

**Rowledge IV v Bramley I (played at Bramley)
26 June 10, l'Anson Division 3**

Rowledge 126 all out in 42 overs

C Jones 25, D Hill 19, R Gregory 16, C Norris 15, N Metcalfe 12, B Jeggo 12

J Pugsley 64-5, A Lomas 3-2, J Browne 26-2, M Carey 9-1

Bramley scored 127 for 2 in 26.1 overs

A Lomas 71 (not out), G Ford 36

P Brook 11-1, B Jeggo 23-1

Bramley won by 8 wickets.

Bramley 8 points, Rowledge 0 points

For scorecard see <http://rowledge.play-cricket.com/scoreboard/scorecard.asp?id=10927759>

A disappointing match for Rowledge who entered the match with high expectations but left feeling well and truly beaten, in a game where they never really competed. Bramley were asked to field on a spanking hot day. But wickets then fell regularly for Rowledge who seemed to have weathered the early onslaught of a pacey bowling attack. Brown went cheaply, closely followed by the established opener, Metcalfe. Jones and Cross looked settled but Cross was caught and then Nicholls went for a duck and the away side were on 45-4. The Bramley attack was fast throughout with Pugsley bowling unchanged for 21 overs and finishing with 5 wickets for 64. Jones batted well for 25 and Norris again joined the party but both never went on once settled. Young Ryan Gregory had probably the best knock with 16 runs but faced the fastest bowling of his short cricket career. He showed a mature attitude and stroked the ball into the gaps with ease. Hill and Jeggo both got into double figures but again got themselves out cheaply at the tail. Of the 10 wickets 9 were caught and most to edges and ill-timed aggression.

The response was quick and painless. The Rowledge bowlers were expensive, apart from Hill who only conceded 2 runs per over. Ben Jeggo started well, clean bowling Connor (ex-Rowledge) for a duck in the first over. But then the away side had to wait until 3 overs from the end before Brook bowled opener Ford for 36. The mainstay of the Bramley innings was Lomas who was rarely troubled and finished with a fine knock of 71 not out.

This was a match where Rowledge needed to relearn how to occupy the crease and when to attack and how to defend. Next week's battle sees the return of old foes Dogmersfield to the mossy Binsted track!