

SEPCL Division 2 Rowledge v Burr ridge

Tristen McDonald hit a sparkling 150 to set Rowledge up for a 50 run win over Burr ridge at the recreation ground last Saturday.

With Ricky Yates being dismissed cheaply, caught in the covers punching off the back foot, McDonald coming in at three joined Chris Yates jnr in a 121 run second wicket partnership. The pair looked at complete ease until Yates jnr misjudged an attempt at a second run and a direct hit by Sully White saw him run out

Will Arnold showed good form and Ian Metcalfe and Rob Smith who hit two sixes late on also chipped in nicely. But it was generally a case of supporting McDonald and letting him have the strike. The New South Welshman played some delightfully cute shots including fine sweeps and late cuts off the spinners. Showing real class he scored all round the wicket and brought up his 150 with a scoop over fine leg for six off opening bowler Greg Thew. Rowledge closed on 297 for 8.

Captain David Lloyd struggling with a hamstring injury was not required with the bat and unable to bowl. Rowledge were well aware the top three for Burr ridge were the key wickets and on a good batting track they would have to perform well to win the game despite their challenging total. As it turned out they were not at the best with the ball but performed well in the field and took wickets at key times.

Tim Wheatley again got the big scalp of Derek Kenway as he clipped the ball low to short midwicket where Chris Yates snr, playing his first game for Rowledge 1's this season took a smart catch. Then Alex Styles who just hit Richard Forbes for successive fours attempted an aggressive cover drive but McDonald snaffled up the chance that just about carried.

Australian Jordon Silk and Sam Lavery then combined in an 82 run third wicket stand and were just starting to pick the run rate up when Silk fell just after reaching his fifty. Attempting to sweep Rob Smith, he lifted his back foot up as he lost balance and Ian Metcalfe was quick to take the bails off.

Chris Board again bowled a tidy spell for Rowledge and he had a big role in accounting for the Burr ridge middle order. Lavery offered him a return catch and then with the rate now climbing to eight an over Greg Thew lost his middle stump running at Board but missing.

The experienced pair of captain Rick Ankers and Paul Ancell kept Burr ridge hopes alive. Ancell chipping the ball into the gaps but Board got him to nick behind as he attempted to drive the off spinner through the off side.

Ankers looked up for the task and with some well struck shots past 50 and had Burr ridge well in the hunt at 240 for 6 with Jamie Rood supporting at the other end and the rate at a manageable 8 or 9. Burr ridge though lost both men on that score and both run out.

Ankers went first, contemplating coming back for a second run, he changed his mind with Board so quick over the ground at deep midwicket, getting the ball into Metcalfe who dived to break the stumps with Ankers short. The first ball of the next over, Rood tried to drop and run but Metcalfe picked the ball up and with an underarm flick ran Rood out at the bowlers end with a direct hit.

Ben Lane bizarrely moved out of his crease as Tim Wheatley beat him outside off stump and Metcalfe again had the bails off before Yates snr completed the job by bowling Jeremy Wright and seeing Rowledge to another maximum points win.

Rowledge 1st XI

| | | | R |
|-------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|-----|
| Chris (Jnr) Yates | ro Sullivan White | | 47 |
| Ricky Yates | ct Jordon SILK | b Gregory Thew | 1 |
| Tristen McDonald | ct Sullivan White | b Gregory Thew | 150 |
| William Arnold | | b Paul Ancell | 27 |
| Chris Board | ct Jamie Rood | b Richard Ankers | 5 |
| Ian Metcalfe + | ct Derek Kenway | b Richard Ankers | 18 |
| Rob Smith | ro Unsure | | 15 |
| Tim Wheatley | | b Gregory Thew | 6 |
| Richard Forbes | Not Out | | 1 |
| David Lloyd * | Did Not Bat | | |
| Christopher (Snr) Yates | Did Not Bat | | |
| | Extras | (3lb 22w 2nb) | 27 |
| | Total | (8 wickets, 50 overs) | 297 |

Bowling

| | O | M | R | W | Nb | Wd |
|----------------|----|---|----|---|----|----|
| Gregory Thew | 8 | 1 | 61 | 3 | 1 | 1 |
| Sullivan White | 4 | 0 | 43 | 0 | 1 | 5 |
| Paul Ancell | 10 | 1 | 49 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Alex Styles | 10 | 0 | 53 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| Jordon SILK | 3 | 0 | 23 | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| Derek Kenway | 10 | 2 | 28 | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| Richard Ankers | 5 | 0 | 37 | 2 | 0 | 1 |

Burridge CC - 1st XI

| | | | R |
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| Alex Styles | ct Tristen McDonald | b Richard Forbes | 24 |
| Derek Kenway | ct Christopher (Snr) Yates | b Tim Wheatley | 10 |
| Jordon SILK | st Ian Metcalfe | b Rob Smith | 50 |
| Sam lavery | ct Chris Board | b Chris Board | 34 |
| Richard Ankers * | ro Chris Board | | 53 |
| Gregory Thew | | b Chris Board | 7 |
| Paul Ancell | ct Ian Metcalfe | b Chris Board | 20 |
| Jamie Rood + | ro Ian Metcalfe | | 13 |
| Benjamin Lane | st Ian Metcalfe | b Tim Wheatley | 1 |
| Jeremy Wright | | b Christopher (Snr) Yates | 1 |
| Sullivan White | Not Out | | 4 |
| | Extras | (2lb 25w 3nb) | 30 |
| | Total | (all out , 45.1 overs) | 247 |

Bowling

| | O | M | R | W | Nb | Wd |
|-------------------------|-----|---|----|---|----|----|
| Tim Wheatley | 9 | 1 | 42 | 2 | 0 | 7 |
| Richard Forbes | 10 | 3 | 46 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Christopher (Snr) Yates | 6.1 | 1 | 32 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Chris Board | 10 | 1 | 50 | 3 | 0 | 10 |
| Rob Smith | 10 | 1 | 75 | 1 | 2 | 6 |