

SEPCL Division 2 Hambledon v Rowledge

Rowledge returned to the top of SPL2 as a very accomplished all round performance at Hambledon resulted in a 55 run win and coincided with a defeat for Hook & Newnham Basics against New Milton.

Rowledge were asked to bat first on a difficult surface and lost Ricky Yates caught behind early on. Tristen McDonald should have followed soon after but for an inexplicable drop from the most simplest of chances that was offered in the covers.

Rowledge had to be watchful and Chris Yates jnr and McDonald were made to work hard. The introduction of Rory Prentice into the attack brought rewards for Hambledon with Yates jnr bowled by a good delivery and Will Arnold trapped in front.

Having decided a few weeks ago to make the move to Rowledge from local I'Anson side Wrecclesham but denied by the weather, Chris Board eventually made his debut for Rowledge. Coming in at five he played an assured innings but unfortunately picked out deep mid wicket on 16, attempting to dispatch and rank long hop from Kyle Shinn.

McDonald continued along his way passing fifty and looking typically strong off his legs, whilst David Lloyd (29) supported watchfully. McDonald was dismissed for 78 in the 43rd over with the score on 170, but this made way for Ian Metcalfe who scored a quickfire 39 not out to see Rowledge up to 227 for 5, a very competitive score given the conditions.

Greg Smith taking the new ball for the first time for Rowledge 1stXI and Richard Forbes were unable to make an early breakthrough, although both bowled well, with Forbes going for just 9 runs off his ten overs bowled straight through from the top end. Joe Colling-Wells was finding it especially difficult to score and the pressure told on Hambledon as James Scutt attempted to take a quick single, but an outstanding pick up and direct hit by McDonald saw him well short of his ground, 37 for 1.

Steve Martin replaced Smith at the pavilion end and his gentle paced swing bowling proved effective and he got the left handed Rob Atkins to nick off where Metcalfe took a good catch. Atkins had made centuries in the two previous games he played against Rowledge.

Ricky Yates bowled a four over spell, replacing Forbes and a rare attacking shot by Collings-Wells saw him hole out to Ben Wish at long on, leaving Hambledon 66 for 3 and falling further and further behind the rate.

Captain and all rounder James Hewitt looked to be a bit more positive but Martin continued to ask questions and Hewitt in the end skied one up which 'keeper Metcalfe was easily able to get underneath.

Paul Vickers skewed David Lloyd to backward point before Board came on to wrap things up for Rowledge claiming 5 for 28 on debut with his off spin. Toby de Mellow (38) and William Marks shared a 35 run partnership to delay Rowledge a little but none of the tail could truly get to grips with Board.

Rowledge 1st XI

			R	B	4s	6s
Chris (Jnr) Yates		b Rory Prentice	15	0	1	0
Ricky Yates	ct Nick Scutt	b Cameron Prentice	1	0	0	0
Tristen McDonald		b Cameron Prentice	78	0	7	0
William Arnold	LBW	b Rory Prentice	2	0	0	0
Chris Board	ct Joe Collings-Wells	b Kyle Shinn	16	0	3	0
David Lloyd *		b Cameron Prentice	29	0	1	0
Ian Metcalfe +	Not Out		39	0	2	2
Steven Martin	Not Out		2	0	0	0
Ben Wish	Did Not Bat					
Gregory Smith	Did Not Bat					
Richard Forbes	Did Not Bat					
Extras		(2b 9lb 22w 12nb)	45			
Total		(6 wickets, 50 overs)	227			

Bowling

	O	M	R	W	Nb	Wd
Dan Hewitt	8	1	33	0	4	6
Cameron Prentice	10	0	43	3	4	1
Rory Prentice	10	1	29	2	4	6
William Marks	9	0	52	0	0	7
Kyle Shinn	4	1	21	1	0	0
James Scutt	1	0	9	0	0	2
Robert Atkins	8	1	24	0	0	0

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			R	B	4s	6s
James Scutt	ro Tristen McDonald		13	0	1	0
Joe Collings-Wells	ct Ben Wish	b Ricky Yates	23	0	3	0
Robert Atkins	ct Ian Metcalfe	b Steven Martin	6	0	0	0
Dan Hewitt *	ct Ian Metcalfe	b Steven Martin	21	0	2	0
Toby de Mellow		b Chris Board	38	0	3	0
Paul Vickers	ct Chris (Jnr) Yates	b David Lloyd	8	0	1	0
Nick Scutt +		b Chris Board	0	0	0	0
Cameron Prentice	ct Ricky Yates	b Chris Board	16	0	2	0
Rory Prentice	Ct and	b Chris Board	0	0	0	0
William Marks		b Chris Board	15	0	1	0
Kyle Shinn	Not Out		2	0	0	0
Extras		(6b 3lb 20w 1nb)	30			
Total		(all out , 48.1 overs)	172			

Bowling

	O	M	R	W	Nb	Wd
Gregory Smith	7	2	21	0	0	5
Richard Forbes	10	4	9	0	1	1
Steven Martin	10	1	35	2	0	5
Ricky Yates	4	0	23	1	0	4
David Lloyd	10	0	47	1	0	2
Chris Board	7.1	0	28	5	0	3