

Dumplings the masters at Blundells

Blundells School vs Devon Dumplings 17th June 2015 at The School

DEVON Dumplings marked their return to Blundell's School after a two-year absence with a six-wicket win over the 1st XI. Last season's fixture fell foul of the hectic academic timetable at the school – and this year's game was played as a 25-overs-each fixture due to time constraints. Having been on the end of a hammering the last time they visited Big Field, the Dumplings took a strong team that included current Devon player Zak Bess.

Batting first, the School stumbled to 45 for six under pressure from Will Lammonby (2-29) and Grant Northover (3-17) who took wickets at one end while Joel Murphy kept it tight from the other. Northover's sprawling catch off his own bowling to dismiss Monty Crowe would have graced any arena.

Ben Phillips, who plays for Budleigh Salterton 1st XI, and Thorverton's Christian Cabburn came together at 80 for eight and put on 78 unbroken for the ninth wicket. Phillips made 68 – 48 coming in boundaries – and Cabburn kept his end up with 25 not out.

A stand of 45 for the first wicket between Gary Abdoll (61) and Kobi Griggs pointed Dumplings' response in the right direction. Chris Sleep (19) joined Abdol to add exactly 50 and when he went Bess went out into the middle. Abdol departed at 113 after 70 minutes at the crease, by when the writing was on the wall for the School. Will Lammonby went cheaply, but Bess (38no) and Derek Lammonby (19no) wiped out the last 46 needed with the minimum of fuss.

Scores 25 overs match

**Blundell's School 158-8 (B J Phillips 68no, C Cabburn 25no; G Northover 3-17, W R Lammonby 2-28), Devon Dumplings 161-4 (G Abdoll 61, Z G G Bess 38no)
Devon Dumplings won by 6 wickets.**