

Saturday 2nd X1

Broxbourne 1st X1 121 all out

Potters Bar 2nd X1 122-8

Potters Bar 2nd X1 moved up to 8th place in Saracens Herts League Division 2 with a 2 wicket win away to Broxbourne 1st X1.

Skipper Dave Pett won the toss with a side severely depleted side missing no less than 6 regulars due to holiday and elected to field first on a wet wicket that played ok at the start of the match but deteriorated badly throughout the afternoon as it dried out.

The home side found runs hard to come by with opening bowlers Michael John and Chris Boyce both taking an early wicket apiece with only 20 runs on the score board. The pair were replaced by the vast experience of Mark Taylor and Jeff Hackett who both bowled well making full use of the bowler friendly conditions.

Hackett took a wicket in a tight 10 over spell until leg spinner Adjitka Mehta came on to also take a couple of wickets. At the other end Taylor had gained total control over the batsman, bowling an excellent 17 over spell and in doing so return 5-23, as the home side were dismissed for 121 in the 52nd over.

The visiting batsman also struggled somewhat against the accurate home teams bowlers as 2 early wicket fell for just 15 runs. Taylor then battled with Mehta to take the score to 50 before both players fell in quick succession to leave the game firmly in the balance.

Skipper Dave Pett and Jaya Jayaratnam then dug in with a crucial and dogged 53 run partnership in taking the score to 103 and within 19 runs of victory before both players fell in quick succession.

Two more wickets fell immediately to set the alarm bells ringing with 12 needed and only 2 wickets remaining, however Michael John and 14 year old Tom Pett both showed no nerves in knocking off the remaining runs to see the visitors home to a well deserved 2 wicket victory.

Next week the side travel to play a tough fixture away to Northchurch boosted by the return of the majority of absentees with another decent performance required in order to consolidate their position in the league.