

London Erratics v South Wraxall

The home side generously provided two players to bring the Erratics up to eleven. With such a large proportion of the visitors having a Balliol provenance, match manager James Rivington invited Jim Head to be captain. South Wraxall won the toss and elected to bat.

James Douglas opened with plenty of pace and life. Another end, another James (James R) looked more amiable, but had a local youth heading back to the pavilion in his first over. Two left-handed South Wraxall regulars built a solid platform, until Albert Alla appealed persuasively at the end of *his* first over.

James D was finally rested, having been denied the success his spell deserved. How much more galling to see Albert at the other end immediately claim another two scalps – putting the Erratics in a good position. Wily Jim now introduced more spin, in the form of Chris Dunabin. The batsmen looked as though they had never seen the ball tossed so high, but still gambled and swung the bat. The two spinners created chances, but they were not converted, and the fifth wicket pair put on a fifty partnership in 10 overs.

Having perhaps modestly held himself back, Jim was now in the attack, and Simon Davie took a stinging catch at mid-on to achieve the break through. James R was given an improbable second spell, and managed to winkle out the young No. 4, who had batted well for his half century. In the final overs before tea, the new batsmen had a slog at the bowling of Richard Heller and Jim. But Jim had marshalled his forces well to restrict the home side's total.

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SOUTH WRAXALL — batting

1	b Alla	30
2	b Rivington	0
3	lbw b Alla	16
4	st Thwaite b Rivington	54
5	c Newman b Alla	2
6	c Davie b Head	22
7	not out	15
8	not out	12
9		
10		
11		

165 for 6 dec

LONDON ERRATICS — bowling

Douglas	8	0	27	0
Rivington	6	0	22	2
Alla	10	1	38	3
Dunabin	5	0	33	0
Head	4	0	23	1
Heller	2	0	16	0

Fall of wickets: 1–8, 2–38, 3–65, 4–67, 5–124, 6–137

LONDON ERRATICS — batting

† Thwaite	bowled	7	1
Newman	bowled	7	1
Cross	caught	28	6
Davie	caught	0	
Evans	caught	3	
Alla	caught	17	1
Rivington	bowled	11	2
* Head	NOT OUT	35	2
Douglas	caught	20	5
Dunabin			
Heller			

144 for 8

Fall of wickets: 1(Thwaite)–12, 2(Newman)–20, 3(Davie)–35, 4(Cross)–50, 5(Evans)–53, 6(Rivington)–65, 7(Alla)–122, 8(Douglas)–144

MATCH DRAWN