

### Rowledge 2<sup>nd</sup> Eleven vs Alton 2<sup>nd</sup> Eleven – 26<sup>th</sup> May 2012

Rowledge quickly got over last week's disappointing performance to put in a convincing victory over close rivals Alton. Despite having only nine men at 1pm, Rowledge put in a spirited display and all five bowlers were backed up by good quality fielding. Postles and Arundle made 47 for the first wicket before Taylor got his first scalp of the season. The ever reliable Simon Bonser bowled his ten over allocation straight through and got his reward when Arundle was leg before with the score on 76. This wicket led to a flurry of wickets; Martin being the chief benefactor as he ripped through the middle order to leave Alton tottering at 77-5. Durbridge and Billingham consolidated for a long period of time, but runs were hard to come by with the impressive duo of Martin and Bunyon giving little away. With no fifth bowler in the side, Wish took it upon himself to take up the mantle and promptly gained reward when he quickly took 3 wickets including Durbridge for a hard fought 41. Lusty blows from Mortimer were a little too late in the day as Alton limped to 163-10.

The Rowledge reply was scored at a fast pace as Brinsden took a liking to anything short and played as quickly as anyone can recently recall. A mix up between the wickets meant Taylor was run out with the score on 40, but Morant and Brinsden looked comfortable and at ease with anything Alton had to offer. The run chase reached its conclusion with 25 overs to spare and nine wickets in hand with the duo scoring over half the runs in boundaries.

This was a much improved performance from the Rowledge side and offers much hope for the rest of the season.

Alton 163-10 (40 overs) A Postles 28, J Arundle 26, E Durbridge 41, B Mortimer 21\*

S Bonser 10-4-38-1, N Taylor 8-0-30-2, S Martin 9-2-44-3, M Bunyon 8.3-1-18-1, B Wish 5-1-24-3

Rowledge 164-1 (24.4 overs) C Brinsden 70\*, N Morant 51\*