

Alton IV v Rowledge III

5 June 10 REGIONAL DIVISION 2 North East

Rowledge made 204 for 6 off 42 overs

S Bradbery 60no T Reeves 49 C Pow 37 T Openshaw 21no

W Arnold 5-34 A Trim 1-40

Alton made 186 for 8 off 42 overs

R White 88 A Trim 33 M Arnold 32no

W Marchant 5-49 A Jeggo 1-44 C Bruno 1-50

Rowledge won by 18 runs (23 pts) Alton (9 pts)

Rowledge kept their 100% record up on a basking hot day, though did on occasions look like they were going to blow it! On a good but slightly green track Rowledge having won the toss elected to bat. Opening pair Reeves and Pow put on a good start and a partnership of 86 before Reeves fell one short of his half century. Blythe, Tanner, Nichols & Bruno all got themselves out very cheaply and opener Pow also fell in a period where Rowledge had slumped to 132 for 6! Bradbery and the increasingly mature Openshaw steadied the slide and batted through till the end for a 72 run partnership. Though Reeves & Pow put their usual solid start on the innings it was Bradbery and Openshaws effort that won the plaudits.

Skipper Bruno opened the bowling with young off-spinner Marchant and what a good call that was as he took 3 early wickets his opening spell of 6 overs, however Alton had one time 2nd team player White come to the crease and he and Trim forged a winning looking partnership before Jeggo had Trim caught at mid-on by Reeves. White, having been dropped twice was beginning to open up but Marchant came back on and finally had White caught after Nicholls took a superb catch on the deep mid-wicket boundary for 88. Bruno snagged Cross lbw, Nichols was quick off the mark to help run-out Piaglon before Marchant got his 5th wicket as Openshaws quick reaction stumped Artley.

Joint top of the league after 3 games and another great team effort all round though sharper fielding in the game would have made it a lot easier. Also, really good to see that we had 7 players between the ages of 16 & 22