

## London Erratics v Fernhurst

Having told everyone to arrive half an hour early, it was inevitable that match manager James Rivington would himself be late: as he sped down the A3, his instruction was to win the toss and bat. Squealing into the car park, he was therefore a smidge disappointed to see the team arraying itself in the sunlit field: Fernhurst had called correctly. With a detention delaying Alex Padmore until nearer tea (and even then the Erratics would have only ten), the visitors might be thought under-powered – though they were given one sub.

Michael Stephenson and Matthew Eltringham started tidily enough, but the Fernhurst openers rattled along at over 4 an over. In the 11th, Michael finally put in his place a young bat who had been disrespectfully hitting the bowling. Three overs later, debutant Richard Burchnall showed how sharp he was with the gloves to stump the other opener.

The next pair of bats included S Melrose, who has caused plenty of problems in the past, but teenager George Dabby and Richard Heller kept him quiet, and the score inched along. In the 23rd over, George got one to squirt through SM's legs and Richard B had the bails off; then George hit the stumps unaided to complete a double wicket maiden. Richard H was next to benefit from the speed of Richard B's hands – credit to the square leg umpire for being equally sharp. The confident George now asked his skipper to field right in the face of the No 5 – who aggressively smacked a boundary past the silly mid-off, and said 'You're not still going to stand there?' James stood his ground, the cocky lad charged the next ball to repeat the shot, and David B had a record fourth stumping in an innings.

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### FERNHURST — batting

1	st Burchnall	b Eltringham	17
2		b Stephenson	27
3	st Burchnall	b Dabby	18
4		b Dabby	7
5	st Burchnall	b Dabby	5
6	st Burchnall	b Heller	0
7		b Padmore	10
8		b Stephenson	27
9	c Eltringham	b Rivington	0
10	not out		9
11	not out		1

**133 for 9 dec**

### LONDON ERRATICS — bowling

Stephenson	9	0	28	2
Eltringham	9	1	40	1
Dabby	8	2	20	3
Heller	5	0	5	1
Rivington	3	1	2	1
Padmore	5	1	20	1
Dunabin	3	0	12	0

Fall of wickets: 1–44, 2–58, 3–75, 4–76, 5–77, 6–81, 7–96, 8–97, 9–130

### LONDON ERRATICS — batting

4s 6s

Andrews	c & b	12		
* Rivington	caught	16		
† Burchnall	caught	19	2	1
Dabby	bowled	4		
Eltringham	caught	13	2	
Padmore	caught	6	1	
Dunabin	NOT OUT	4		
Stephenson	bowled	5	1	
Bush	lbw	0		
Heller	stumped	0		

**81 all out**

Fall of wickets: 1(Rivington)–25, 2(Andrews)–38, 3(Dabby)–42, 4(Burchnall)–55, 5(Padmore)–71, 6(Eltringham)–73, 7(Stephenson)–80, 8(Bush)–81, 9(Heller)–81