

Press Report from Ian Breeze (capt)

Date: Sat 22nd July, 2006.

Potters Bar 4ths: Away to Offley and Stopsley

Herts Saracens Lge: Division 11 Toss Won by: Potters Bar

Side batting First: Offley 163-10 after 48 overs

Side batting second: Potters Bar 167 - 7

Potters Bar 4th team moved into 2nd= place in Division 11 after another emphatic win at top of the table Offley . After having elected to field Potters Bar were soon rewarded as Daniel Brown's controlled opening spell saw him clean bowl Offley openers, Bexfield and Keeley. At the other end Julian Brauer was getting the ball to seam on a wet pitch as Potters Bar continued to field in rainy conditions. However it was Dean Barker who finished with the best bowling figures of 5 for 39 off his 15 overs, as Offley were bowled out for 163.

Batting on the rain affected pitch was never going to be an easy task as Roy Metselaar and John Lewis soon discovered. As Bar fell behind the run rate Metselaar ran himself out on just 11 and the incoming number 3, Dean Barker did the same after scoring only 1 run. John Lewis and Julian Brauer attempted to stabilise the innings as Bar fell further and further behind the required rate. However with Lewis at the crease Bar's chances looked hopeful as he inched the innings towards 80. Lewis was then stumped and Bar were looking at a possible first defeat in 6 matches, at 78 - 5 with all the recognised batsmen dismissed. The Bar batting attack was then hijacked by Potters Bar youngsters Daniel Brown , 54 runs and Neil Oak, 24 runs. These two put on a match winning partnership of 81 runs and when Oak was eventually caught out, the score was 159. Colts, Andrew Sanderson and Alex Whitehouse saw off the remaining runs as the total of 163 was surpassed with 4 overs to spare.

This was another fine team effort from Potters Bar against a previously unbeaten side.

Next Saturday (29th July) Potters Bar 4ths are playing at home against Southgate Compton CC.

PBCC Team vs Offley : John Lewis, Dean Barker, Dan Brown, Ian Breeze, Samitha Jayakody, Julian Brauer, , R.Metselaar, Andrew Sanderson, Alex Whitehouse, Paul Kennedy, Neil Oak.