

A poor Rowledge batting performance saw them slip to a first defeat of the season, falling twenty runs short of Hook and Newnham's modest total of 185 for 7.

Rowledge made a good start to the match with Tim Wheatley and Richard Forbes testing the Hook top order. Forbes had Matt Love neatly pounced at second slip by Tristen McDonald and Ross Hunter caught behind to put Hook on the back foot at 26 for 2. Two catches went down at mid off that could have made things even better for Rowledge and dropping the dangerous Ben Thane could have proved crucial. Forbes persevered though and got Thane for 41.

Adam Robinson was excellently stumped by Ian Metcalfe off a leg side wide bowled by seamer Ricky Yates, whilst Shane Brewer dragged on to Rob Smith's off spin. Rowledge kept things very tight throughout and Hook were never really able to accelerate much but Nicholas Wilcock and Richard Wilcock aided a recovery and with Glen Williams hitting a couple of late blows, Hook ended up on 185 for 7, a respectable but seemingly below par score.

A score that looked even more below par as Ricky Yates and McDonald got Rowledge off to a flier, bringing up a fifty partnership in the sixth over. Then a dramatic collapse saw Rowledge lose six wickets for just 36 runs. So many batsmen went playing rather aggressive shots when a rate of just between two and three runs an over was required.

Ricky Yates slashed a wide delivery to second slip and two balls later cousin Chris Yates jnr was on his way back after shuffling in front of a straight one from Brewer. The swing of Thane caused Rowledge a problem as he quickly picked up three wickets. McDonald edged to slip, Casper Hughes was trapped plumb in front and then David Lloyd was cleaned bowled. Joe Lyver made an error of judgement in going back to Richard Wilcock's spin to be lbw without scoring and leave the score 89 for 6.

Ian Metcalfe and Rob Smith put together a good little partnership that renewed hope but just when Hook were starting to worry, Metcalfe played a rather reckless shot in Anik Divecha's first over. Wheatley fell in the following over and whilst Smith continued some resistance in combination with Forbes, the experienced slow left armer Kevin Poulter cleaned up the tail.

Bitterly disappointing from Rowledge to lose so many wickets to poor shot selection and a lack of patience and ultimately fall twenty runs short with still over twelve overs left.

Hook & Newnham Basics CC - 1st XI

			R	B	4s	6s
Ben Thane *	ct Rob Smith	b Richard Forbes	41	0	5	0
Matt Love	ct Tristen McDonald	b Richard Forbes	4	0	1	0
Ross Hunter +	ct Ian Metcalfe	b Richard Forbes	1	0	0	0
Adam Robinson	st Ian Metcalfe	b Ricky Yates	30	0	1	1
Nicholas Wilcock	ct David Lloyd	b Rob Smith	48	0	4	0
Shane Brewer		b Rob Smith	7	0	1	0
Richard Wilcock	Run out		30	0	0	1
Glen Williams	Not Out		16	0	0	1
Kevin Poulter	Did Not Bat					
Aniket Divecha	Did Not Bat					
Ben Peart	Did Not Bat					
Extras		(1b 2lb 4w 1nb)	8			
Total		(7 wickets, 50 overs)	185			

Bowling

	O	M	R	W	Nb	Wd
Tim Wheatley	10	2	28	0	0	0
Richard Forbes	10	3	32	3	0	0
Ricky Yates	10	2	37	1	1	2
Rob Smith	10	1	41	2	0	1
David Lloyd	10	0	44	0	0	1

Rowlledge 1st XI

			R	B	4s	6s
Ricky Yates	ct Matt Love	b Shane Brewer	20	0	4	0
Tristen McDonald	ct Matt Love	b Ben Thane	35	0	6	1
Chris (Jnr) Yates	LBW	b Shane Brewer	0	0	0	0
Casper Hughes	LBW	b Ben Thane	7	0	0	0
David Lloyd *		b Ben Thane	7	0	0	0
Joe Lyver	LBW	b Richard Wilcock	0	0	0	0
Ian Metcalfe +	ct Ben Thane	b Aniket Divecha	28	0	4	1
Rob Smith	ct Matt Love	b Kevin Poulter	21	0	3	0
Tim Wheatley	ct Ross Hunter	b Kevin Poulter	0	0	0	0
Richard Forbes		b Kevin Poulter	22	0	0	0
Unsure	Not Out		0	0	0	0
Extras		(4lb 20w 1nb)	25			
Total		(all out , 37.4 overs)	165			

Bowling

	O	M	R	W	Nb	Wd
Shane Brewer	5	0	32	2	0	3
Ben Peart	6	0	46	0	0	9
Ben Thane	6	0	25	3	1	5
Richard Wilcock	7	3	21	1	0	0
Aniket Divecha	7	1	18	1	0	2
Kevin Poulter	6.4	1	19	3	0	1