

**Rowledge 4th XI v Hindhead 1st XI (played at Binsted – home),
19 June 10, I'Anson Division 3**

Rowledge 74 all out in 35.3 overs
C Norris 17, P Brook 12, N Metcalfe 10, T Nicholls 10.
S Woods 36-5, A Bertola 19-4, N Boxell 10-1

Hindhead 75 for 8 in 21.5 overs
D Bolton 22, D Babb 16, S Woods 10 (not out)
R Blythe 17-4, C Pow 14-2, H Ahmed 12-1, D Hill 30-1

Hindhead won by 2 wickets
Hindhead 8 points, Rowledge 0 points

For scorecard see: <http://rowledge.play-cricket.com/scoreboard/scorecard.asp?id=10927914>

Match report:

An exciting game where the state of the pitch contributed greatly to a low scoring game but led to an exciting climax that saw Hindhead winning by just 2 wickets. Rowledge had posted their lowest score for a few seasons and were bowled out for 74 runs. The openers went cheaply as they slashed at high balls that should have been left alone. Metcalfe played well but also played a wild shot to get caught. Nicholls did not perform as he has been doing but only Norris (17) and Brook (12) offered some resistance in the middle to slow down the loss rate. Once they were out there were only brief offerings from Hill and Brown. Of the 10 wickets, 9 were caught and most to errant, badly thought-out shots! For Hindhead, young Bertola bowled very well for his 4 wickets, getting good bounce from the pitch. Woods was a little less accurate but his variation brought him 5 wickets.

The response started well with an early wicket but then Hill's second over went for a load and heads dropped a little. D Babb and Bolton batted well for Hindhead with support towards the end from Woods. C Pow showed menace with his pace but yet again R Blythe was the pick of the home team bowlers with his accuracy. He finished with 4 wickets as Rowledge fought to the end but were probably 20 runs short of what could have been a winning total.

A good match but one where the pitch played a major part! Next week's match is critical for Rowledge as they play fellow bottom of the table strugglers - Bramley (away).