

COLESHILL v HURLEY 1st

18th July 2020

Venue: Coleshill
Toss: Hurley
Weather: Warm, sunny intervals

Innings of Coleshill

1 Dominic Spencer	c Jabbar	b Zamman	15
2 Marco Ljubisic*+	c Jabbar	b Baillie	50
3 J Spearpoint	c Double	b Dawkins	22
4 Martin Bambridge	c Zamman	b Dawkins	5
5 Chris Edwards	c Double	b H Gul	74
6 Allen Edwards		b Shah	11
7 Amar Dosanjh	st Double	b H Gul	5
8 A Chopra	lbw	b Ridgeway	7
9 Mike Scott	not out		0
10 Nick Gradel	lbw	b Ridgeway	4
11 G Sahota		b Ridgeway	2
Extras			7
Total			199
Overs			38.5

Bowling

U Zamman	6-1-18-1
R Shah	8-1-43-1
K Baillie	8-0-54-1
I Dawkins	7-0-40-2
H Gul	6-0-28-2
P Ridgeway	3.5-0-17-3

Innings of Hurley

1 Shoaib Kayani	c Bambridge	b Scott	0
2 Kelvin Baillie	c Chopra	b Sahota	53
3 Ibrah Hussain	st Ljubisic	b Sahota	66
4 Abdul Jabbar	not out		57
5 Yasir Gul*	not out		20
6 Ian Dawkins)			
7 Greg Double)			
8 Phil Ridgeway)	did not bat		
9 Rizwan Shah)			
10 Umar Zamman)			
11 Hassan Gul)			
Extras			5
Total			201-3
Overs			36.3

Bowling

M Scott	8-1-29-1
M Bambridge	5-0-24-0
A Chopra	4.3-0-28-0
N Gradel	6-0-30-0
C Edwards	5-0-24-0
G Sahota	5-0-36-2
A Dosanjh	3-0-27-0

Result: Hurley won by 7 wickets

Any misguided individual looking up the cricket scores for May and June might have seen the caption 'Start delayed – coronavirus pandemic'. The nationwide lockdown came into force about six weeks before the season was due to start. Domestic cricket was suspended indefinitely, but socially distanced cricket was eventually approved in early July. Thus the Hurley 1st XI started their season on match day 12 with a trip to Coleshill. There was only one survivor from the team that lost to Littlewick Green last September - Phil Ridgeway - although six of that team were selected for 2nd XI duty this weekend.

New captain Yasir Gul won the toss and invited the hosts to bat. Umar Zamman opened the bowling from the pavilion end. Coleshill made a steady start, but Dominic Spencer, sporting an olive-green cap, seemed to have an early appointment with the scorebook as he guided a delivery to Abdul Jabbar at third man in the ninth over. After Zamman and Rizwan Shah were given a rest, the hosts seemed to find scoring easier as the skies cleared, and several short but rapid partnerships lifted the score from thirty-one for one in the ninth over to 159 for four after thirty overs. Greg Double caught Spearpoint off Ian Dawkins in the 19th over, and Jabbar took a second catch in the 22nd over to remove captain Ljubisic off Kelvin Baillie. Zamman caught Martin Bambridge at silly mid-off off Dawkins in the 25th over, and Shah returned and bowled Allen Edwards in the 32nd over. Hassan Gul got some reward for his gentle leg-spin having Amar Dosanjh stumped, and Chris Edwards caught behind in his next over. Ridgeway came on for the 33rd over and after a quiet start, brought the curtain down on the Coleshill innings in the penultimate over with a spell of three for four in six deliveries.

After a do-it-yourself 'tea' which didn't even include a jug of water or use of the kettle, the home side took the field and opened the bowling with Mike Scott from the pavilion end. Shoaib Kayani will have been disappointed with the manner in which he got out, lofting the second ball of the innings to Bambridge at mid-on. However Baillie and Ibraiz Hussain seemed to find the conditions to their liking and scored half-centuries and compiled a second wicket stand of 121 over the first half of the Hurley innings. Eventually Sahota had Hussain stumped in the 24th over, and Baillie was caught by Chopra on the off side in Sahota's next over. The double dismissal brought together Jabbar and Yasir Gul, who completed the run chase in efficient fashion through a mixture of singles and lusty blows from Jabbar, who also scored a fifty. Hurley clinched victory with twenty-one balls to spare.

Hurley have tended to leave Coleshill empty-handed after their recent visits (their last victory was achieved in 2010 by the 2nd XI), but this win will help the team consign recent batting frailties to the past. Next up is a home match against Monks Risborough.

Scorer: Players

Umpire: Howard Mansell and players