

DEVON DUMPLINGS CRICKET CLUB

PLAYING REPORT 2016

Fixtures 19 Won 11 Lost 4 Drawn 1 Cancelled/Abandoned 3

I am pleased to be able to present my fifth report as Keeper of the Records. I am delighted that the overall results are improved over last year with a 69% success rate in all matches played to a finish but with only a 56% success rate in the all day games that were played as planned. We did however win the one all day game reduced to an overs match by rain.

We had four fewer fixtures arranged than in 2015 largely because of a change in the attitude of schools to the importance of sport as opposed to exam revision. We only lost one match to the weather in its entirety and had to abandon just the one during play. The third cancelled/abandoned game was that against Somerset Stragglers who failed to be able to raise a side for the second year running.

Our third Oxford Tour went well with us playing all three matches, winning two and losing one. It gave the opportunity for a number of more distant Dumplings to turn out for us with four managing to get to Oxford when an appearance in Devon had proved impossible! One change of note was that, for the first time, tourists were allowed to camp at the ground saving campers over £100 per tourist. This made touring more affordable for our younger players.

Of the 10 planned "all day" matches 9 were played as such with none cancelled/abandoned, 5 won, 3 lost and one drawn. The remaining match was played as an overs game with a start delayed by rain and was won well by Dumplings.

In terms of batting and bowling the weather helped the bat with six centuries by Dumplings versus two centuries against us, both in Oxford! We had just the one "five for" by Kenton Vos with 8 for 70 against Free Foresters!

The six centuries were scored by four individuals; two each for Kenton Vos and Patrick Rowe and one each for Corey Sinclair and Divan Marais. In addition the 57 Dumplings who batted in the season scored 22 half-centuries between them, with six of them scored by Corey Sinclair. Also of note is that Paddy Rowe's two centuries were both unbeaten although on one he was "retired out". Our top scorer was Corey Sinclair with 687 runs.

66 players turned out this year, 2 fewer than last year. 39 only played one match. Only three played more than 10 matches and only nine more than five. Nine of the 66 "did not bat". This year Bernie Wilson played 15 times, batted twice and was not out twice with a total of one run and a top score of 1*. I think that may be another new record for him! We had 40 bowlers, only 5 of whom bowled 25 or more overs, with 4 bowling more than 40 overs. 9 took no wickets and only 4 took 7 or more wickets in the season with all four taking double figures. Our top wicket taker was Adriane Immerman with 20 wickets.

Thank you to our scorers and match managers. The former, and in particular Wendy and Derek Hardy, sorted out the play-cricket records of each game and all but three match reports had already been done by our managers! That is a record as I only have to make up those three but at least I umpired two of the matches! Two days work for this report rather than the eight of last year.

Finally my personal highlight of the season was the chasing down of Incogniti's 307 for 9 declared (which included a magnificent fifth wicket partnership of 241 for them with their number six, Alex Drew making 167*) by Sam Ewen (81) and Divan Marais (135*) bringing the match home at 311 for 3 with ten balls to spare in the last 20 overs! Divan's knock was the highest by a Dumpling in the season.

Dr Peter Jolliffe, Keeper of the Records, Ley Green Farm, Teigngrace

MATCH RESULTS 2016

April 27th at Exeter School: D.D. 142 for 8 (35 overs. A Beavan 38, R Pyle 29, J Murphy 26*) LOST to Exeter School 146 for 2 (23.3 overs. J Khan 63, T Lammonby 63*)

On a chilly but sunny afternoon, a 35 over game was agreed with Dumplings batting first and unfortunately getting off to a bad start, losing 3 wickets for 13 runs, with Ben Hayes taking 2 wickets for the school. Then Richard Pyle and Anthony Bevan came to the rescue with a partnership of 49 before Pyle was caught in the deep for 29. Nigel Ashplant then joined Bevan and pushed the score along to 100 when Bevan was bowled by Harry Collison for a hard earned and vital 38 runs. Joel Murphy and Ashplant kept the score ticking over, before Ashplant holed out for 20 valuable runs. Murphy eventually ended up not out on 26, with the Dumplings totalling 142 for 8 wickets. The wickets were shared fairly evenly by the school bowlers who bowled well, with Hayes and Collison taking 2 each. After tea, the school started badly, losing their opener, Jamie Telford in Adrienne Immerman's first over and after that Jamie Khan and Tom Lammonby batted superbly, hardly giving a chance, taking the score on to 125 before Khan was bowled by Bernie Wilson for 63 which included two 6's. Freddie Filor joined Lammonby and they saw the school home with 12 overs to spare, with Lammonby showing his class, finishing with a chanceless 63 not out. So a defeat for the Dumplings by 8 wickets, a similar result to last year's game against the School but I think most Dumplings enjoyed their first outing, despite the cold wind.

