

## Match report for Sunday 28th April

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Please find the match report for the 28th April, written by Rod Highton

### Rishton v Middleton

Middleton travelled to Blackburn Road for their 2nd game of the season and for the 2nd game in a row Middleton Skipper Dale Highton won the toss but this time asked the opposition to bat.

Professional Chris Williams struck in the 3rd over with the score on 5 when he bowled opener Roberts for 4.

Rishton struggled under some tight and accurate bowling from Williams and fellow opening bowler Richard Dempster to the extent that Rishton were going at just over 2 an over.

Williams struck again in the 17 over with the score on 38 when a frustrated Saj Patel hit out and was comfortably caught by Richard Fitton in the deep for 21 and just 6 runs later Williams had wicket keeper Chris Sanderson easily caught by Rhys Tierney for 17.

Just 1 run later Dempster got in on the act when he had Rishton Skipper Brad Boddie caught behind by Leighton Le Carpentier for 0 and 2 runs later it got even better for Middleton when Mark Leathert was run out attempting a 2nd run by some excellent fielding by Fitton and Le Carpentier.

Dempster struck again when he had Jack Hilton well caught by Seventeen year old new signing Ammar Malik for 2 and Rishton were in trouble at 52/6 in the 26th over.

Williams and Dempster finished their spells with excellent figures of

15-6-23-3 for Williams and Dempster 13-6-21-2.

Rishton steadied the ship with Professional Mansoor Amjad and Kian Farnsworth putting together a stand of 24 before Farnsworth was bowled by Highton for 9. Brad Juliff joined his Pro and together they put on a stand of 58 before Highton struck again bowling Juliff for a well struck 24.

Middleton needed to get rid of Amjad and with the score on 155 that's what they did when Highton picked up his 3rd wicket bowling the Pakistani Professional for 69 and Highton then ended the innings on 158 when he had Abdul Mall caught at first slip by Martin Roberts for 0 to finish with figures of 11.3-0-74-4.

It was probably around 20 to 30 runs more than Middleton would have liked to chase but it was a winnable total if they got off to a decent start and that is what they did with Williams and Le Carpentier putting on a stand of 43 before Le Carpentier was lbw to Boddie for 13.

James Tierney joined the Pro and together they grafted an excellent partnership of 56 before Williams was caught by Patel off Mall for 39.

Andy Holmes was the next to go bowled for 2 with the score on 112 before Tierney and Dempster steadied the ship with a solid partnership of 37 before the wheels came off when Tierney was caught in the deep for a splendid 67 with 5 x4s and 3 X 6s and Dempster was harshly adjudged run out for 11. Roberts was the next to go for 4 caught by Amjad off the bowling of Leathert and Middleton had lost 3 wickets for 7 runs. Rhys Tierney and Malik saw Middleton home with 11 balls to spare and maximum points were in the bag for the 2nd game running.

This was another decent performance led by Williams and Dempster with another all round excellent fielding performance on to next week with another difficult challenge against Nelson at home.