

Rowledge Second Eleven vs Andover

Rowledge second eleven made it two wins in two with a hard fought victory over Andover. After losing the toss, Ash Jeggo returned from university to strike twice with the new ball and put the Andover top order under pressure. Rowledge went through a very lethargic spell in the field and drinks could not come soon enough. Steve Martin, who ripped through the Alton middle order last week, blitzed his way through a flimsy middle order and put Rowledge in control. Eldridge made an immediate impact upon his introduction into the attack which left Andover in deep trouble at 102-9. A dropped catch and poor bowling meant Andover were finally bowled out for 175.

Andover, buoyed by their last wicket stand were keen to make early inroads and they did as the Rowledge top order were blown away. When the fourth wicket went down, Rowledge were on 70-4 with Morant timing the ball sweetly and in need of support. Morant combining pull shots with glorious drives found a partner in Martin and the pair scored fluently throughout their partnership. With five runs required, Morant was dismissed on 100, and Rowledge completed their run chase with 6.2 overs still remaining.

Andover 175-10 – Halle Smith 39, Duckworth 35, Knight 31*, Andrews 31. Martin 4-30, Eldridge 3-50, Jeggo 2-20

Rowledge 176-5 – Morant 100, Martin 45*. Knight 3-17