

MARTIN PEARSE (K59-63)

Martin was born in 1946 and after Framlingham went to the Institute of Touraine, France from 1963-65.



After leaving France in 1965 he worked for the Midland Bank in Leicester as a Hire Purchase Trainee but left after refusing to take evening classes. He then joined Byfords, the sock manufacturer, as a Trainee Export Rep in Mayfair but after crashing a company car on the M1, joined Bear Brand of Liverpool, the tights and Stocking Manufacturer, quickly becoming the key Account Executive and Field Sales Trainer. However, in 1973 he was head hunted to become a self employed Export Agency for Burberry in Scandinavia and he stayed with them till 1994 when the 'Parallel' situation blew up. Since 1990 he has been a Property Developer in North/ North West Norfolk and in 1966 founded www.mcpsport.com dealing in Depreciation Proof LHD Supercars.

He also modelled for 4 National Agencies, freelance, for over 20 years as well as eventually part owning one of them. When still living in Leicestershire, he and his wife ran a Bird of Prey Rehabilitation Centre for nearly 18 years. Married in 1982 to Jane, he has three children: Jack (born 1983), Jo (born 1984) and Laura (born 1987) all of whom went to Greshams School, Holt. He helps all three in two businesses: Utility Warehouse and Usana Health Sciences.

Laura is also extremely well known as a Portrait artist www.laurapearse.com

Martin is a current dual International England Captain at 2 sports. He has been England Captain at Masters Squash for very many years at all age groups: 50, 55, 60, 65, and has also been Captain of England O60 Cricket since 2009.

Cricket

Martin has been a highly prolific opening batsman for Norfolk in both the ECB O50 Inter County Championship and the Spitfire O60 Inter County Championship, heading the National aggregate Run Chart in both sections.

In the ECB 50, 130 innings, 11 not out, 4,514 runs and average 37.93 and in the Spitfire O60 75 innings 14 not out, 3,162 runs, average 51.83.

In 2008 he created a County Record with 1,004 Championship runs at 91.27 and in 2009 top scored in the National Quarter Final v Cheshire (75), Semi Final v Sussex (60), Final v Hampshire (69) when Norfolk won off the last ball chasing 279.

In 2013 he became the oldest player at 67 scoring a century in the ECB O50 Championship, 105 not out v Leicestershire in 111 balls.

He founded the Spitfire National Championship in 2008, www.60CC.co.uk which now provides highly competitive cricket at International and National level for over 32 Counties and also has social elevens. Martin has captained England and Australia eight times with seven victories and one tie, the last, in a nail biter at Bourne in August 2012, England winning by 12 runs. He has been the Chairman of Spitfire from 2008 to the present day. He has played against Fram many times for the MCC where he is the longest serving playing cricketer (47 years since election after being proposed by NFB) and in fact scored 80 on his last appearance on the back in May 2006. He rates the Fram square as literally as good any best batting wicket anywhere in Britain, a tribute to the legacy of Colin Rutterford.

Squash

Martin has been playing County Squash since 1965 and has over 100 appearances for Leicestershire and exactly 100 Norfolk in the Inter County Competitions.

Tournament-wise, he has won nearly 50 County titles for Leicestershire, Northants and Norfolk (including one for Racketball) and a host of National Titles, Irish O45 x 2, Scotland O45 x 1, Hungarian O60 x 1, German O50 x 3, English Regional Titles x 4, European Masters Titles x 2, 2008/9 and has been Runner up in the British Open x 4 and was the losing Finalist in the World Masters O60 in Cape town 2006.

He holds the World Team Title for England O45 v South Africa in Johannesburg 1997 when he beat the South African no 2 Tony Martin 10/9 10/9 9/0, as England won 2-1.

He founded England Squash Masters in 2004 under the umbrella of England Squash and Racketball and it has grown, by far, into the largest Masters organization worldwide – www.englandsquashmasters.co.uk. Martin has been Chairman since 2004 to the present day and introduced the points scoring system into Masters Squash whereby the top four players are automatically chosen for England in the Home Internationals. Martin has 38 England appearances (losing only 2) since 1997, only missing the 2000 and 2001 Tournaments.

Anyone who wishes to enter can find all details on line.