

Saturday 2nd X1

Kings Langley 191-8

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Potters Bar 2nd X1 picked up 11 bonus points in their drawn game with Kings Langley played at The Walk on Saturday in Saracens Herts League Division 2.

The visitors won the toss and elected to bat first and were immediately put under pressure by some accurate new ball bowling from Greg Hodge and Chris Boyce. Boyce picked up 2 early wickets and Hodge took one to leave the visitors in a spot of trouble at 54-3.

However there was good resistance from the visitors middle and lower order though as the home side kept up the pressure by continuing to bowl with good discipline. Rick Martin took 2-52 from his 10 overs and when the innings was completed Kings Langley had posted a respectable total of 191-8 from their 53 over allocation.

Bar needed a good start in reply in order to chase the total; however skipper Dave Pett and Ian Henderson were both dismissed early to leave the home side on 25-2. Tom Coughlan steadied the ship for a while with a patient 22, until he was bowled whilst looking set for a big score.

Mark Taylor began to impose himself on the game with some trade mark big blows and the visitors started to look under pressure as Taylor was dropped twice in quick succession. Taylor passed 50 and a home victory seemed a distinct possibility until Taylor was dismissed in the penultimate over for 76 leaving the home side lower order to play out for a draw.

This weekend Pett's side travel to Reed boosted by the return of 3 players to cover for the absence of last season's top run scorer Ian Henderson. An improved batting performance will be required if the side are to register their first win of the season against a Reed side that surprisingly occupy bottom place in the league at this early stage of the season.