

Devon Dumplings vs South Oxfordshire Amateurs , County Ground Exeter

Having elected to bat first, the Dumplings immediately lost Alex Birt, adjudged lbw, in the second over. Clyst St George's Chris Ferro was then joined by Thorverton's Graham White and the pair put on 33, White falling in the 11th over. Ferro and Exmouth's Jamie Tapper then took the score to 132 for 2 by lunch, 25 overs having been bowled.

After lunch a procession of Dumplings lost their wickets to loose shots with six falling to simple catches. Ferro fell for 44 and then Tapper for 65, their contributions being the backbone of the Dumplings total. Only Ryan Williams, coming in at number 7, also got into double figures with 19. The Dumplings were all out for a disappointing total of 191 made in 168 minutes off 40 overs. For SOA Nick Pykett took 4 for 60 with Graham Beer and Adie Manger each taking 2 wickets.

The Dumplings' over rate was not much better in the hour's play before tea but they had the excuse that 5 wickets fell for 83 runs in the 14 overs bowled. Only Danny Lee troubled the scorers seriously with an even-time 37.

After tea Graham Beer and Steve Green scored 34 and 21 respectively, leaving Aide Manger and Ian Counce to bring SOA closer to their target before Manger had to retire with an acute episode of vertigo. His innings resumed at the fall of the eighth wicket with the score at 146 before he and the skipper Counce rapidly brought the game to its conclusion within the next seven overs and during the second over of the minimum 20 in the last hour. Manger ended on 23 not out and Counce 46 not out off 21 balls – a match winning innings including seven 4s and a towering 6.

For Dumplings Dominic Gaywood took an impressive 3 for 26 in his debut, Ryan Williams 2 for 59, also in debut, and Jamie Tapper 2 for 57.

Scores

Devon Dumplings 191 (Tapper 65, Ferro 44, Pykett 4 for 60). South Oxford Amateurs 192 for 8 (Counce 46 not out, Lee 37, Beer 34, Manger 23 not out, Green 21, Gaywood 3 for 26, Williams 2 for 59, Tapper 2 for 57)

Devon Dumplings lost to South Oxford Amateurs by 2 wickets.