

Rowledge recorded an 18 run win at Burrige last Saturday thanks to a fightback from Rowledge's late middle order and then a fine bowling display.

Burrige, somewhat a shadow of the team of 2009, having lost three or four of their key players from the side that closely challenged Rowledge for the title, were sitting mid table prior to the game, largely thanks to some impressive bowling performances.

However David Lloyd made the positive move and batted first. Things did not go as smoothly as hoped with Chris Yates jnr pinned leg before to a Sully White inswinger and then next over Nick Morant edged the rangy Nick McMurray to slip. Gary Clapham was bowled off his pads by White and Rowledge were 35 for 3.

Pete Dickinson played some smart shots whilst having to deal with some buoyant Burrige bowling but he and Ricky Yates both fell victim to overseas seamer Byron Van der Merwe.

David Lloyd and Rob Smith batted watchfully, adding just forty runs in 17 overs, but this was what Rowledge required at this stage. Matt Bundy revelled in Rowledge's predicament reeling his ten overs off for just 4 runs with seemingly innocuous slow left arm bowling. His control was fantastic and he was eventually rewarded with the wicket of Smith in his eighth over.

Rowledge were now 114 for 6 with 15 overs still to go, but Lloyd and Ian Metcalfe produced a crucial seventh wicket stand of 60, before Lloyd fell and Sharp cashed in on the final nine balls, with Rowledge finishing on 189 for 7, which pleased Lloyd given their precarious position.

Dickinson somewhere near full fitness now, bowled his most fluent spell of the season so far. He had Richard Kenway caught at first slip as an away swinger found the shoulder of the bat. Dickinson was unlucky to not to strike a couple more times before he eventually had a dumbstruck Van der Merwe adjudged leg-before. This was midway through a spell of four consecutive maidens where Dickinson time and time again defeated the outside edge and finished with figures of 2 for 26 from his ten overs.

Tim Wheatley accounted for the aggressive Alex Styles and captain Rick Ankers was run out without scoring as Chris Yates pounced to capitalise on some poor calling.

Matt Godwin showed good support to the watchful Neil Cunningham in a 47 run partnership that looked as though it would set up a tight finish. The veteran left handed opening bat who had weathered the storm early on was timing his innings of 60 perfectly but Lloyd had held himself and fellow off spinner Rob Smith back for the final twenty overs. This worked out a treat as the pressure the spinners exerted took its toll. Smith took a sharp caught and bowled chance to get rid of Cunningham and then had Godwin stumped to effectively end the game.

Some late hitting by Harry White provided Burrige with some consolation runs but by then the task was well beyond their young tail as they finished 18 runs short and eight wickets down.

Rowledge

C.Yates jnr	lbw	b White	4
G.Clapham		b White	15
N.Morant	c Ankers	b McMurray	3
P.Dickinson	c Styles	b Van der Merwe	34
R.Yates	c Rood	b Van der Merwe	9
D.Lloyd	c Rood	b Styles	44
R.Smith	lbw	b Bundy	12
I.Metcalf	not out		23
A.Sharp	not out		14
		Extras	32
		Total	189 for 7

Bowling; McMurray 10-1-32-1, S.White 10-0-52-2, Van der Merwe 10-2-35-2, Bundy 10-6-4-1, Godwin 5-0-24-0, Styles 5-0-27-1

Burridge

N.Cunningham	c and	b Smith	60
R.Kenway	c Clapham	b Dickinson	4
B.Van der Merwe	lbw	b Dickinson	17
A.Styles	c Morant	b Wheatley	12
R.Ankers	run out		0
M.Godwin	st Metcalfe	b Smith	18
J.Rood	c Dickinson	b Lloyd	5
H.White	not out		27
S.White		b Smith	6
M.Bundy	not out		6
		Extras	16
		Total	171 for 8

Bowling; Dickinson 10-5-26-2, Sharp 5-0-19-0, Wheatley 9-1-31-1, Forbes 7-0-26-0, Smith 10-2-26-3, Lloyd 9-1-38-1