

## **Devon Dumplings vs UCS Old Boys - Instow 1<sup>st</sup> August**

A young Dumplings side batted first in hot and sunny conditions at Instow against UCS Old Boys. There were five debutantes in the Dumplings team with four coming from the North Devon area. Dan Barratt and Jack Cherrington shared an opening partnership of 29 before Cherrington fell lbw for 14 and Marco Marais joined Barrett in a stand of 107. Marais was dropped early on and took advantage by going to 65 off 52 balls before being caught off a rare false stroke. Divan Marais and George McEndoo came and went before Barratt put on 30 with Sam Ewen, the stand ending when Barratt was caught and bowled for 77 off 97 balls.

Ewen and Charlie Neilson continued to rack up the runs, putting on 83 before Neilson was run out for 30 with the score at 273. The next 10 minutes produced 32 runs with David Jolliffe striking 18 not out off 8 balls and the declaration came when Ewen was last out for 74 off 66 balls. The final score was 305 for 7 made off 53 overs with the best bowling being 4 for 87 off 17.2 overs from skipper Ian Chapman.

UCSOBs' response never really got out of third gear. The openers made 50 runs in 16 overs before Joe Craig fell to Bernie Wilson for 32 leaving David Goldsmith to be joined by Greg Morris. The second wicket fell to Wilson after a partnership of 59 in eight overs when Morris holed out to Neilson for 24. The innings meandered and the run rate required rose inexorably as the middle order failed to fire with the fifth wicket falling at 120 in the 30<sup>th</sup> over and the sixth at 160 in the 38<sup>th</sup> as Goldsmith fell to Schiller for 83. A final unbeaten partnership of 41 between Jaime Ward and Aaron Roberts occupied 12 overs and time was called after 50 overs with the score on 201 for 6.

### **Scores**

**Devon Dumplings 305 for 7 declared (Barratt 77, Ewen 74, M Marais 65, Neilson 30, Chapman 4 for 87). UCSOBs 201 for 6 (Goldsmith 83, Craig 32, Morris 24, Schiller 3 for 65, Wilson 2 for 28). Match Drawn**