

Press Report from Ian Breeze (on behalf of Robert Anderson capt)

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Potters Bar 4ths: Home to Monken Hadley 1sts

Herts Saracens Lge: Division 9 Toss Won by: Monken Hadley

Side batting First: Potters Bar 76 - 10 (32 overs)

Side batting second: Monken Hadley, 77 - 4 off 26 overs.

Potters Bar 4th team capitulated all too easily in this opening fixture of the season. On a beautiful day at Owen's School, the 4ths failed to re-capture the form that had seen them promoted to division 9 at the end of last season. Only Spencer Randon 38* and Owen's schoolboy prospect, Tom Rowlands 28 bothered the scorers as the middle order batting was blown away with some excellent bowling from Monken Hadley's ,Gavin Spokes. Spokes in fact finished with 5 wickets for 8 runs off 9 overs. (Potters Bar were unfortunate as this may be one of the few games he will play for his team this year as his acting career has taken off with a new role in ITV's "The Bill.") As it turned out Spokes was witness to some criminal batting by the Potters Bar middle order as they gave themselves up with little resistance to his accurate spell of bowling.

76 all out was never going to be sufficient on a flat wicket, and although Bar's Tom Rowlands took 3 for 12 off his ten overs, he could not prevent Spokes and Swanton from putting together a stand of 43 runs which broke the back of the total. In fact "all rounders" Rowlands and Spokes were certainly the pick of the 22 players and both made vital contributions to this low scoring but entertaining first outing of the season.

Next Saturday (10th May) Potters Bar 4ths are playing away against Sandridge CC.