

Saturday 2nd X1

Leverstock Green 1st X1 249-9

Potters Bar 2nd X1 251-9

Potters Bar 2nd X1 won a thrilling game of cricket against Leverstock Green 1st X1 at The Walk on Saturday, in their final Saracens Herts League Division 2 game of the season.

The visitors won the toss and elected to bat first and a low total seemed to be on the cards when they were reduced to 109-8. Mark Taylor took 4 wickets and he was ably supported by an encouraging 3 wicket performance by Dan Brown making his bowling debut in the 2nd X1.

However Leverstock stalwart Dave Tyson then took the game by the scruff of the neck, in smashing an excellent unbeaten 106 from just 81 balls to swing the game back in the visitors favour, thus allowing the declaration to come at a score of 249-9 in 50 overs.

In reply Potters Bar suffered an early setback with the loss of Mehta for just 6 runs but then Dave Pett and Ian Henderson put on 60 in just 7 overs before Pett was adjudged LBW for 28.

Henderson was joined at the wicket by Taylor and the pair proceeded to smash the bowling to all parts as they batted with ease to take the score to 121 in just the 16th over before they both fell in quick succession.

Wickets began to fall regularly to such an extent that at 200-8 Bar appeared to be heading for defeat until Greg Hodge was joined at the wicket by Dan Brown. Both players played beautifully especially Brown, until Hodge was dismissed with just 3 runs needed for victory. Brown was joined by Tom Coughlan who had previously retired hurt and victory was achieved when Coughlan edged a ball to third man to see the team home by 1 wicket, with Brown finishing unbeaten on 29 from just 21 balls.

The game was a fitting way for the season to finish with skipper Pett also announcing that this was the final game in which he will be captaining the side. "Having done the job for the past 9 or 10 seasons I feel the time is right for a new, hopefully younger man, to take over the job and continue to take the side forward. As a club we can be proud to have seen our 2nd X1 finish in 8th position of a league that contains no less than 16 1st X1's and I feel this is a fine reflection of the high quality strength in depth that the club possesses."