

Devon Dumplings vs Waterkloof School at Paignton – 2nd July 2014

It was fortunate that Chris Kelmere snr, the Dumplings match manager, had raised a young and strong team, as Waterkloof, a South African School team on tour were a very good side. On an excellent Paignton batting track the visitors scored rapidly from the start and then accelerated making 113 in the last ten overs, with captain W Ludick hitting 111 off 93 balls.

The Dumplings, led by Paignton's Zubayr Hamza, made an excellent reply. The School bowling was a bit weaker than its batting and the Dumplings reached a hundred in the nineteenth over, without losing a wicket. The first wicket fell in the twenty-seventh over at 167 and, with fifteen overs to go, 162 were required with eight wickets in hand. In the absence of a fielding circle, the School were able to put most of their fielders on the boundary and the scoring rate began to slow. Even before the loss of Zubya for a brilliant 207 at 313 for 5, the target had become unachievable.

Scores (50 overs game)

Waterkloof School 390-8 (W Ludick 111no, A Strauss 57, D Bester 52)

Devon Dumplings 334-5 (Z Hamza 207, A Strauss 2-56)

Waterkloof School won by 56 runs.