

SEPCL Division 2 Rowledge v Hartley Wintney

A cool run chase by Hartley Wintney led by an unbeaten 120 by Matt Evans subjected Rowledge to another league defeat last Saturday.

Batting first Rowledge looked well set for a score in excess of 300 with Gary Clapham and Pete Dickinson both getting half centuries. Ricky Yates (64*) was initially well supported but Nick Morant but the middle and late order again collapsed to leave Rowledge with what was in the end a disappointing 267 for 9 wickets from their fifty overs. Slow left armer Jack Cockram who opened the bowling and Kiwi Scott Baldwin were the pick of Hartley Wintneys bowlers whilst off-spinner Matt Digweed also collected three wickets.

In response Gareth Phillips was his typical aggressive self but after blasting four boundaries off Dickinson's third over then lost his off stump attempting another swipe. Will Phillips fell in Dickinson's next over trapped plum in front and thought he then had Matt Evans in similar fashion but a vociferous appeal fell on deaf ears. The accurate Richard Forbes accounted for a frustrated Baldwin late on in his spell.

After twenty overs of Dickinson and Forbes, Rowledge had restricted Hartley Wintney to 80 for 3. Tim Wheatley bowled a tight few overs but the other change bowlers struggled to keep the pressure on Hartley Wintney.

Matt Evans played a superb anchor role whilst cameos from Richard Norris and Matt Digweed kept the run-rate manageable of around seven an over. With wickets in hand Hartley Wintney reached their target with seven balls to spare. Evans passed his century and lifted his scoring rate whilst Hugh Jowett strolled out and drove four consecutive boundaries to win the game.

Rowledge

C.Yates jnr	st Norris	b J.Cockram	12
G.Clapham	c Baldwin	b Jowett	52
P.Dickinson	lbw	b Cockram	58
R.Yates	not out		64
N.Morant	lbw	b Digweed	26
D.Lloyd	lbw	b Baldwin	1
I.Metcalf	lbw	b Digweed	2
A.Sharp	st Norris	b Digweed	3
R.Smith		b Baldwin	11
T.Wheatley		b Cockram	2
R.Forbes	not out		0
		Extras	36
		Total	267 for 9

Bowling; Jowett 7-0-57-1, J.Cockram 10-2-30-3, Baldwin 10-1-37-2, M.Teale 5-0-40-0, W.Phillips 6-0-36-0, J.Teale 8-0-40-0, Digweed 4-0-16-3

Hartley Wintney

M.Evans	not out		120
G.Phillips		b Dickinson	27
W.Phillips	lbw	b Dickinson	0
S.Baldwin	c Clapham	b Forbes	15
R.Norris	c R.Yates	b Smith	34
M.Digweed	st Metcalfe	b Smith	32
H.Jowett	not out		22
		Extras	19
		Total	269 for 5

Bowling; Forbes 10-1-28-1, Dickinson 10-1-50-2, Wheatley 4-0-13-0, Sharp 3.5-0-45-0, Lloyd 10-0-67-0, Smith 10-0-49-2, R.Yates 1-0-12-0