

# THE LEE 1<sup>st</sup> v HURLEY 1<sup>st</sup>

29<sup>th</sup> May 2021

**Venue:** The Lee

**Toss:** Hurley

**Weather:** 19 degrees C, mainly sunny

## Innings of Hurley#

1 Kelvin Baillie+		b Balan	25
2 Faisal Mahmood		b Hutt	1
3 Ibraz Hussain	c Harris	b Balan	32
4 Ian Dawkins	lbw	b Morgan	56
5 Jagdeep Singh	c Mid-off	b Balan	22
6 Hassan Gul		c&b Young	3
7 Aman Singh	c Square leg	b Morgan	35
8 Fayyaz Kayani		b Morgan	12
9 Ankush Sharma	not out		11
10 Yasir Gul*	st Harris	b Morgan	0
11 Imran Mohammed		b Morgan	0
Extras	(6 w, 6 b, 3 lb)		15
Total			212
Overs			42

## Bowling

H Hutt	9-1-20-1
J Stark	5-0-16-0
W Young	9-0-51-1
G Balan	9-0-40-3
G Morgan	7-0-39-5
J Barnett	3-0-37-0

## Innings of The Lee

1 Mike Harris+		b Kayani	0
2 David Tossell		b Aman	9
3 Jamie Line*		b Kayani	0
4 Will Young	c Jagdeep	b Aman	17
5 Harry Hutt		b Kayani	0
6 Guy Morgan		c&b Sharma	2
7 Jack Stark	c Kayani	b Sharma	1
8 Ganesh Balan	lbw	b Sharma	0
9 Mark Channer		c&b Sharma	0
10 John Barnett		b Gul	0
11 Pat Walsh	not out		1
Extras	(9 w, 2 b)		11
Total			41
Overs			22.2

## **Bowling**

F Kayani	6-1-17-3
Aman S	6-2-8-2
I Mohammed	4-2-2-0
A Sharma	4-0-10-4
H Gul	1.2-0-2-1
Jagdeep S	1-1-0-0

**Result:** Hurley won by 171 runs

The 1<sup>st</sup> XI season finally resumed after a four-week hiatus. There was palpable relief at the arrival of weather more befitting of cricket after the wettest start to a season since 2014. The three matches lost were Pinkneys Green at home and Denham away (abandoned without a ball being bowled) and Coleshill at home (opposition forfeit).

Match day five saw the Saturday Ones travel to The Lee. The Lee have been regular opponents in 2<sup>nd</sup> XI cricket since 2014, but this was the first meeting between the two 1<sup>st</sup> XIs away from home. For anyone who is not familiar, the ground is about eight miles north of the A404 at Amersham Old Town. This northern outpost of the Chilterns League is picturesque and lined with trees, with a clubhouse in the north-east corner and has undulating countryside to the east. At the start of the match, the two teams had yet to win a game on the field of play in the current season.

The travelling players arrived in dribs and drabs after a long journey for a 1:10pm start. Yasir Gul opted to bat, more through necessity than shrewd tactical insight. The majestic Harry Hutt opened the bowling for the hosts from the near end in tandem with Jack Stark. Hutt also bowled a spell from the same end after drinks and was replaced initially by young Will Young bowling leg spin. Stark was replaced by seamer Ganesh Balan, and then by veteran Guy Morgan bowling deceptively effective medium pace. The score had reached eight in the third over and Faisal Mahmood was bowled by Hutt. Kelvin Baillie and Ibraiz Hussain compiled a second wicket stand of forty-five with the latter hitting four sixes on the leg side at both ends. Hussain rode his luck a little, with one chance falling into space, but eventually top edged to keeper Mike Harris off Balan. Baillie batted for eighteen overs from the start and was eventually bowled off bat and pad by Balan. Ian Dawkins, making his seasonal reappearance for the team, came in two down and batted for twenty-six overs for a well-deserved half-

century. Dawkins added sixty-six in eleven overs for the sixth wicket with Aman Singh, a compact V-shaped guy who later helped open the bowling. There were also useful cameos from newcomers Jagdeep Singh (Mr Kang), Ankush Sharma (wearing white with yellow trim) and regular Fayyaz Kayani. The score had reached 210 in the fortieth over, and Dawkins was triggered by the travelling umpire off Morgan. Morgan cleaned up the Hurley tail in the forty-second over to bag a five-for and leave the visitors with a decent but potentially chaseable 212.

The hosts started their run-chase at 4:30pm and ultimately weren't able to get anywhere near Hurley's score. Kayani started bowling at the far end, and the score was still on nought in the third over when he bowled Harris and captain Jamie Line in successive deliveries with devastating inswing. David Tossell and Young steadied the ship for five overs, adding twenty-five, until Tossell was bowled by Aman Singh. From twenty-five for two The Lee disappeared faster than Donald Trump's Twitter account. The Lee is in HS2 country, but it was the batsmen who were transported at high speed back to the pavilion. Hutt was bowled by Kayani in his sixth and final over. Top scorer Young was caught on the leg side by Jagdeep off Aman. Sharma replaced Aman at the near end and continued the rout with two caught-and-bowleds, a sharp Kayani catch and an lbw. Imran Mohammed, a strong-looking rhythm bowler, replaced Kayani at the far end and helped maintain the pressure with four tight overs. With the hosts now thirty-nine for nine after twenty overs, Hassan Gul's gentle leg spin was introduced, and he took the final wicket to leave Hurley emphatic winners.

The hosts took their defeat with good grace. This was an astonishing turnaround after the Monks Risborough chill-fest, but Hurley are stronger when Dawkins and Kayani are available. Baillie was tidy behind the stumps, Hussain assisted with the setting of fields, and there were four encouraging debuts. The Lee mentioned poor availability, but the margin of victory should ensure that this match is remembered as one of the great away wins. The next match is Penn & Tylers Green at Shepherds Lane.

**Umpires:** Colin Treadaway and Howard Mansell