

Press Report from Ian Breeze (capt)

Date: Sat 13th May, 2006.

Potters Bar 4ths: Away to Old Albanians 3's.

Herts Saracens Lge: Division 11 Toss Won by: PBCC

Side batting First: Old Albanians - 227-7

Side batting second: 104-10

Potters Bar 4th Eleven slumped to a heavy 123 run defeat at the hands of Old Albanian 3rds. Despite welcoming back batsman Mark Player, who's family have done so much for the Potters Bar club, the fourths struggled with the batting aspect of this league game.

After winning the toss Ian Breeze elected to insert the opposition. This proved to be costly, as none of the bar bowlers managed to discover their form, and runs flowed steadily, particularly from the number 3 bat of O.A's, P.Richardson. He was eventually caught by Paul Kennedy for 91, off the seam bowling of Alex Whitehouse, who at 14 years of age looks a good prospect. It proved to be a long afternoon in the field for the Bar as Albanians used their full 53 over allocation and achieved their 227 total for the loss of only 7 wickets.

In response Ian Breeze and John Lewis raced to 35 off the first 4 overs and it seemed that a run chase was on the cards. However, in the absence of Roy Metselaar (flu) and Matthew Hart (injury) the Bar batting line up lacked depth. After the demise of the openers, only talented youngsters, Tom Rowlands (10 runs) and Neil Oak (27) managed to spend any significant time at the crease. The total of 104 all out was a poor show for a side whose promotion intentions are made clear on the Potters Bar website.

(**PBCC Team** : T.Rowlands, J.Lewis, P. Reading, Paul Kennedy, S.Brown, J.Wedge, S.Randon, N.Oak, I.Breeze, Mark Player, A.Whitehouse.)

Next Saturday (13th May) Potters Bar 4ths are playing Old Albanian 3rds at Old Camdenian's ground.