

Potters Bar 2nd X1 Press Report
Versus Rickmansworth 1st X1

Saturday 5th July 2008

Potters Bar 2nd X1 - 95-10 in 35 overs
Rickmansworth 2nd X1 – 98-3 in 18 overs

A severely under strength Potters Bar 2nd X1 were well beaten by 6 wickets in Saracens Herts League Division. Rickmansworth on Saturday

Potters Bar lost the toss and were asked to bat first on a pitch that didn't look great to the eye and subsequently played with unpredictable bounce throughout. However this should not be an excuse for the poor performance put in by the visiting batsman.

Matt Evans played well at the top of the order scoring 24 with support from Luke Owers as Bar appeared to be comfortable at 40-1 after 16 overs. However the introduction of Hussain proved to be the turning point of the game as he ripped through the brittle Potters Bar middle order taking 5-18 from his 7 over spell with only Mark Taylor putting up any resistance.

Hussain's impressive aggressive style of bowling proved to be too good for a side missing no less than six regular players, as the side collapsed and were all out for a paltry total of just 95 in 35 overs.

The home side came out and played with good intent as they ensured there would be no scares as they chased down the low score. There was a wicket apiece for Boyce, Taylor, Owers and Whithouse, which gave the visitors 4 points, which in all honesty was about all that was deserved on the day.

Dave Pett skippered the side in the absence of Greg Hodge and he was left to reflect on a bad day at the office saying “ through injury and lack of availability we came to Rickmansworth with a very young side in the absence of no less than 6 players, hopefully this would have been a learning curve to these young lads as to the standard required if you are to succeed at this level. Hat's off to Rickmansworth who thoroughly deserved the victory on the day, however we must not be too down about this game. We can now look forward to welcoming the senior players back for next weeks tough looking trip to Old Albanians, where a much improved performance will definitely be the order of the day”.