

**Rowledge IV v Tongham I (played at Tongham)
10 July 10, I'Anson Division 3**

Tongham scored 210 all out in 44.3 overs

S Meyer 83, S Reynolds 36, S Carrington 29, L Gadd 17, M A Carrington 10
R Blythe 27-3, H Ahmed 42-2, R Gregory 48-2, J Morris 52-2, J Blythe 15-1

Rowledge 213 for 6 in 42.4 overs

T Nicholls 64, H Ahmed 39 (not out), P Brook 31 (not out), S Shareef 30, J Blythe 25
T Carrington 30-2, L Gadd 46-2, W Graham 19-1, S Meyers 46-1

Rowledge won by 4 wickets.

Rowledge 8 points, Tongham 0 points

For scorecard see: <http://rowledge.play-cricket.com/scoreboard/scorecard.asp?id=10927941>

A fantastic win for the fourths, as they defied all to pick up their second win on the trot with a total team effort against Tongham 1st XI. Tongham, who started the match in second place in the table, elected to bat first and it seemed to be the right choice as they accelerated to over 100 at around 5 runs per over, having lost the early wickets of Percy and T Carrington to R Blythe. S Meyers again caused the most damage with an excellent knock of 83. He was well supported by S Carrington with 29 and then Reynolds with 36. It was young Ryan Gregory who got the breakthrough when Carrington was out well caught by J Blythe. Both Gregory and Brook (wicketless) slowed down the run rate and put pressure on the batsmen as they looked for boundaries. Ahmed returned from a poor initial spell and grabbed 2 wickets, both splendidly caught by Shareef. Morris, in his first match back after shoulder surgery, then gained 2, again after a less than tidy opening session. With Gregory getting a well deserved second wicket, Rowledge bowled out Tongham for a much lower than expected score of 210. Jack Blythe picked up the wicket of M Carrington and his old man took the last when Frost nicked one behind to Norris. Although they toiled in the heat and frequently chased the ball to the boundary on a very fast pitch, the Rowledge team supported each other well.

A welcome break and plenty of fluids saw Rowledge starting to recover! However only after they had lost both openers, Brown and Samuel, for ducks - an early finisher loomed! J Blythe then led the recovery with Shareef, as they took the score to 72 before Blythe played across Meyers when on 25 and was bowled. Nicholls joined Shareef who was out shortly after for 30 (for second week running). Nicholls did not hang about and quickly notched up a handful of boundary fours. Norris only scored 1 run before Blythe senior adjusted him lbw to T Carrington. With the target only half achieved and five wickets down it was time to dig in and then attack. Brook (senior) did the former and left Nicholls to his customary style despatching many a 4 and 6 to the boundary. They took the score to 151 before Nicholls returned the very first ball after the drinks break to the nippy bowler - Gadd. Ahmed joined Brook and took on the role of aggressor but with a little calming influence from the other end. He finished on a fine 39 not out and Brook 31 not out, as Rowledge reached their victory target with over 2 overs to spare. This was a great team effort and one that lifted the fourths out of the relegation zone.