened through the gate, but Simon Fuller joined Bill Green and the pair added 88 for the second wicket. Fuller might have been lbw to Ajmal without scoring, and each batsman managed to edge the hostile Kayani just high enough over the slips, but Fuller in particular looked more solid as the innings wore on, and made Hassan Gul's six-over spell (0-51) look less tidy than it really was.

Playing the joker again got Hurley a vital wicket, this time a smart catch behind by Double as Green (36) tried to be too delicate with Dave Walton. Chris Leakey and Mike Duxbury had no answer to Kayani's pace, but David Herron (23) stuck with Fuller to add 47 for the fifth wicket, before Jabbar changed ends to remove his middle stump.

Hurley were now running out of overs, and Littlewick Green's only remaining objective was 200 for the final batting point. This they achieved, but John Lucey was disappointed to gift Hurley his wicket - and a third bowling point - with an ugly swish at Walton that lobbed easily to Matthew Williams at square leg. Fuller reached his hundred shortly before hands were shaken on an enjoyable draw - although it might have been a different story in a 100-over match.