

Potters Bar IV 205-7 (53)
Ickleford II 209-6 (42.1overs)
At: Ickleford
24th May 2008

Potters Bar IV slumped to their 4th consecutive defeat in the much tougher div 9.

Potters Bar started positively with an excellent opening stand from Moore and Titmus (53) who gave Bar an excellent platform putting on 80 for the first wicket. John Errol (55) and Spencer Randon then put on a good partnership to get Bar within sight of a defendable target.

In search of quick runs bar lost further quick wickets and left with what they thought was a defendable target. Ickleford had set the standard with excellent, accurate probing bowling yielding only one extra, but as they failed to take several catches in the field, Bar fancied their chances.

Ickleford's chase was always on track, Bar again offering up 4-balls regularly and thus failed to pressurise the batting, N Daskalakis was this pick of the bowlers with 2-53 and at 94-4 thought they would have a sniff of victory. Schumann and Croker came to the wicket and put on 100 together for the sixth wicket amassing 42 and 49 not out respectively easily reaching their 207 run target.

There are signs of improvement in the Bar team, excellent fielding including a wonder catch by Moore behind the stumps and enthusiasm in the field with the top order firing and batting in pairs were Bar's plus points. However bowling remains Bar's weak point, too many loose deliveries and extras let down an otherwise positive performance.

SM Randon
27th May 2008