

Margaretting CC Match Report

T.Rippon League – Division 6

Date: Saturday 10th May

Fixture: Great Totham Home

Result: Lost by 5 wickets

On a very hot and sunny Sunday in Margaretting Captain Lee Austin won the toss and quickly elected to bat, hoping that a long blistering afternoon in the blazing sun would wear down the opposition enough for the home team to claim their first victory of the new season.

Big Nick and Leon marched out like Gladiators ready for the fight ahead. Both started steadily with Leon soon hitting the first 6 of the campaign; straight down the ground into the fence! However his good fortune rapidly escaped him and he was caught soon after off a feint edge.

The wickets continued to fall with only Big Nick standing firm, eventually going for 21.

Margaretting then found themselves at 68 for 9 with only Eric and Oily to resist the staunch bowling attack of Great Totham. But resist they did with a last wicket partnership of 65 that was ended when Eric was caught in the 43rd over having scored a superb 63 including 4 sixes – one of which nearly made the A12! This superb innings was made possible by the solid defensive play of Oily (son of the author) who probably faced more balls in this game than he has for many a match.

The innings closed at 133 all out.

The oppositions initial batting line up soon fell foul of the aggressive bowling attack lead by Eric and Andy who had the visitors in some trouble with barely 60 runs on the board for the loss of 5 wickets after around 20 overs. At this point the match looked delicately poised until two young guns of Great Totham took the initiative and scored regularly off all the Margaretting bowlers to ease home with several overs to spare. S. Powell ended with an excellent 69 n.o. and “Little Chris” 10 n.o. – the latter having a great day by not only hitting the winning runs but also took the final Margaretting wicket.

The pick of the bowlers was Andy Bennett with 4 for 29 off 12 overs, including 2 maidens.

Man of the Match: Eric Pulsford

David Glasson

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