

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> X1

Potters Bar 75 all out  
Abbots Langley 76-5

Potters Bar 2<sup>nd</sup> X1 fell to a disappointing 5 wicket defeat at Abbots Langley on Saturday in Saracens Herts League Division 2.

Skipper Dave Pett won the toss and elected to bat first on a good looking dry wicket, confident of posting a competitive score. The constant drizzle that began to fall throughout the innings perhaps changed the way the wicket played to a degree, however that cannot be offered as an acceptable excuse for the poor batting performance that followed.

This decision to bat first ultimately back fired in a big way though as the visiting batsman all failed to come to terms with the accurate seam bowling of their hosts. At the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> over Bar were already in big trouble having lost 3 wickets for just 2 runs and this trend continued as Pett's side scraped their way to an eventual paltry total of just 75 all out.

Only 3 batsmen got to double figures with John Pett's 18 being the highest total in a shambolic batting display.

The Potters Bar bowlers all put up a more spirited fight with Paul McGee taking two wickets and Mark Taylor, Greg Hodge and Chris Boyce all picking up one wicket a piece as the hosts passed the winning total without too many alarms despite the loss of their first 4 wickets for 40 or so.

Abbots home skipper Dave Carlisle showed his experience as he scored a quick fire 20 to ease the nerves to go with his 3 wickets, to ensure his side collected the 30 points on offer for victory.

This weekend the side entertain Kings Langley at The Walk with a better performance required to show that the season is not going to become a struggle from the word go. Pett's side are boosted by the return of last season's top scorer Ian Henderson as well as the inclusion of Tom Coughlan for what should be a good game of cricket.