

SEPCL Division 2

Rowledge v Bournemouth II

Rowledge's stuttering title defence suffered another blow last Saturday as a dismal performance saw them fall 48 runs shy of a run total they were cruising towards.

Rowledge have yet to find their form this season, but this performance captain David Lloyd ranked as one of the worst of recent years and although they did not get the rub of the green with a number of decisions, Rowledge let themselves down in all departments.

Chasing 279 to win from their fifty overs Chris Yates jnr and Gary Clapham looked at ease against Bournemouth II's opening attack and it was change bowler Peter Smith who made the breakthrough as Yates jnr was adjudged to have edged behind with the score on 69.

Gary Clapham and Peter Dickinson continued Rowledge's swift progress so that with twenty overs to go Rowledge had reached 175 for 1, therefore needing just five an over with nine wickets in hand.

Rowledge then simply imploded against the spin of Bob Coombes and Alex Kennedy who took four wickets apiece. Dickinson offered a return catch and the middle order completely folded. With the wicket of the excellent Clapham who made 89 but danced down the track to be stumped by a distance, Rowledge had thrown the game away. Only a flurry of runs from Tim Wheatley and Richard Forbes prolonged the game and saw Rowledge at least achieve maximum batting points.

Earlier Rowledge had made a great start with Simon Bonser removing opener Jack Hurley and number three Chris Ridley both for ducks. Dickinson deserved more luck in his opening spell but a third wicket stand of 140 between Alex Allum and Chris Cahill underpinned the Bournemouth innings.

As Rowledge's bowling lacked control, Peter Smith steered the lower order on before some late blows from Lynton Stanniford and Paul Garlick propelled Bournemouth to 278 for 8 from their 50 overs.

Bournemouth II

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| A.Allum | c R.Yates | b Forbes | 74 |
| J.Hurley | | b Bonser | 0 |
| C.Ridley | | b Bonser | 0 |
| C.Cahill | lbw | b Lloyd | 88 |
| S.Mills | c Wheatley | b Lloyd | 7 |
| A.Kennedy | run out | | 11 |
| P.Smith | c Bonser | b R.Yates | 26 |
| T.Ackland | c Metcalfe | b Lloyd | 2 |
| L.Stanniford | not out | | 35 |
| P.Garlick | not out | | 15 |
| | | Extras | 20 |
| | | Total | 278 |

Bowling; Bonser 8-1-55-2, Dickinson 10-2-26-0, Wheatley 10-0-59-0, Lloyd 10-0-51-3, Forbes 5-0-32-1, R.Yates 7-0-51-1

Rowledge

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| C.Yates jnr | c Ridley | b Smith | 31 |
| G.Clapham | st Ridley | b Coombs | 89 |
| P.Dickinson | c and | b Coombs | 40 |
| R.Yates | c Smith | b Coombs | 9 |
| D.Lloyd | lbw | b Kennedy | 5 |
| N.Morant | st Ridley | b Kennedy | 3 |
| I.Metcalfe | c Mills | b Coombs | 0 |
| T.Wheatley | c Stanniford | b Smith | 21 |
| R.Forbes | c Smith | b Kennedy | 22 |
| C.Bloomfield | c Coombs | b Kennedy | 0 |
| S.Bonser | not out | | 0 |
| | | Extras | 10 |
| | | Total | 230 |

Bowling; Stanniford 7-0-37-0, Garlick 10-0-62-0, Smith 6.2-0-39-2, Cahill 4-0-27-0, Coombs 10-3-36-4, Kennedy 7-0-24-4