

HURLEY 1st XI v MONKS RISBOROUGH

3rd July 2021

Venue: Shepherds Lane

Toss: Monks Risborough

Weather: 20 degrees C, forecast of an evening thunderstorm

Innings of Monks Risborough#

1 Subhan Ul-Haq	c Zaman	b Sharma	68
2 Intekhab Alam	c Jaspreet	b Aman	53
3 Javed Khan	lbw	b Aman	5
4 Humza Amjad	lbw	b Aman	15
5 Syed Raza	c Sharma	b Zaman	64
6 Muhammad Irfan		b Aman	0
7 Mohammed Amjad*+	c Hussain	b Imran	2
8 Yasir Kayani	c Baillie	b Imran	5
9 Farooq Butt	c Jaspreet	b Zaman	2
10 Waseem Raja	not out		1
11 Abdul Razzak	c Double	b Zaman	5
Extras	(1 nb, 10 w, 1 b, 2 lb)		14
Total			234
Overs			44.1

Bowling

U Zaman	9.1-1-55-3
R Baillie	6-0-38-0
Jaspreet S	3-0-40-0
Aman S	12-2-44-4
A Sharma	8-1-22-1
Imran M	6-0-32-2

Innings of Hurley

1 Kelvin Baillie	c M Amjad	b Razzak	28
2 Umar Zaman		b Kayani	39
3 Ibraz Hussain	lbw	b Razzak	0
4 Jagdeep Singh		b Razzak	0
5 Greg Double+	c Ul-Haq	b Razzak	5
6 Aman Singh	c Raja	b Irfan	47
7 Faisal Mahmood	c H Amjad	b Butt	10
8 Ankush Sharma	c Ul-Haq	b Raja	35
9 Yasir Gul*		b Raja	1
10 Jaspreet Singh	not out		8
11 Imran Mohammed	c Irfan	b Raja	0
Extras	(1 nb, 13 w, 4 b, 1 lb)		19
Total			192
Overs			34.5

Bowling

F Butt	8-1-51-1
A Razzak	12-0-70-4
Y Kayani	5-1-20-1
M Irfan	5-0-21-1
W Raja	4.5-0-25-3

Result: Monks Risborough won by 42 runs

Hurley's 1st XI season resumed on matchday ten with a home game against Monks Risborough following a week off owing to the pre-season withdrawal of Bourne End. Hurley were the last team to take their gap weekend, and this match was the first in the second round of matches. The mid-season withdrawal of Coleshill, the team of Dominic Spencer and Mike Scott, left Hurley bottom of the second tier of eight teams. A contributing factor to Hurley's lowly position was an extraordinary match at Penn & Tylers Green the previous weekend, in which the hosts had sixty-three overs to chase down the total of eighty-eight set by The Lee, but still lost by six runs, even when they tried to grind out the win. This result gave The Lee their first win of their season and lifted them above Hurley. The current match took place on the same day that England travelled to Rome to face Ukraine in the quarter-finals of the EURO 2020 tournament.

The visitors battled their way to Hurley through the High Wycombe traffic and arrived just in time for the toss. The 50p piece fell as a tail and Mohammad Amjad opted to bat on a mainly cloudy and windless day. Hurley started the match with ten players but were joined by the fourth Hurley bowler some time after the start. Umar Zaman opened from the Shepherds Lane end with Kelvin Baillie. However Subhan Ul-Haq and Intekhab Alam, wearing grey and black caps respectively, raced to an opening stand of 126 in eighteen overs. The slow left-arm of Jaspreet Singh was briefly tried at both ends in order to try to stem the flow of runs, but to no avail. During this phase three sixes were scored in the arc between the tennis court and the chalet. By the eighteenth over Aman Singh and Ankush Sharma were bowling together, and it was Sharma who had Ul-Haq caught on the off-side by Zaman to break the partnership. Jaspreet took two good catches at slip: a skyer to remove Alam in the twenty-first and another chance later on to remove Farooq Butt. Aman got some reward for his accurate bowling with the wickets of Alam, Javed Khan and Humza Amjad (both lbw), and Muhammad Irfan.

With Hurley seemingly back in the match, Syed Raza, a chunky bearded sort, came to the crease in the twenty-seventh over at 146-3, and scored the majority of Monks's late runs with an aggressive half-century. Raza eventually fell to a catch at long on by Sharma off Zaman two overs before the end of the innings with the score on 228.

After the mid-match interval Butt commenced the bowling with the old ball. Abdul Razzaq, a nippy seamer, bowled his full spell from the Hurley Farm end. Yasir Kayani bowled left-arm seam and Irfan bowled leg-spin. In a change of tactic, Hurley opted to push Zaman with his vivid blue helmet up the order to open the batting with Baillie. The pair scored seventy-six together, the highest stand of the season and the highest opening stand for two years. Zaman outscored his more established partner. By the fourteenth over the new ball was in use, and Razzak found Baillie's edge as he was caught behind by Mohammed Amjad. Hurley then collapsed like a Miami apartment block losing four wickets in twelve balls. Ibrah Hussain lasted three balls until triggered by the travelling umpire. Next ball Zaman was bowled by Kayani with the first ball of his second over. Jagdeep Singh was then bowled by Razzaq for a duck in the next. Greg Double had a taxi booked and batted for three overs until caught at second slip to become Razzaq's fourth scalp. Aman added thirty-five with Faisal Mahmood until the latter fell to a fine catch at long-off, and forty-two with Sharma. Hurley had reached 160-6 with scoring rate not really an issue when Aman fell three short of a well-deserved half-century to a catch by Raja in the covers off Irfan. Thereafter Hurley's challenge tailed off, although Sharma added twenty-three in four overs with the more circumspect Jaspreet until falling two balls from the end. There was some on-field petulance (what a surprise), but Monks Risborough got the victory that they came for when Imran Mohammed was caught at point ten overs short of the draw (which hadn't been on many peoples' minds).

Monks Risborough were lacking a couple of seamers but brought a strong batting line-up, who made good use of Jeff Dawson's fine wicket. Hurley were in a position to shock the visitors but their run of poor results continues. There was a trace of light rain early in the match but the weather wasn't really a factor, despite the awful forecast. In the football England didn't wilt in Rome to underrated eastern European opposition – Ukraine were trounced 4-0 and England join Denmark, Italy and Spain in the semi-finals. The next fixture for Hurley is at Pinkneys Green.

Umpires: Howard Mansell & Azhar Shazad

Scorer: Phil Ridgeway