

Saturday 2nd X1

Reed 200-5

Potters Bar 2nd X1 140-7

Potters Bar 2nd X1 picked up just 5 bonus points in their drawn game away to Reed on Saturday in Saracens Herts League Division 2.

The home team won the toss and surprisingly elected to bat first on a wet miserable afternoon and after the loss of both openers to Chris Boyce in the first over of the innings they appeared to be right up against it.

However the rain soon began to fall making bowling conditions difficult for bowlers as the ball became increasingly wet and running in properly difficult to achieve. There were 2 rain interruptions in the innings which didn't help, however credit must be given to the home side middle order batsman, that all batted well to wrestle the early initiative away from the visitors and post an imposing total of 200-5 from their 45 overs faced.

This left Bar a big ask of scoring 201 for victory in just 39 overs which unfortunately never really looked on as the innings crawled to just 12 runs from the first 7 overs.

A brief flurry from both Michael John 36 and John Pett 21 gave the innings some much needed impetus however the run rate climbed steadily as wickets fell throughout the innings as Bar closed on 140-7 from 39 overs.

This weekend Pett's side play host to Old Albanians with an improved all round performance needed if Bar are to turn around their disappointing start to the league season following last season's title winning summer.