

Press Report from Ian Breeze (capt)

Date: Sat 17th June, 2006.

Potters Bar 4ths: Home to Rickmansworth 3's.

Herts Saracens Lge: Division 11 Toss Won by: P.Bar

Side batting First: P.Bar 219-5 off 53 overs

Side batting second: Rickmansworth 135 -10 (47 overs)

Potters Bar 4th team returned to winning ways with a hard fought game at Dame Alice Owen's School. The decision to bat on a hot afternoon eventually turned out to be correct as Bar scored 219 for 5 off their allotted 53 overs. However in the early stages of the game the Rickmansworth tight bowling attack contained and restricted the Bar batsmen to just 16 runs off the first ten overs. When top scorer John Lewis was bowled for just 5 runs by Gary Skinner it took a concerted effort and a grafting 99 run partnership between Roy Metselaar (30) and Dean Barker (125*) to turn the game back towards the home side.

Barker was particularly forceful on any over pitched ball and his straight batting returned him a chanceless 125 not out. This was the bedrock of Bar's innings as Steve Brown (21) and Hayden Rogers(19*) ably supported the in form young P.E. teacher, Barker.

Barker returned after tea to bowl the first 5 overs with the old ball, and he proved just as useful at this aspect of the game, returning figures of 1 wicket for 4 runs. The accurate, no nonsense, bowling attack of Barker and spinner Paul Kennedy soon had Rickmansworth on the defensive as the overs sped by. After Kennedy's first 13 over spell Rickmansworth were 54-2 off 26, and well behind the required run rate. Hayden Rogers and Neil Oak then took the new ball with Rogers returning figures of 3 for 42 off 11 and Oak 4 for 20 off 6 overs.

The final result hinged on an exciting last over of the game. Potters Bar players crowded around the Rickmansworth number 11 batsman, in a desperate attempt to take the last wicket. On the very last ball of the game, Stephen Brown took a brilliant one handed diving catch from Hayden Rogers' bowling which sent Potters Bar home victorious.

Next Saturday (24th June) Potters Bar 4ths are playing against table toppers Kings Langley, away.

PBCC Team vs Rickmansworth : D.Barker, J.Lewis,
R.Metselaar, , I.Breeze, H.Rogers, A.Whitehouse, J.Skinner,
R.Gayantha, P.Kennedy, S.Brown, N.Oak.