

Parkfield 1sts 264-4 (53 overs) bt Potters Bar 3rds 147 (39.3 overs) by 117 runs.

Potters Bar 3rds excellent start to their Divison 6 campaign ground to a halt on Saturday, when a depleted team suffered a heavy defeat to the newly-merged Parkfield & Headstone club at Saddlers Mead.

Skipper Dave Rock won the toss and inserted Parkfield on what appeared to be a poor wicket. However, opener Schmid took advantage of some loose Potters Bar bowling to score 155 not out, putting on 133 for the first wicket and 104 for the 4<sup>th</sup> wicket. Once again Potters Bar suffered from lapses in fielding, with Schmid dropped at cover on 40. Parkfield batted their full allotment of 53 overs and set the Bar a formidable target of 265 to win. Luke Owers was the pick of the bowlers with figures of 2-84 from 17 overs.

Potters Bar's batting failed dismally to rise to the challenge, losing six wickets for 41 runs in a middle-order collapse. Once again Schmid proved to be the danger man, taking 5-16 in a ten over spell. The batsmen's efforts were put into perspective by Bertie Anderson, who normally plays for the 5<sup>th</sup> XI, as he top-scored with 24.

Potters Bar secured a solitary bonus point through the efforts of Hayden Rogers (20) and Dan Brown (16) who put on 36 for the 9<sup>th</sup> wicket.

The last wicket fell with over 7 overs remaining, leaving Parkfield the winners by 117 runs.

An improved performance is needed this Saturday when the Bar takes on Old Camdenians 1sts at Dame Alice Owens.

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