

Potters Bar U11 v Barnet U11

Last night saw one of the more one-sided matches I've seen at this level. Timmy Richards lost the toss but ended up doing what he wanted to do anyhow and that was bowl first. In hindsight it may have been better to bat first as it would have given me an opportunity to see all the batters bat, but it was not to be as Potters Bar's bowling did a thoroughly professional job on a weak side.

Tom Price, playing in his first game struggled early on for direction but then showed what he can do by bowling straight and accurately. His wicket was a neatly taken chance by Hadley at mid wicket. Dave Sprigens from the Tesco end bowled beautifully (after a nervous beamer first ball!) and finished with the great figures of 4 overs 2 maidens 3-3!!

Freddie Scutt also bowled very well and fully deserved his 2 wickets for just 6 runs (and these were 2 wides and a no ball!) – no runs coming from the bat. He is showing more confidence with every outing.

Drew Daniels-Smith continued his good form with the ball this time not taking any wickets but bowling his 3 overs for just 6 runs.

But the star with the ball this match was Alexander Dale – 3 overs, 2 maidens, 2 wickets for just one run – no extras at all and an excellent display of medium paced bowling.

The score after the 20 overs was just 47 runs – of which extras were again top scorer with 36, too many but inexperienced bowlers accounted for most of those. This was never going to be enough and Potters Bar knocked off the runs in just 8 overs with Timmy Richards retiring on 17 not out and James Ilott (who was being retired the following ball) bowled on 15, trying to hit one into the Tennis courts!! Luke Jupp showed what an excellent prospect he is by scoring a very well timed 7 not out filled with glorious back foot shots and Hadley, the perfect foil, seeing The Walk side home with no further loss of wickets.

Their Umpire wanted to play on a bit longer to give their bowlers a bowl and it gave me the chance to see Robert Poth play a few more shots and relax and Harrison Palmer to confirm to all watching that he is just too good for that sort of bowling. Scores weren't kept at this stage but it would have been a high score.

3 from 3 now and looking in no danger but harder asks are coming. Finchley next week will be a totally different proposition.

Round-up

Barnet – 47-9

Sprigens 3-3 off 4

Dale 2-1 off 3

Scutt 2-6 off 3

Potters Bar 48-1

Richards - 17 not out

Ilott - 15.