

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

Rowledge scored 205 all out in 46.4 overs  
S Shareef 90, S Samuel 27, P Brook 19, H Ahmed 17, J Morris 13  
P Steele 44-4, A Lakhani 54-3, W Crumbie 47-2, D Ralf 30-1

Milford scored 210 for 5 in 41 overs  
G Gwilliam 68, W Crumbie 44 (not out), M Payne 34, K Goodship 33  
H Ahmed 36-2, R Blythe 29-1, B Jeggo 42-1, J Morris 51-1

Milford won by 5 wickets.

**Milford 8 points, Rowledge 0 points**

For scorecard see: <http://rowledge.play-cricket.com/scoreboard/scorecard.asp?id=10927832>

A close game that saw Rowledge slump to a second consecutive defeat against opposition in the bottom three position – one of which they occupy.

The ground was rock hard and ran away from the square to all quarters, so any shot avoiding the in-field was liable to go for a boundary. Rowledge were asked to bat again! They got off to a shaky start with Brown bowled for a duck. Morris settled things for a while with Samuel before he was caught off Ralf. Samuel then went bowled by Crumbie but for a useful 27 and Nicholls hit two fours before chipping a catch up off the same bowler. At 54 for 4 things look rather ominous for the visitors, but Shareef was in fine form and when Brook joined him they reconstructed a fine innings and established a partnership of 87. Shareef was the major contributor with numerous fours and 3 sixes. Brook was out caught off a poor ball for 19 and young Harding support Shareef, until the latter surrendered arms for an excellent 90. Runs scoring slowed for a while as the two youngsters (Harding and Brain) learnt how to adapt to men's cricket. Ahmed came in and in his usual style crashed 17 quick runs but the tail wagged little more as Blythe was caught for a single and Jeggo was undefeated on the same score.

The Rowledge bowling response was forever inconsistent as bowlers struggle with the run up because of the uphill slope towards the road. However, the first over was eventful as Jeggo bowled Enticknap and next over Ahmed bowled Lisenbrough, and the score was 10-2. The hopes rose but the next wicket did not come until the score was 66, when Brain took a fine catch off Blythe to dismiss Goodship. Gwilliam was very settled for Milford and passed fifty with one of many a boundary. He put on a big stand with Payne before Brook caught him well at mid-wicket off Morris. Milford skipper Crumbie looked shaky at first and was in fact dropped twice but saw things home with Bieron. Milford reached their target with just 2 overs to spare. The Rowledge defeat was largely down to their poor bowling attack where their length was inconsistent and anything full was often driven for a boundary.

A tight game that could have gone either way but in the end a deserved win for Milford.