

Hurley v Knotty Green Saturday 25th June 2022

Knotty Green CC

Name	How Out	Bowler	Runs
James Baldwin	ct Hassan Gul	b Amaan Mahmood	15
Jonathan Patel	ct Hassan Gul	b Jagdeep Singh	119
Shuhash Sukumar†	lbw	b Saeed Ajmal	35
Neel Patel	lbw	b Jagdeep Singh	0
Rodney Charles		b Saeed Ajmal	38
Jordan Allison	ct Harpreet Singh	b Jagdeep Singh	9
Nikhil Shetty	not out		57
Ashish Patel	ct Hassan Gul	b Jagdeep Singh	35
Chirag Ghandhi	not out		9
Thomas Patel*	did not bat		
Himanshu Patel	did not bat		
Extras	b (8), lb (1), w (3), nb (1)		13
		Total	330
		Wickets	7 dec
		Overs	40

* = Captain, † = Wicket Keeper

Bowler	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets
Amaan Mahmood	5	2	30	1
Umar Zamman	5	0	40	0
Harpreet Singh	4	0	53	0
Saeed Ajmal	12	0	73	2
Jagdeep Singh	10	0	75	4
Hassan Gul	1	0	16	0
Naeem Khan	3	0	34	0

Hurley CC

Name	How Out	Bowler	Runs	4s	6s	Balls
Umar Zamman		b Himanshu Patel	11	1	1	8
Naeem Khan		b Nikhil Shetty	4	1	0	5
Mike Walton†		ct & b Nikhil Shetty	0	0	0	13
Harpreet Singh		b Nikhil Shetty	35	2	4	13
Hassan Gul		b Nikhil Shetty	0	0	0	3
Jagdeep Singh	ct Thomas Patel	b Himanshu Patel	13	1	1	8
Saeed Ajmal		ct & b Nikhil Shetty	33	6	1	28
Yasir Gul*	run out (Unsure)		0	0	0	2
Muhammad Adnan		b Himanshu Patel	6	1	0	9
Amaan Mahmood	ct Rodney Charles	b Himanshu Patel	8	2	0	16
Adil Shaffiq	not out		0	0	0	2
Extras	b (8), w (3)		11			
		Total	121			
		Wickets	all out			
		Overs	17.3			

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Bowling

Bowler	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets
Nikhil Shetty	9	0	47	5
Himanshu Patel	8.3	2	66	4

Result: Knotty Green won by 209 runs.

The visit of high flying Knotty Green to Hurley provided a run fest in the sunshine at Shepherds Lane. On winning the toss Yasir Gul opted to bowl first, condemning his side to an afternoon of chasing leather. The first few overs provided no clue as to the carnage to come. Left-arm seamer Amman Mahmood beat the outside of James Baldwin with his first four deliveries of an opening maiden over and after the first four overs there were only nineteen runs on the board. Johnny Patel made his intentions clear, launching an assault on the bowling, smashing the ball to and over the boundary at every opportunity. After his initial struggle, Baldwin gained in confidence and it was hard to see where a wicket would come from, but it did arrive courtesy of an excellent grab by Hassan Gul at square-leg off Mahmood to dismiss Baldwin (15). With the scoring rate approaching 7 an over, Harpreet Singh replaced Umar Zamman at the River End and Saeed Ajmal was introduced from the Shepherds Lane End. Harpreet bowled with good pace but could do nothing to stem the

flow of runs and it was Ajmal who got the wicket of Sukumar, trapped leg-before for 35. The next over saw Neel Patel adjudged leg-before to Jagdeep Singh without scoring. Two more catches for Hassan and one in the deep by Harpreet gave Ajmal figures of 4-75 from his 12 over stint, including that of Johnny Patel (119) caught on the square-leg boundary by Hassan. Despite the dismissal of Patel, there was little respite for the bowlers as the visitors racked up 330 for 7 before declaring after 40 overs.

With a huge score on the board, Knotty Green opened the bowling with the spin pairing of Nikhil Shetty and Himanshu Patel, bowling with the old ball and all the fielders around the bat, creating a cacophony of noise. The Hurley reply got off to a flying start, with 15 runs coming from the first over with the help of eight byes. Umar Zamman showed attacking intent with a boundary off Shetty and a six off Patel but was bowled trying to repeat the feat against Patel. Naheem Khan (4) followed in the next over and despite the loss of two wickets, the hosts were ahead of the required rate after three overs. Mike Walton usually relishes the challenge of batting for nearly fifty overs and looked to have dug in for the long haul but a misjudged sweep to a full toss from Shetty saw the ball balloon off the top edge and the bowler took the return catch. His replacement Hassan only lasted three deliveries and Hurley were looking down both barrels at 58-4. Harpreet decided attack was the best form of defence blasting 30 runs off a Patel over before falling to Shetty for 35 from 13 deliveries. When the eighth wicket fell, Hurley were still 8 runs short of a batting point but Mahmood (8) and Ajmal (29) ensured they got to triple figures. Ajmal's 33 from 28 balls combined solid defence with punishment of anything loose and showed that he should probably be deployed higher in the batting order. Mahmood was the last man out, edging Patel to slip where Rodney Charles took the catch to give Knotty Green the victory and cue predictably raucous celebrations.