

North London 147-3  
Potters Bar 149-6

Potters Bar Under 11's fresh from winning the league were up against North London in the Middlesex East Area Cup Final on Monday 9th July. Potters Bar won the toss and elected to bat on what was a wet wicket and small boundary. Luke McGee and James Ilott opened the bowling for the Bar. North London started off at a rapid pace with their score after 6 over's being 37-0. In the 7th over, Bar turned the game around as Luke Jupp bowled the North London opener, quickly followed by Luke McGee running out the 2nd opening batsman with a fantastic direct hit. Rain stopped play in the 12th over, unsettling Bar's game. Returning to the wet outfield, the boys nerves showed and the fielding standard dropped from the earlier over's. North London batted well increasing their score to 146 off their 20 over's.

Potters Bar faced the highest total they have had to achieve so far in the season. Bar opened with Harrison Palmer and James Ilott. They struck the ball well against a good opening attack and the score after 5 over's was 36 for 0. In the sixth over Harrison Palmer was caught by a brilliant diving catch. This brought Luke McGee to the crease, joining James in continuing the run rate. After 9 over's Bar were on 67 but in the 10th over with the score on 75, James Ilott was run out for 17. With the openers gone, this left Luke McGee with the responsibility of taking Bar close to the target. The young Middlesex player showed his class by smashing the North London bowlers to all parts of the ground, forcing neighbouring tennis players to run for cover as he hit 3 big sixes, bringing his 50 in just 27 balls. Luke was well supported by George Avgousti and Hadley Caswell, unfortunately after scoring a further 15 runs Luke was stumped with only 5 runs remaining. Leaving the crease with a standing ovation and a total of 65, he was replaced by Luke Jupp. In the penultimate over Tim Richards hit the ball into a gap for 1 run, bringing Luke onto strike with 4 needed to win. The final ball of the over, Luke hit the ball to the boundary for Bar to win the game by 4 wickets sending the supporters into wild celebrations. Potters Bar will now represent East Area in the Middlesex Cup Championships.