

**Rowledge 4th XI v Elstead 2nd XI (played at Binsted – home),
17 July 10, I'Anson Division 3**

Rowledge 100 all out in 32.2 overs
J Gill 41, S Shareef 20, H Ahmed 20
A Beaumont 24-5, P Murpyh 23-3, D Boxall 23-1

Milford 101 for 6 in 42 overs
D Boxall 33 (not out), S Wade 25 (not out)
M Jeggo 20-3, H Ahmed 10-1, T Blightman 11-1, J Gill 17-1

Elstead won by 4 wickets
Elstead 8 points, Rowledge 0 points

For scorecard see: <http://rowledge.play-cricket.com/scoreboard/scorecard.asp?id=10927912>

Match report:

Patience wins the day

Elstead triumph in relegation battle

A low scoring game where the total aggregate score was 201 from 74 overs. It was a lesson in how to be patient at the crease exemplified by Elstead's two elders, Murphy and Wade. Rowledge were put into bat and again failed to play the required long game; only three batsman really troubled the scorers, the most notable was J Gill who scored 41. Elstead's Beaumont was pick of the bowlers with 5-24, well supported by the timeless Murphy who picked up 3 for 23. The Rowledge attempt at an innings lasted 32.2 overs. With a target run rate of less than 2 per over, early wickets were needed.

The pitch again got more lifeless as the afternoon went on. Murphy and Wade were happy to bide their time - there was no rush. The two openers got to the 16 over mark before Murphy fell. There was a brief flurry of wickets but Wade was slowly accumulating and when the skipper, Boxall came in after the fall of the sixth wicket, Elstead may have been at a potential tipping point as there were still 50 odd runs to get. However, Boxall took a more aggressive approach and anything he hit, he hit hard. Boxall ended up Elstead's top scorer with 33, Wade not out on 25.

A bad defeat in the relegation battle that would have greatly helps Rowledge's fight for survival in division 3.