

**Rowledge IV v Pirbright I (played at Milford)
7 August 10, l'Anson Division 3**

Pirbright scored 225 for 7 in 39 overs (match reduced to 84)
G Jack 90 (not out), A Milton 53, I Milton 33, H Dennis 10 (not out), G Marks 10
H Ahmed 43-3, J Lintott 57-3, R Blythe 34-1

Rowledge scored 203 for 6 in 45 overs
J Blythe 51, S Shareef 42, T Nicholls 26, C Norris 24, S Head 13 (not out)
S Patel 43-2, T Marks 34-1, I Milton 45-1, G Jack 51-1

Pirbright gain winning draw
Pirbright 5 points, Rowledge 2 points

For scorecard see: <http://rowledge.play-cricket.com/scoreboard/scorecard.asp?id=10927845>

A hard fought battle by both sides in damp conditions, with the result a fair vindication of both teams performances. Rowledge fielded in what should have been conditions to favour the bowler owing to the damp track. However, they were smashed around the park in the opening spell and Pirbright had 50 on the board at the end of the 7th over. The Milton brothers were the aggressors and found Ben Jeggo's bowling very much to their liking. Lintott from the other end was unfortunate as a number of edges went for boundaries through the slip and gully cordon. Rowledge stuck to their task and fielded well to slow down the run rate and gradually accumulate some wickets. Lintott was again the most impressive bowler – grabbing three of the top five bats. Ahmed also bowled very well and most economically – also capturing 3 wickets. Rob Blythe gained the first wicket when he had the Pirbright skipper caught at square leg. The home side, keen to gain maximum points, looked to score quickly and then declare with plenty of time to bowl out their opposition. They made an impressive 225 for 7 in 39 overs (with 6 overs lost during a rain break).

Rowledge were not fazed by the target, which is testament to the growing confidence within the squad. They set about the task with care and did not lose their first wicket until the 18th over. Norris batted responsibly for 22 and supported Jack Blythe, who got the gremlins of 2 consecutive ducks off his back, scoring a fine 51. Young Chaumeton did not compete as he had the previous week but again looked comfortable with the bowling. The real attack came when Shareef and Nicholls came together in the middle order. They accelerated the scoring and while they were together a win was certainly possible. Shareef bludgeoned 3 massive sixes in a total of 42, while Nicholls never really looked at ease with the pitch and scored a useful 26. When they were out along with specialist aggressor Ahmed, Rowledge reduced the risk of defeat and played a more rearguard action and the reduced prospect of a (losing) draw. Seb Head and Ben Jeggo saw them through to a draw in the 45th over. The team batted very responsibly and fielded with the great enthusiasm, just a pity about the first few overs!