

London Erratics v Peper Harow

This was a most welcome addition to the fixture list – particularly as, with beautifully sunny warm weather, this was the first time the Erratics had managed to play in April since 2000. A 35 overs match. Peper Harow won the toss and elected to field.

On a slow pitch, with the odd one stopping, the youth of Peper Harow tied down the more mature Erratics openers. Albert Alla connected a couple of times before skying one. Skipper James Rivington found his timing and played some nice lofted shots over the spongy outfield, including a straight six. Matthew Neal watched his team mates struggle and succumb, until he too fell trying to push on. Bill Bush pulled one, then tapped a wide into point's hands. The final pair took the score past the hundred, but couldn't bat out the overs.



If the pitch had confounded the Erratics bats, it suited their bowlers admirably. The young No. 2 pushed straight to James, having a rest at silly mid off, and Richard Langley proved far too wobbly for the next man. The other opener had looked threatening, but George Dabby induced a false stroke to backward square leg, where Richard Down was safely under it. This fielding position grew in significance when the next batsman also picked out Richard D, and it acquired mystical status when the following man did the same in Albert's first over.

Though losing wickets, the home side were well up with the rate, and the young skipper responded by putting Albert's next ball beyond the rope, in the direction of Peper Harow House. After Richard D had also taken a wicket in his first over, a youngster defied the clustering Erratics fielders, giving his captain the chance to hit some more shots. But Albert was getting big turn, and once he had opened up one end, he quickly rattled through the long tail. The Erratics were able to sup their beer in the evening sun, and meditate on the good things in life.

Special mention for Bill Bush, who kept excellently.

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LONDON ERRATICS — batting

		4s	6s
* Rivington	caught	35	1 1
Andrews	bowled	2	
Alla	caught	8	1
Neal	stumped	14	
Langley	bowled	1	
Evans	run out	2	
Down	bowled	4	
Alvis	caught	1	
† Bush	caught	6	1
Dabby	NOT OUT	3	
Dunabin	caught	2	

104 all out in 32.3 overs

Fall of wickets: 1(Andrews)–23, 2(Alla)–33, 3(Rivington)–64, 4(Langley)–78, 5(Evans)–80, 6(Down)–87, 7(Neal)–87, 8(Alvis)–90, 9(Bush)–97, 10(Dunabin)–104

PEPER HAROW — batting

1	c Down	b Dabby	11
2	c Rivington	b Dabby	0
3		b Langley	2
4	not out		35
5	c Down	b Dabby	7
6	c Down	b Alla	4
7		b Down	0
8		b Alla	0
9		b Alla	0
10		b Alla	0
11	lbw	b Alla	0

66 all out in 22.4 overs

LONDON ERRATICS — bowling

Dabby	7	1	18	3
Langley	7	1	22	1
Alla	4.4	1	14	5
Down	4	1	10	1

Fall of wickets: 1–13, 2–18, 3–22, 4–30, 5–42, 6–48, 7–60, 8–60, 9–66, 10–66

ERRATICS WON BY 38 RUNS