

Bar rolled over for 93

Potters Bar 2<sup>nd</sup> XI produced their worst batting performance of the season away to Old Finchleians on Saturday. Captain Greg Hodge won the toss and elected to bat first on a flat looking wicket. Bar's innings started badly when Tom Pett had his leg stump castled in the second over for one and from there things never got going.

Number three Dean Dass and opener Tom Coughlan put on the only notable partnership for the second wicket, but when they both fell for 14, Bar's innings fell apart. Mark Taylor hit a quick fire 13, but was run out as his bat got stuck in the ground when completing an easy single. Dave Pett, James Scott and Luke Owers all came and went, with Bar limping at 62 for 7. Skipper Hodge added runs with Dan Brown, Chris Boyce and youngster Alex Whitehouse, but was on 18 when he ran out of partners and Bar were dismissed for 93.

Boyce and Hodge opened the bowling but both bowlers were dispatched to the boundary early on as a mixture of bad fielding, good batting and average bowling worked against Bar. Hodge did manage to bowl his opposite number with a ball that jagged back, but Bar were unable to make another break through until Finchlians' score had reached 80. Dass and Owers picked up a wicket each as the game was wrapped up inside 23 overs.

Hodge was not surprisingly disappointed, "This is probably the worst defeat I have faced as a captain. Our batting on paper looks great, but for some reason this season we have just not fired. Hopefully in the next three games we will put in some decent performances and end the season on a high."