

SEPCL Division 2

Hook & Newnham Basics v Rowledge

Rowledge stayed top of SPL2 with a 3 wicket win at fellow title contenders Hook & Newnham Basics last Saturday.

On a good batting surface Rowledge did well to restrict Hook to 226, bowling them out in the final over. Having failed to chase a modest total against Hook at home earlier in the season, Rowledge keen to avenge that defeat chased down the total with eight balls to spare with Ricky Yates' 89 underpinning the innings.

Tristen McDonald & Chris Yates jnr ensured Rowledge got off to a good start reaching 41 before McDonald loosely edged to slip. The Yates cousins broke the back of the run chase in a 97 run stand that took the edge out of the Hook attack. Both played in typical fashion, Chris nudging into the gaps and driving well, whilst Ricky not afraid to play his shots and timed the ball sweetly.

Chris Yates jnr (57) was adjudged leg before playing a sweep shot but Will Arnold and then Chris Board supported Ricky Yates well. Rowledge were comfortably managing the run rate well but requiring 14 to win they then lost a flurry of four wickets. Board bowled by Thane attempting a big shot into the leg side, Ricky Yates bowled by Anik Divecha, Rob Smith run out and Ian Metcalfe bowled by a Ben Thane inswinging Yorker. Even with this wobble Rowledge comfortably got over the line with David Lloyd hitting the winning runs.

Earlier, Rowledge were very pleased to restrict the hosts to 226 all out. Opener Matt Love went for a duck, Rowledge thought they had him caught behind off Tim Wheatley but the very next ball he faced to Richard Forbes he chopped onto his stumps.

Captain Ben Thane was run out when Adam Robinson attempted a single to McDonald at mid on but a fantastic diving stop meant McDonald had to just throw the ball to the 'keepers end with both batsmen stranded at the bowlers end.

Tim Wheatley was struggling with illness and consequently wasn't at his best. Forbes too struggled for his usual consistency and so Rowledge were unable to exert as much pressure as they would have liked, meaning Robinson could play some aggressive shots and Nick Wilcock was able to play himself in.

But the Rowledge spinners did a great job, Yates snr playing his last game of the season before finger surgery accounted for the dangerous Robinson and soon after a direct hit by Chris Board at mid off was enough to run out Richard Wilcock.

Nick Wilcock was now playing very well and hit some long straight sixes and was particularly strong driving through the off side. Ross Hunter really struggled to get the ball away and ended up chipping to long on, whilst Board quickly bowled Ben Peart. The experienced Keith Lovelock was the only one in the tail to show any real support to Wilcock who passed his century, but Ricky Yates enjoyed picking up some late wickets before Board wrapped up the innings with three balls remaining.

Hook & Newnham Basics CC - 1st XI

| | | | R | B | 4s | 6s |
|------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|------------|---|----|----|
| Ben Thane * | ro Tristen McDonald | | 7 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Matt Love | | b Richard Forbes | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Adam Robinson | ct Ricky Yates | b Christopher (Snr) Yates | 54 | 0 | 9 | 1 |
| Nicholas Wilcock | ct William Arnold | b Ricky Yates | 101 | 0 | 11 | 5 |
| Richard Wilcock | ro Chris Board | | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Ross Hunter + | ct Richard Forbes | b Ricky Yates | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Ben Peart | | b Chris Board | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Keith Lovelock | | b Ricky Yates | 17 | 0 | 2 | 1 |
| Shane Brewer | st Ian Metcalfe | b Ricky Yates | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Kevin Poulter | ct Richard Forbes | b Chris Board | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Aniket Divecha | Not Out | | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Extras | | (4b 9lb 4w 4nb) | 21 | | | |
| Total | | (all out , 49.3 overs) | 226 | | | |

Bowling

| | O | M | R | W | Nb | Wd |
|-------------------------|-----|---|----|---|----|----|
| Richard Forbes | 10 | 3 | 43 | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| Tim Wheatley | 7 | 2 | 32 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Christopher (Snr) Yates | 10 | 1 | 34 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Rob Smith | 10 | 3 | 35 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| Chris Board | 8.3 | 0 | 32 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Ricky Yates | 4 | 0 | 37 | 4 | 1 | 2 |

Rowledge 1st XI

| | | | R | B | 4s | 6s |
|-------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|------------|---|----|----|
| Chris (Jnr) Yates | LBW | b Richard Wilcock | 57 | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| Tristen McDonald | ct Matt Love | b Ben Thane | 17 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Ricky Yates | | b Aniket Divecha | 89 | 0 | 15 | 0 |
| William Arnold | ro Nicholas Wilcock | | 17 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Chris Board | | b Ben Thane | 12 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Ian Metcalfe + | | b Ben Thane | 6 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Rob Smith | ro Kevin Poulter | | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| David Lloyd * | Not Out | | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Tim Wheatley | Not Out | | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Richard Forbes | Did Not Bat | | | | | |
| Christopher (Snr) Yates | Did Not Bat | | | | | |
| Extras | | (11lb 12w 1nb) | 24 | | | |
| Total | | (7 wickets, 48.4 overs) | 227 | | | |

Bowling

| | O | M | R | W | Nb | Wd |
|-----------------|-----|---|----|---|----|----|
| Shane Brewer | 9 | 1 | 43 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| Keith Lovelock | 4 | 0 | 12 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Ben Thane | 6 | 0 | 43 | 3 | 1 | 2 |
| Aniket Divecha | 9.4 | 1 | 35 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Kevin Poulter | 10 | 1 | 31 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Richard Wilcock | 6 | 0 | 31 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Ben Peart | 4 | 0 | 21 | 0 | 0 | 3 |