

Devon Dumplings vs Haberdashers' Askes at Exmouth – 10th July 2014

Devon Dumplings lacked the bowling firepower to avoid a seven-wicket defeat by Haberdashers' Aske's School at Exmouth. The tourists from Hertfordshire may have ranged in age from 14-18, but their side contained numerous players with county experience in the youth age groups. The Dumplings simply didn't score enough runs and the outcome was never in doubt long before Haberdashers' knocked off the 175 needed in the 33rd over. When Haberdashers' were 134 for none on the chase the spectre of a 10-wicket drubbing loomed large. Dan Beatty returned from the pavilion end for a second spell and picked up three wickets for 12 runs – he was none for nine from his first five overs - to make the scoreline a little more respectable.

In the Dumplings innings Canadian guest Adam Ramcharran top scored with 51 off 82 balls in a 40-over total of 174 for nine. Opener Devon Harrinaraine, another Canadian visitor, made a patient 25 at the top of the order. Sam Conway supplied a few lusty blows to add 24 in the middle order but no one else apart from opener Tom Durman (13) reached double figures. Pick of the bowlers was Ian Harris (4-32). Skipper Tom Colverd (64no) and Will Wright (74) then laid waste to the Dumplings bowling for 28 overs, winning the game with a stand of 134. Skipper Conrad Sutcliffe tried seven bowlers looking for a breakthrough. Only Beatty had any success, although Jamie Tapper (0-27) and 15-year-old new-ball operator Joe Kitto (0-27) both had respectable figures.

Scores (40 overs game)

**Devon Dumplings 174-9 (A Ramcharran 51, D Harrinaraine 25, S Conway 24; I Harris 4-32, S Lakhani 2-24),
Haberdashers' Askes' 176-3 (T Colvert 64no, W Wright 74; D Beatty 3-21).**

Haberdasher's Askes' beat Devon Dumplings by 7 wkts.