

London Erratics v Tarbarrow

Having miscounted his squad, skipper Nasir Khawaja found himself blessed with twelve Erratics at this attractive Gloucestershire venue. Bill Bush ended up as subbing in the field when those less fit needed time out. The Erratics won the toss and elected to field.

George Dabby struggled with his run-up and never found his rhythm. Brian Berrigan put it there or thereabouts, but the (apparently rusty) Tarbarrow No.1 heaved anything remotely short to the leg boundary, which spared him the chore of running.

Nasir turned to the 11th and 12th gentlemen to make their debut for the Erratics this season (where has the rich vein of talent sprung from?). Albert Alla (a South African* now at home in Balliol's MCR) looked the real deal as his first over of spin was a wicket maiden. James Head, son of Jim, swung the ball nicely. But the bludgeoning opener had now been joined by a well-coached youth who played stylish shots, straight and into the covers. Perhaps the Erratics failed to adjust the field to counter the differing styles, but the batsmen knew what they were about and the hundred was up.

Head junior gave way to Head senior. He soon bought the scalp of the No.1, and then claimed his replacement. James Rivington was given a trundle. In his second over, the stylish youth clipped another drive to long-on and set off for two: I have never gone in for the new-fangled notion of crediting run-outs on scorecards, but in this instance the awesome throw that hit middle stump earns Albert an Erratics first. James R then contrived to take two wickets with a long-hop (very good low catch by Chris Dunabin at point) and a full toss.

The later order swung the bat as time ran out, and Jim bought four more wickets – the innings ending on the stroke of tea.

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*Closer linguistic analysis reveals that AA's accent is in fact a blend of French and Australian.

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TARBARROW — batting

1	b Head J sr	74	
2	st Khawaja	b Alla	7
3	c Head J jr	b Rivington	60
4		b Head J sr	4
5	run out (Alla)		4
6	c Dunabin	b Rivington	5
7	c sub (Bush)	b Head J sr	3
8	st Khawaja	b Head J sr	5
9	c Poulter	b Head J sr	4
10		b Head J sr	11
11	not out		0

189 all out

LONDON ERRATICS — bowling

Dabby	4	0	18	0
Berrigan	5	0	23	0
Alla	11	1	56	1
Head J jr	5	0	24	0
Head J sr	9	1	45	6
Rivington	4	0	21	2

Fall of wickets: 1–39, 2–119, 3–135, 4–143, 5–160, 6–167, 7–173, 8–177, 9–181, 10–189

LONDON ERRATICS — batting

Andrews	caught	14	
Head J jr	caught	12	1
Alla	lbw	16	1
Poulter	caught	5	
Hosken	run out	2	
Dunabin	caught	14	
Berrigan	bowled	6	
Head J sr	NOT OUT	38	5
*† Khawaja	NOT OUT	15	
Dabby			
Rivington			

138 for 7

Fall of wickets: 1(HeadJjr)–16, 2(Alla)–42, 3(Andrews)–45, 4(Poulter)–51, 5(Hosken)–53, 6(Berrigan)–63, 7(Dunabin)–98

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