

Bentley Heath 216-7 dec. (43overs)
Potters Bar IV 150-10 (38.3)
At: DAO School 17th May 2008

PB IV Covet thy neighbour's batting

A rain affected start saw the game curtailed to 47 and 41 overs respectively with a 2.15 start. Despite the rain the covered wicket offered a flat, quick and bouncy track and surely must be one of the best batting wickets produced at Owen's school. Bentley Heath's top order wasted no time and started positively, the wet ball and the good wicket conspiring to keep the PB fielders busy for much of the afternoon. Despite the foul weather one bright spot was PB debutant Gary Wood who bowled with good pace and accuracy in his two spells and was rewarded with figures of 3-49 from 12.

Despite losing two early wickets, Tirimizi (37) and Hubbard(83) settled in and punished any wayward bowling. PB lacked control and there was always a 4-ball to punish each over and as such never managed to control the batting onslaught which consistently ran at 4.5/over for the entire innings, spurning the few half chances offered. Spencer Randon toiled away for much of the afternoon and was rewarded with 2-68 from his 16 overs. Isaac Moore and Nick Daskalakis offered support with a wicket a piece.

Despite the chief batsmen being dismissed BH continued to make rapid progress and eventually declared at 216-7 after 43 overs.

Potters Bar's reply started brightly enough, but with the early dismissal of Moore, it was never going to be an easy target. So it proved, many batsmen got a start and got out. Bentley Heath's opening bowling attack did what PB's bowling could not do i.e. bowl straight and true, and with a slight nip off the track extracted some good deliveries from the batsman-friendly pitch.

Only Nick Daskalakis showed the quality of the pitch with some clean striking of the ball; accumulating 44 in good time.

The final wicket came in the 39th over and Bentley Heath were worthy winners.

Potters Bar must regroup and refocus for next week and get back the winning habit that saw them earn back to back promotions.

SM Randon
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