

Rowledge 2nds v Andover 3rds

Rowledge showed their clear intentions of being promotion candidates with a crushing defeat of Andover on Saturday. Following on from last weeks convincing win against Hartney Witney, Rowledge beat Andover by 193 runs, thanks to a strong display with both bat and ball with Darren Mitchell stealing the show with a powerful batting display scoring 156.

It was a stunning performance by Mitchell, who unfortunately was hit by a beamer late on in his innings and is now out for 6-8 weeks with 2 fractured ribs. After losing the toss Rowledge were put into bat and Mitchell and Brinsden put on over 200 for the first wicket. Brinsden went for 91 and Hughes hit a superb 60 not out to take Rowledge to 323-3 of their 45 overs.

A deflated Andover took to crease and were immediately in trouble. Rodgers, opening the bowling in place of the injured Mitchell took three early wickets and he was backed up by Jeggo who took the fourth to leave Andover in a perilous position of 24-4. Yates joined the attack and bowled beautifully taking two wickets and Wish, Bunyon and Eldridge also got a wicket each to bowl Andover out for 130 in 29 overs.

The coming weeks will see if Rowledge can prove their undoubted ability when they face fellow promotion candidates Ventnor and Wellow but will be without Mitchell who will prove a great loss with both the bat and the ball.