

Rowledge 2nd XI's season started in indifferent fashion as they lost convincingly in their first game of the season. After getting off to a decent start through Yates snr and Brinsden, they lost their first wicket with the score on 22, Yates falling lbw. St Cross bowled good areas and supported by some good fielding, runs were hard to come by. Morantfell when he was starting to look fluent which brought Wish and Brinsden together. The two started to bring some structure and the odd controlled hit over the infield by Wish meant that the pair went into drinks nicely placed at 104-2 off 25. The drinks break definitely helped the St Cross bowling attack as Brinsden and Wish both fell in quick succession to balls nipping back down the slope. What was to follow, can only be described as a "shocking collapse". Charman and Bowden ripped through the Rowledge order as they subsided to 135 all out (helped out by 41 extras). It was a disappointing total which promised so much.

Rowledge had to take early wickets if they were to stand any chance in the contest. The luckless Bonser and Yates were unable to take any wickets, and batting all of a sudden looked very easy. Eldridge and Martin took two wickets apiece but it was all very easy for St Cross as they won with 16 overs to spare.

Rowledge 135-10 – Wish 28, Brinsden 24, Yates snr 11, Martin 11

St Cross 138-4 Eldridge 2-42, Martin 2-34