

With a big crowd at Potters Bar Cricket Club, the under 11's played Finchley on Saturday in the East Area Cup semi-final. Finchley won the toss and elected to field in a decisive game for the boys. The opening pair only put on 10 before the first wicket fell after an unplayable ball just slipped under the bat and Luke McGee was left admiring the delivery. After 5 overs Bar were only on 22 and realised that they had to speed it up, sacrificing wickets in exchange for runs. Harrison Palmer made a quick 10 but missed a straight one and lost his off stump. 12 runs later another wicket fell leaving them 36-3 off 7 overs. Patrick Scott came to the crease and showed his quality with a fine 20 under pressure with wickets tumbling at the other end. Finchley bowling extra after extra, Potters Bar managed to get 101 off their 20 overs. Under 11 coach Paul Barker was disappointed with the batting from the boys, contradictory to their bowling which was executed with great maturity. Bar bowled just 17 extras in the innings and Finchley struggled to get the ball away, with them scoring 46-2 off 10 overs. The game changed when leg-spinner Dan Bateson came on to bowl, Finchley went from 48-3 to 52-6 when Dan took a superb hat-trick which was made even more special with the wicketkeeper Harrison Palmer taking 3 stumpings. Potters Bar fielding was fantastic with the boys taking 5 run outs in the innings. Finchley finally perished in the 20th over by a run out for 85. Potters Bar under 11's are now in the East Area final and will play North London at North London Cricket Club.