

Old Albanians 2nds 199-9 (49 overs) bt Potters Bar 3rds 111 ao (37.5 overs) by 88 runs.

A damp start at Woollams led to the start of play being delayed by 30 minutes.

Potters Bar stand-in skipper, Rupert Pyrah, won the toss and elected to field on a rain affected pitch against the Division 6 league leaders. Although there was help from the wicket early on for the Potters Bar's bowlers, they struggled to find line and length. The Old Albanians top order built a solid base and at 121-1 looked to be building a score well in excess of 220. But the introduction of Hayden Rogers (3-25) slowed down the run-rate, and Old Albanians began to struggle, particularly after Rupert Pyrah dismissed top scorer Cresswell for 72. The Old Albanians innings eventually closed at 199-9, with Rupert Pyrah bowling throughout to take 4-102. Ajith Walallawita excelled in the field, taking three catches.

The Potters Bar batsmen responded without any major alarms and at 98-3 the away side were well-placed to launch an assault on the Old Albanians total. But there was then a dramatic collapse. Veteran opener and top scorer Rob Daley fell for 42, and the last seven wickets fell for 13 runs against some fairly innocuous bowling. Luke Owers, Will Daley, Ben Scarisbrick, Dan Brown, and Hayden Rogers all fell for single figure scores and Old Albanians finished comfortable winners with 5.1 overs to spare.

Potters Bar's promotion bid has stalled, but a better performance is hoped for next week against fellow mid-table side Hertford 3rds.

Rupert Pyrah