

Run feast at The Walk ends in a draw

Broxbourne 259 – 7 Potters Bar 213 – 7

High scores at The Walk can now be added to the other certainties in life, death and taxes. With the sun basking throughout April, groundsman Dave Lawrence produced a flat track and lightening fast outfield, it was therefore no surprise when Broxbourne elected bat having won the toss.

With opening bowlers Charlie Hodge and Michael John straying too short and too wide, Broxbourne were able to get off to a flyer and had reach 67 by the tenth over. A double bowling change and the introduction of captain Greg Hodge and the ever reliable Mark Taylor saw the run rate reduced significantly and by drinks in the 27th over Broxbourne's run rate had been reduced to amore respectable five an over.

Young off spinner Luke Owers was then given the ball and bowled with great control, he and Taylor continued to stem the runs, with Owers picking up his maiden second team wicket. Taylor who finished with 4 for 58 off 20 overs bowled tightly at the death, with Charlie Hodge coming back to redeem his opening spell ad pick up two late wickets. Broxbourne surprisingly choose to bat their full 53 overs and end on 259 – 7, leaving Bar just 47 overs in return.

Bar got off to a good start with 70 run opening stand between Dean Barker and Matt Evans, however both fell in close succession, Evans for 31 and Barker for 32. Dave Pett and Mark Taylor went about rebuilding the innings, however when Taylor fell in twenties it was going to be a tough ask. Charlie Hodge came in at 5 and looked fluent, he and Pett carried bar forward and with 8 runs an over required from the last 15 overs the game was still on.

Pett fell for 64, but Ian Henderson and Hodge carried on the charge, Bar chances went however when Henderson was run out for 10. Luke Owers and Michael John both fell for ducks as they looked to score quickly and Bar ended on 213 – 7, with Hodge 22 not out. Broxbourne in the end probably batted on too long to make the game competitive and seemed content with a draw, Bar can be proud of how they fought back having given the opposition such a strong start.