

Andover took top spot off Rowledge in SPL2 with a six wicket win as the two sides clashed at London Road last Saturday.

Opting to bat first, Tristen McDonald and David Lloyd got Rowledge got off to a decent start bolstered by a number of wides from opening bowlers Mike Adams and Luke Graham. However James Knight struck with his very first ball, an inswinger that McDonald shouldered arms to and lost his off stump.

Soon after Lloyd edged a drive to slip off the off spin of Jonty Hadfield. Chris Yates jnr and Will Arnold took over but Andover's bowling tightened and progress was slow for Rowledge. Arnold played on to the returning Graham and later Yates jnr offered a return catch to Knight.

Casper Hughes made a useful 28 but Rowledge were unable to lift the run rate and scored a meagre 37 runs off the final twelve overs. The Andover bowling was tight and it was a difficult track to time the ball on but Rowledge failed to work the ball around effectively and ended on a below par 182 for 8.

An earlier rain shower had meant the Andover innings would be reduced and so their revised target was 168 off 42 overs.

Veteran seamer Simon Bonser made a return for Rowledge and with an absolute beauty of a seaming delivery he bowled the dangerous Ali Hooper. However sixteen year old 'keeper/batsman Tom Alsop gave Andover a great start playing some superb attacking strokes whilst Kiwi Luke Scully struggled at the other end before finally edging Tim Wheatley behind.

Alsop brought up his fifty with the score on 71, but having just plundered Rob Smith for one six he then danced down the track to hit Smith out of the park but played at thin air and was stumped by Ian Metcalfe. Mark Coppleston also struggled against the spin of Smith but it was Lloyd who bowled him in his first over. At 118 for 3 Rowledge had a chance and having pulled off victories from similar positions already this season sensed perhaps they could do it again. Jonty Hadfield played a captain's knock for his side though in an unbeaten 42 that was supported by younger brother Robbie and Andover reached their target in the 39th over.

Rowledge 1st XI

			R	B	4s	6s
David Lloyd *	ct Robbie HADFIELD	b Jonty HADFIELD	13	33	1	0
Tristen McDonald		b James Knight	28	37	4	0
Chris (Jnr) Yates	ct James Knight	b James Knight	34	84	1	0
William Arnold		b Luke GRAHAM	16	45	1	0
Casper Hughes	ct Robbie HADFIELD	b Luke GRAHAM	25	48	2	0
Ian Metcalfe +	ct Jonty HADFIELD	b Mike ADAMS	11	22	0	0
Steven Martin	LBW	b Luke GRAHAM	1	6	0	0
Rob Smith	ct Jonty HADFIELD	b Jonty HADFIELD	0	5	0	0
Tim Wheatley	Not Out		4	9	0	0
Richard Forbes	Not Out		10	11	0	0
Simon Bonser	Did Not Bat					
Extras			(7b 2lb 31w)			40
Total			(8 wickets, 50 overs)			182

Bowling

	O	M	R	W	Nb	Wd
Mike ADAMS	10	2	47	1	0	11
Luke GRAHAM	10	1	37	3	0	14
James Knight	10	0	27	2	0	0
Jonty HADFIELD	10	1	31	2	0	0
Daniel FOY	10	0	31	0	0	2

Andover CC - 1st XI

			R	B	4s	6s
Tom Alsop +	st Ian Metcalfe	b Rob Smith	56	48	9	1
Ali HOOPER		b Simon Bonser	0	2	0	0
Luke SCULLY	ct Ian Metcalfe	b Tim Wheatley	14	35	2	0
Mark COPLESTON		b David Lloyd	14	47	2	0
Jonty HADFIELD *	Not Out		42	68	5	0
Robbie HADFIELD	Not Out		29	32	3	1
Luke Andrews	Did Not Bat					
Luke GRAHAM	Did Not Bat					
Mike ADAMS	Did Not Bat					
Daniel FOY	Did Not Bat					
James Knight	Did Not Bat					
Extras			(3lb 10w 1nb)			14
Total			(4 wickets, 38.3 overs)			169

Bowling

	O	M	R	W	Nb	Wd
Simon Bonser	4	0	27	1	0	1
Richard Forbes	8	1	39	0	0	0
Tim Wheatley	10	0	42	1	0	2
Rob Smith	10	0	31	1	1	3
David Lloyd	6.3	1	27	1	0	0