

London Erratics v Shalbourne

A 35 overs match. On a hot sunny day, Shalbourne won the toss and elected to bat.

An experimental opening attack of Brian Berrigan and Jim Head couldn't contain a lively start by the home side, who punished any variation in length. Mercifully, Brian broke through with a double wicket maiden in the 7th over.

John Truscott replaced Jim. Still the runs flowed – though Brian struck again before the end of his spell.

Another dangerous stand profited while James Rivington fell in and out of rhythm. Just short of the hundred, John claimed the hard-hitting No. 2, courtesy of Nasir Khawaja.

In the 21st over, James took a wicket (his 100th for the Erratics). And in the following over, Jim justified his recall by picking up another two: 116 for 7. Could the Erratics give themselves a manageable target by bowling out the home side?

No. The lack of regular bowlers was again exposed, and the 8th wicket partnership tucked in – scoring at just short of 10 an over off the final seven. A tidy penultimate over from Bill Bush was educational. But the partnership of 95 had rather spoiled what was (as usual) a scrumptious tea.

Jim was in determined mood and hit a couple of lovely shots. But whereas the Erratics' catching hadn't been all that it might have been, Peter Andrews and Jim fell victim to two outrageously good catches: 24 for 2. And when Nasir, James and John all departed without addition to the score, the assault on the target was looking pathetically limp.

Tony had other ideas and wiped the smiles off the Shalbourne bowlers: a huge six to a long 'cow corner' was very enjoyable. Alas, he was out three balls later.

Michael Evans did his best to carry on where Tony had left off; but with a change of bowling, he became more defensive and the scoring rate dropped.

When Simon Davie came to the crease in the 26th over, the Erratics were still short of the hundred. Brian, who had been batting sensibly all this time, now launched his attack with a succession of inventive shots. With a required rate of nearly 16 off the last 7 overs, Brian and Simon scored 11 off each of the 29th and the 30th. But the last three wickets fell in a rush, and another limited overs game of limited appeal was done.

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SHALBOURNE — batting

1	lbw	b Berrigan	19
2	st Khawaja	b Truscott	48
3		b Berrigan	0
4	lbw	b Berrigan	14
5		b Head	26
6	lbw	b Rivington	4
7	c & b	b Head	0
8	not out		43
9	not out		48
10			
11			

211 for 7 in 35 overs

LONDON ERRATICS — bowling

Berrigan	7	1	26	3
Head	7	0	41	2
Truscott	7	0	38	1
Rivington	7	1	36	1
Poulter	4	0	41	0
Dunabin	2	0	23	0
Bush	1	0	5	0

Fall of wickets: 1–34, 2–34, 3–59, 4–96, 5–115, 6–115, 7–116

LONDON ERRATICS — batting

			4s	6s
Head	caught	19	2	
Andrews	caught	2		
† Khawaja	caught	2		
* Rivington	caught	0		
Berrigan	caught	47	7	
Truscott	bowled	0		
Poulter	caught	24	4	1
Evans	bowled	14	2	
Davie	bowled	9	1	
Bush	caught	2		
Dunabin	NOT OUT	0		

128 all out in 32.3 overs

Fall of wickets: 1(Andrews)–18, 2(Head)–24, 3(Khawaja)–24, 4(Rivington)–24, 5(Truscott)–24, 6(Poulter)–57, 7(Evans)–88, 8(Berrigan)–124, 9(Davie)–128, 10(Bush)–128

ERRATICS LOST BY 83 RUNS