

HURLEY 1XI v Emmbrook – 1st September 2018

Hurley won by 4 wickets (W/L)

EMMBROOK			
O Williams	b Kayani	12	
S Jain	c J Graham b H Graham	18	
J Narraway	b Dad	24	
S Ragagotalan	c Double b Arshad	19	
J Williams	c&b J Graham	18	
A Fairhead	c F Kayani b J Graham	19	
R Cole	b Kayani	22	
M Cobb	lbw b J Graham	0	
M Howath	lbw b Dad	13	
R Balakrishnan	Not Out	27	
B Shinley	lbw b Dad	4	
Extras		16	
Total		192ao	44.2 overs

F Kayani	12-3-26-2	K Smith	3-0-25-0
H Graham	8-2-60-1	J Graham	9-1-34-3
I Arshad	2-1-6-1	R Dad	10.2-3-33-3

HURLEY			
S Kayani	lbw b Cole	7	
I Arshad	b Cobb	14	
Y Gul	b Cobb	4	
A Jabbar	c ?? b Howath	89	
F Kayani	c Narraway b Howath	44	
P Ridgeway	b Balak'n	11	
H Graham	Not Out	11	
R Dad	Not Out	10	
G Double			
J Graham			
K Smith			
Extras		4	
Total		195-6	36.5overs

R Cole	7-2-33-1	S Ragag'n	4-0-25-0
M Cobb	10-1-35-2	O Williams	4-0-22-0
M Howath	7.5-0-48-2	R Balak'n	4-1-28-1

1XI victories are about as rare as an 'Art of Conversation' App, but they ended a dreadful sequence of lost 6, drawn 1 in their last 7 to finish the season on a high. A fifteen minute delay to allow for traffic problems saw Emmbrook win the toss and opt to bat with Hurley putting all 11 in the field just in time. Ollie Williams (12) and S Jain (18) looked aggressive adding 27 in 5 overs before some impressive pace and movement from Fayyaz Kayani pegged back Williams' off stump. Jain soon followed driving fiercely at extra cover where Joe Graham smothered the catch off his younger brother. With Narraway (24) proving more stubborn than a 5 flush-floater, Arshad (1-6) replaced Henry Graham and immediately got his out-swingers going. His 6th ball had Ragagotalan (19) fencing and the edge dipped behind. Chunky stopper Greg Double took off to his right. Whether it was the diet of pork pies and Red Bull that gave him wings, or the magic Mike Walton gloves (soon to feature in the next Harry Potter), no one knows. Greg stuck out his right glove inches from the hallowed turf and the ball nestled like a day old chick. Greg took off like an overweight Usain Bolt in celebration. The visitors dug in with a 4th wicket stand of 43 before Joe Graham had J Williams lolloping a return catch. Graham had replaced Arshad who was binned by the umpire for two head-high deliveries. Hurley then made inroads as the visitors declined to 122-7. Cole (22) and

Howath (13) found some boundaries but it was a withering 28 from the 44th over as Balakrishnan (27not) enjoyed the pace of Henry Graham that lifted the visitors to a testing 192 all out.

There must have been a sale of tuna at Morrison's as the fish rather dominated tea, but fortified Shoab Kayani (7) and Imran Arshad (14) marched out to do battle. Kayani pulled Cole to the mid-wicket boundary to show intent but then next ball tried the same to be adjudged lbw. Arshad was beaten by pace and Yasir Gul made his usual brief cameo, Hurley were 28-3. From these ashes rose a blistering 80 run 4th wicket in 13 overs between Abdul Jabbar (89) and Fayyaz Kayani (44). Both played with abandon before Kayani edged Howath to the superb keeper Narraway. Phil Ridgeway (11) joined Jabbar to encourage a few more singles as these two added a further 54. Henry Graham (11not) repaid some of his punitive last over to steady the ship after Jabbar fell to a sharp catch at short cover. Hurley coasted over the line inside 37 overs to finish a difficult league season.