

Rowledge were soundly beaten by high flying New Milton last Saturday as they suffered successive SPL defeats for the first time since June 2006.

Rain delayed the start by an hour and saw the game reduced to 42 overs per side, but as Rowledge batted first things did not start too well.

Nick Morant fresh from honeymoon and a century for the second team last week, was struck on the eyebrow as a short bowl from the hostile Eric Linge found its way between grille and visa of the helmet.

Ricky Yates was dismissed in the same over, brilliantly caught by a flying Dan Loader at third slip. Captain David Lloyd weathered the storm along with Chris Yates jnr, although Lloyd was lucky to escape after playing on to a Linge no-ball.

Lloyd later fell as a ball from Matt Freeman jumped awkwardly off a length with the score on 40, but Rowledge's innings rather fell away, collapsing to 113 all out, in the 41<sup>st</sup> over. Without their ex-Farnham contingent of Clapham, Dickinson and Smith, all attending a former team-mate wedding, Rowledge were somewhat light on the batting front.

Joe Lyver impressed with a gritty 22 and Morant arrived back in time from hospital to return to the crease at the fall of the eight wicket but Rowledge who although unfortunate with a couple of decisions, in all honestly did not bat well enough in difficult conditions and against a good attack.

After the pressure put on by the opening bowlers it was the slow medium Nick Gargaro and off spinner Ryan Beck who wrapped the innings up for the New Forest side, taking three wickets apiece.

The home side knocked off the runs with the loss of just two wickets. Rowledge's attack was boosted by the return of Simon Bonser and Tim Wheatley after last weeks mauling at the hands of Andover, but with such a small target to defend it was always going to be a difficult task, despite the bowler friendly conditions.

Richard Forbes dismissed Sri Lankan Indika Senaratne after the opener had pulled Bonser's first two deliveries for four. Bonser hit his stride though and picked up the the wicket of Dan Adlem, caught behind.

New Milton's captain Dave Wheeler, who has already hit over 600 runs this season finished 26 not out and Linge in no mood to hang around quickly struck 43 not out.

## Rowledge

C.Yates jnr	c Wheeler	b Freeman	23
N.Morant	st T.Prodomo	b Beck	10
R.Yates	c Loader	b Linge	3
D.Lloyd	c T.Prodomo	b Freeman	8
J.Lyver	st T.Prodomo	b Beck	22
A.Sharp	c Gargaro	b Loader	10
I.Metcalf	lbw	b Beck	3
G.Smith	c T.Prodomo	b Gargaro	6
R.Forbes	lbw	b Gargaro	1
T.Wheatley	c Loader	b Gargaro	6
S.Bonser	not out		3
		Extras	18
		Total	113

**Bowling;** Linge 9-0-24-1, Wheeler 6-1-15-0, Freeman 7-1-22-2, Loader 5-2-9-1, Gargaro 7-0-18-3, Beck 6.4-0-21-3

## New Milton

I.Seneratne	c Morant	b Forbes	13
D.Adlem	c Metcalfe	b Bonser	17
D.Wheeler	not out		26
E.Linge	not out		43
		Extras	15
		Total	114

**Bowling;** Bonser 9-0-32-1, Forbes 7.3-1-27-1, Wheatley 7-2-20-0, Lloyd 3-1-24-0, Sharp 2-0-7-0