

Potters Bar 3rds 104 all out (41.1 overs) lost to Met Police Bushey 1sts 105-1 (22.1 overs) by 9 wickets.

Potters Bar hosted last season's Division 7 champions Met Police Bushey 1sts at Dame Alice Owens School. In humid conditions, Potters Bar skipper Neil Raisborough won the toss and elected to bat.

Potters Bar started well as Rob Daley (22) and ex-captain John Erroll survived the early overs to put on 35 for the first wicket. The introduction of the Haider brothers to the attack precipitated the collapse of the early Potters Bar order and in the space of only 8 overs the Bar slumped to 54-6.

Aditya Sheth and Alex Whitehouse tried to put the Potters Bar innings back on an even keel, but the departure of Sheth for 22 to an outstanding catch put paid to Potters Bar's last real hope of setting a challenging target. Only a last wicket stand of 14 between Will Daley (4) and Rupert Pyrah (11*) took the Potters Bar total to three figures, as the innings subsided to 104 all out.

On a pitch which by now offered little assistance to the bowlers, the Met Police batsmen were largely untroubled. Although Sheth dismissed Long lbw with the score on 31, Met Police cruised to victory for the loss of no further wickets with more than 35 overs to spare.

Next week Potters Bar travel to Cobden Hill to take on Radlett IVs, and must hope for an improved performance in all aspects of their game.

Rupert Pyrah