

London Erratics v Horningsham

Match manager Nasir Khawaja had done what he could to raise a side for this game, in which he himself was unable to play. The seven 'Erratics' included two who had previously only played in the Kilndown matches – Richard Langley and Rawle Beckles. Peter Osborne and George Marshall switched sides from the home team, to make it nine Erratics versus ten locals; Peter O gracefully declined James Rivington's invitation to introduce some sibling rivalry by captaining the visitors against his brother James. The Erratics won the toss and, still short at the start, elected to bat.

Bank of England partners Peter Andrews and Richard opened the batting. Recent rain had made the outfield extremely boggy – the game was only able to take place at all because of the artificial strip. But while the slipping and sliding was entertaining to watch from the boundary, conditions meant that scoring was slow. Peter A in particular found the going difficult and had not made much impact before he was adjudged lbw in the 13th over.

A big innings was needed from Matthew Eltringham, our centurion against the Beamers: it was therefore inevitable that he would unerringly pick out deep square leg. Richard had been working the ball around very nicely all this time, and it was a blow when he was bowled in the 20th over.

Peter O was now joined by Matthew Neal in a partnership of contrasting styles. Matthew was stylish but uncharacteristically restrained. Peter, characteristically, hit out: two lovely sixes promised to make the 26th over a good one for the Erratics, until Peter too put the last ball down deep square's throat.

[more to follow...]

JR

LONDON ERRATICS — batting

			4s	6s
Andrews	lbw	4		
Langley	bowled	21	1	
Eltringham	caught	3		
Osborne P	caught	33	3	2
† Neal	caught	13		
Beckles	caught	20	1	2
Dunabin	bowled	0		
* Rivington	NOT OUT	5		
Marshall	bowled	10		
		124	all out	

Fall of wickets: 1(Andrews)–24, 2(Eltringham)–31, 3(Langley)–40, 4(OsborneP)–84, 5(Neal)–105, 6(Dunabin)–105, 7(Beckles)–107, 8(Marshall)–124

HORNINGSHAM — batting

1	c Rivington	b Langley	3
2	run out		12
3	lbw	b Langley	6
4	lbw	b Beckles	31
5		b Osborne P	0
6	run out		4
7	not out		20
8	not out		21
9			
10			

127 for 6

LONDON ERRATICS — bowling

Beckles	13.2	6	15	1
Langley	9	0	34	2
Marshall	4	0	23	0
Osborne P	2	1	4	1
Dunabin	2	0	15	0
Eltringham	3	0	13	0

ERRATICS LOST BY 2 WICKETS