

Owers' magnificent seven

Potters Bar 2nd XI recorded their second win of the season against Eversholt 1st XI, following a professional batting display and a magnificent bowling performance by 16 year old Luke Owers.

Captain Greg Hodge lost the toss and was asked to bat first on a wicket that was little damp following over night rain. Bar started positively and for the third home in succession the openers add more than 50 for the first wicket. Overseas star Ajitya Mehta was the first wicket to fall, comically stumped for 32 by the keeper standing back.

The loss of Mehta, bought Dave Pett to the crease, who along with Matt Evans continued to progress Bar's score. Evans fell for 41, when he was bowled by a ball that kept low. At 100 for 2 Bar were in a great position and with Pett and Oliver Coughlan at the crease they had to experienced batters.

Pett and Coughlan lifted the score to 170 for 2, when Coughlan was unluckily caught for 46 on the point boundary. Pett fell soon after for 34, but a quick fire 30 by Matt Webb and some quick running for Charlie Hodge took bar up to 220. Webb and Hodge fell in quick succession, and it was left for Dean Barker and Luke Owers to see the innings out as Greg Hodge declared one over early on 222 for 6.

An opening new ball spell from Webb and Charlie Hodge proved unsuccessful; however veteran Chris Boyce to took the opening wicket bowling Eversholt's captain Garrat for 34. Boyce's slower bowling suggested that the wicket would turn and Greg Hodge quickly introduced off spinner Luke Owers and leg spin of Ajitya Mehta.

Owers started well and fully deserved a wicket in his third over, a well taken catch by Charlie Hodge. Not to be out done Mehta took a wicket in his next over to leave Eversholt 130-3. The next 7 wickets fell for 21 runs as Luke Owers produced an excellent display of controlled off spin, he finished with 7 – 34, four of his wickets were bowled as he found sharp turn from the surface.

The win boosted Bar up the table and leaves Eversholt rock bottom. Next week Bar travel to Totteridge full of confidence.