A good all round display from Rowledge saw them win by 35 runs away at Hartley Wintney last Saturday.

Batting first Rowledge made 265 for 6. A good start was made by Chris Yates jnr (23) before he chipped up a catch on the off side. Ricky Yates took a while to set in but once he found his straps played his way to a fluent 89, sharing a second wicket stand of 113 with Tristen McDonald who fell leg before for 41.

Upon Ricky Yates dismissal bowled by Roy Cockram, David Lloyd pushed Ian Metcalfe up the order but he nicked behind first ball chasing a wide delivery, but quick runs were scored nonetheless by teenagers Will Arnold and Casper Hughes. Fifteen year old Arnold's first ten balls were dots but thereafter he tore into the Hartley attack making an unbeaten 55 off his next 29 balls. Hughes made 30 before holing out in the last over allowing Lloyd to come in at seven and square drive two boundaries.

Rowledge picked up the big hitting Gareth Phillips early as he cut Tim Wheatley straight to Lloyd at backward point but Hartley then made good strides with Will Phillips and Scott Baldwin sharing a 100 run partnership. After Richard Forbes had bowled his opening spell tidily, Hartley were able to pick off ones and two with ease as well as striking the odd boundary. Rowledge were a little light on bowling and so Lloyd had to turn to McDonald for his first bowl of the season. Last year the New South Welshman occasionally featured with his away swing but has now favoured off spin instead. However he carried little threat in his first spell.

Baldwin needlessly presented a catch at long on off Lloyd's off spin and two balls later Danny Flanders gave Lloyd a return catch putting Rowledge back in the game.

Roy Cockram hit Ricky Yates for consecutive boundaries but in trying for a third drove straight to Hughes in the covers. New to the crease, Dave Arnold then dealt a hammer blow to his teams' chances as nudging straight to Lloyd tight in at backward point he called Will Phillips who had made an untroubled 72, through for a single. Phillips was run out well short of his ground and Arnold, along with Jamie Teale had to try and rescue the situation.

McDonald's second spell sealed the game for Rowledge as he picked up four wickets, two either side of Lloyd accounting for Jamie Teale who made a quick 40. McDonald got Arnold who skied one into the leg side which Ben Wish clung onto to take a good catch, Jack Cockram lbw, Mark Teale stumped and Chris Jolley caught and bowled.

At the halfway stage of the season Rowledge who were thought unlikely to challenge at the top of the table without key players Gary Clapham and Pete Dickinson so far this season, are nicely poised in second place behind Hook and Newnham Basics. Rowledge 1st XI

			R	В	4s	6s
Chris (Jnr) Yates	ct Scott Baldwin	b Phil Horwood	23	0	0	0
Ricky Yates		b Roy Cockram	89	0	0	0
Tristen McDonald	LBW	b Jamie Teale	41	0	0	0
William Arnold	Not Out		55	0	0	0
Ian Metcalfe +	ct David Arnold	b Roy Cockram	0	0	0	0
Casper Hughes	ct Chris Jolley	b Jamie Teale	30	0	0	0
David Lloyd *	ct Chris Jolley	b Jamie Teale	8	0	0	0
Ben Wish	Did Not Bat					
Tim Wheatley	Did Not Bat					
Richard Forbes	Did Not Bat					
Ashley Jeggo	Did Not Bat					
Extras		(3lb 14w 2nb)	19			
Total	((6 wickets, 50 overs)	265			

Bowling

	О	M	R	W	Nb	Wd
Chris Jolley	5	0	44	0	0	0
Phil Horwood	8	3	30	1	0	0
Scott Baldwin	10	4	42	0	0	0
Roy Cockram	9	1	61	2	0	0
Jack Cockram	6	1	16	0	0	0
Jamie Teale	9	0	53	3	0	0
Mark Teale	3	0	16	0	0	0

Hartley Wintney CC - 1st XI

			R	В	4s	6s
William Phillips	ro David Lloyd		72	0	0	0
Gareth Phillips	ct David Lloyd	b Tim Wheatley	14	0	0	0
Scott Baldwin *	ct Ashley Jeggo	b David Lloyd	44	0	0	0
Danny Flanders	ct David Lloyd	b David Lloyd	0	0	0	0
Roy Cockram	ct Casper Hughes	b Ricky Yates	18	0	0	0
David Arnold +	ct Ben Wish	b Tristen McDonald	27	0	0	0
Jamie Teale	ct Ricky Yates	b David Lloyd	40	0	0	0
Jack Cockram	LBW	b Tristen McDonald	2	0	0	0
Mark Teale	st Ian Metcalfe	b Tristen McDonald	1	0	0	0
Chris Jolley	ct Tristen McDonald	b Tristen McDonald	5	0	0	0
Phil Horwood	Not Out		0	0	0	0
Extras		(7w)	7			
Total		(all out, 47.1 overs)	230			

Bowling

	О	M	R	W	Nb	Wd
Tim Wheatley	10	0	51	1	0	0
Richard Forbes	10	1	28	0	0	0
Ricky Yates	10	0	58	1	0	0
Tristen McDonald	8.1	2	34	4	0	0
David Lloyd	9	0	59	3	0	0