

**Rowledge IV v Puttenham II (Rowledge home fixture played at Binsted),
5 June 10, I'Anson Division 3**

Rowledge made 160 all out in 41 overs
O Buckingham 70, N Metcalfe 46, P Brook 13, H Ahmed 10
T Wickens 47-4, P Wickens 41-3, D Harrison 3-2

Puttenham made 163 for 5 in 31 overs
M Foster 55 (not out), J Weldon 43, J Harrison 35, A Potter 16
R Blythe 24-2, H Ahmed 33-2

Puttenham win batting second (8 pts), Rowledge (0 pts)

For scorecard see: <http://rowledge.play-cricket.com/scoreboard/scorecard.asp?id=10927918>

For match report see: <http://rowledge.play-cricket.com/content/view.asp?id=10292288&cid=218&tid=14&referer=&fixture=&team=10075009>

Rowledge threw this match away on at least 2 occasions, as they slumped from 144 for 3 to all out for 160 in 41 overs. Thereby setting their visitors Puttenham a relatively easy target, with the extended overs available. However, Puttenham were also faltering at one time at 54 for 4 but a century partnership between Weldon and Foster saw them home, as Rowledge bowled too inaccurately in defending a small target.

The home side lost Brown to the first ball of the match but then had excellent scores of 70 from Ollie Buckingham and then an amazing 46 from the normal tail-ender Neil Metcalfe. Both batted sensibly and punished anything short or wide and at one time were scoring at 8 runs per over. Brook (13) and Ahmed (10) were the only other Rowledge batsmen to reach double figures. Tim and Peter Wickens were the pick of the Puttenham attack with 4 and 3 wickets respectively. However, Harrison needs praise for removing both the high scoring Rowledge batsmen, bowling just 2 overs for 3 runs.

The Rowledge response was varied with Blythe the pick of the bowlers as catches were the primary means of dismissal. Brook, having dropped the first skier, then snaffled Mansell and Potter to give wickets to Ahmed and Blythe. Connor Brain behind the stumps kept well and caught Joe Harrison for 35 off Ahmed and Hill caught Dan Harrison to give Blythe his second wicket. At the death with only 2 runs required, skipper Brown bowled Weldon for 43, but it was a token gesture as 2 ball later the ball was racing to the mid wicket boundary. A win for Puttenham by 5 wickets that leaves Rowledge still looking for their first win of the season. They have the ability but must show greater conviction and belief in themselves. The youngsters need to learn to occupy the crease and bowl a consistent line and length to survive in this division of I'Anson cricket.