

Devon Dumplings v Old Broxfordians - Sidmouth 29th August 2013

The final game of the 2013 season was played on a lovely day at Sidmouth's Fortfield against the Old Broxfordians, who fielded a strong side supplemented by several of Sidmouth CC's own. Old Broxfordians won the toss and on flat pitch made a fine start reaching 70 for 1 off the first ten overs. The Dumplings attack included four spinners and the off spin of Henry Bennett (8 overs 0 for 34) and Jamie Tapper (6.5 overs 3 for 36) brought us back into the game whilst the opposition progressed well through opener Mike Hunter and number 3 Harry Horsley. A third off spinner, Bernie Wilson, made the crucial breakthrough bowling Horseley with a sharply spinning ball for a well made 71. Shortly after, left arm spinner Paul Berman lured Hunter down the wicket to be stumped by Will Sobczak for a fine 99. The wicket fell at 173 with 14 overs still to be bowled, so the Dumplings did well in restricting the final total to 241 all out in the 39th over. Paul Berman the pick of our hand of spinners with 4 for 58 of his eight overs.

In reply, a strong Dumplings batting line up was soon in disarray, blown away by the pace of Manbir Johal (4 for 12 off 5 overs) and the movement of Henry Gater (2 for 24 off 5). The only batsman in the top 6 to reach double figures was Will Sobczak with 16. So at 35 for 6 after just 9 overs, captain Graham White was joined by 13 year old Tom Lammonby, making his Dumplings debut. The pair proceeded to add 162 for the 7th wicket with White stroking 80 off 75 balls and Lammonby crafting a stylish 71 off 85. This gave the Dumplings a degree of respectability if nothing else, as we were bowled out for 206 in the 39th over. But no doubt the day will be best remembered for a remarkable knock by a highly talented young player in Lammonby, which left the Keeper of the Records searching for evidence that he may indeed be the youngest Dumpling to score a half century – certainly on debut!

Scores (40 overs match)

Old Broxfordians 243 all out (Hunter 99, Horsley 71, Berman 4 for 58, Tapper 3 for 36). Devon Dumplings 206 all out (White 80, Lammonby 71, Johal 4 for 12)

Old Broxfordians won by 41 runs.