

## Margaretting CC Match Report

Date: Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April

Fixture: Hatfield Peverel away

Result: Lost by 71 runs

The first match of the season saw a hybrid team of Saturday and Sunday players beaten on a rain interrupted afternoon in Hatfield Peverel.

Having won the toss Captain Lee Gan elected to field and open the bowling up the hill with Eric, supported by Andy at the other end. Some solid fielding (including two catches from Gary Pope) saw the home team limited to 159 / 8 featuring a solid 55 from A. Drew – who did buy a jug!

There were promising debuts from Luke and Paul who I'm sure will improve as the season progresses.

The pick of the bowlers was none other than Eric who bowled 9 overs, including 3 maidens, for 19 runs taking 3 wickets.

The Margaretting batting fell somewhat short of the mark with only Chris Jones performing near his potential with a battling 28 – just as well as he was considered responsible for running out the mighty Lee Austin who had moved swiftly on to 4 with the best shot of the day (so he says!). Tim Norman looked good for his 18 before being caught on the off side – having waited for the umpire's decision it was agreed that the catch was up and he toddled off back to the zoo like a leopard to his cage!

The batting performance could be considered by some to be down to the lack of nets during the long dark winter month – who knows!

Let's hope the rest of the season brings better news!

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