June 17th at Shobrooke Park: DD vs Somerset Stragglers CANCELLED Somerset Stragglers unable to raise a side.

June 20th at Knightshayes: D.D. vs Arden Taverners Cancelled because of rain.

June 22nd at West Buckland School: D.D. 68 for 2 (20.1 overs) Match ABANDONED because of rain.

On a damp dismal morning, rain delayed the start until after lunch when The Dumplings, batting first, opened with the experienced Nigel Ashplant and young, Adriane Morrison, who was soon bowled by James Russell, bowling his away swingers, for 3. Then Naj Choudhary joined Ashplant and took the score steadily to 41, before Choudhary was bowled by Tom Smaldon for 11. Christian Cabburn, Dumplings Young Player of The Year last season, was promoted up the order and joined Ashplant, who was batting really well and kept the score ticking over, while Cabburn accepted his new responsibility, hitting 3 boundaries, before the rain arrived which finally brought the game to a premature conclusion after 20 overs, with Dumplings 68 for 2 wickets. The school, which included Lydia Clements, who plays for the Senior Devon Team and her sister Carmen, fielded and bowled very well, despite the inclement conditions which made the ball hard to handle. We must thank Dominic Ford, the schools cricket master, for hosting us so well during the day, with a lovely lunch, tea and drinks before we left for home, ensuring that our day at The School was very enjoyable despite the weather. Devon Dumplings 68 for 2 wickets (N. Ashplant 29no C. Cabburn 17no, J. Russell 1 for 13 T. Smaldon 1 for 27). Match abandoned

July 4th at Exeter: D.D. 257 for 8 dec (60 overs. C Sinclair 119, P Rowe 39) BEAT Wye Rustics 236 a.o. (50.2 overs. N Khan 4-47, J Budricks 2-32) by 21 runs.

The Dumplings welcomed Wye Rustics to the County Ground for the usual all day match on the first occasion either side had use of the Exeter club's fine new pavilion. Dumplings captain Richard Pyle won a good toss and unsurprisingly opted to bat first on a hard pitch. But the Dumplings soon got themselves in some trouble with Jacques Burdicks, Divan Marais and Graham White all getting out caught from shots they wouldn't be proud of. All three wickets fell to the medium pace of Josh Holmes. At 41 for 3 opener Brian Cann was joined by left hander Corey Sinclair and the pair managed to steady the innings to the lunch break with Cann being dismissed almost immediately prior for a stubborn 27, with the score on 112. After lunch, Sinclair and fellow Australian Patrick Rowe put together a match changing partnership of 95 with 16 year old Rowe contributing a very tidy 39 and Sinclair punishing any loose bowling to fine effect in making 119 and the first Dumplings century of the season. This

included the first 6 to strike the new Exeter pavilion, thankfully not causing any damage. Following the unfortunate run out of Captain Pyle without him facing a ball, the Dumplings declared on a competitive 257 for 8.

In reply, the Rustics were tested by a pacey opening spell from Burdicks and very tidy off spin from Nazir Khan. At 27 for 3 the visitors were in a bit of trouble, but a fine 64 from Robert Craze and a big hitting 63 from K Douglas kept the visitors in contention. Charlie Squire came in to add impetus with a quick fire 18 before falling to a fine caught and bowled by young off spinner Ben Abrahams. The return of Nazir Khan nipped out Craze clean bowled and then trapped Turner lbw to seal a victory by 21 runs in a game enjoyed by all. The Rustics and the more senior Dumplings then made full use of the Exeter pavilion bar.

July 7th at Exmouth: D.D. 159 for 5 (34.3 overs. K Vos 81) BEAT Haberdasher's Askes 158 a.o. (38.1 overs. K Vos 4-20, J Martin 3-15) by 5 wickets.

On a rather overcast day at The Maer, Exmouth, the School won the toss and elected to bat. They got off to a good start, with Alex Willis hitting a confident 74, including 14 fours and 1 six. However, Jonny Martin, medium swing bowler and Nazir Khan, off spin, slowed their runs down while taking wickets on a regular basis. Kenton Vos and Matt Junk, both spinners, took over and finished off the School's innings of 158 all out in 38.1 of their 40 overs, with Vos taking 4 wickets for 20 runs and Martin 3 for 15. On the whole, the Dumplings produced some good bowling and fielding, and went on to perform well with the bat, with Kenton Vos playing some lovely drives in his total of 81, well supported by Corey Sinclair and Adam Ramcharran who finished not out. The Dumplings lost 5 wickets before reaching the target of 159 off 34.3 overs, with Luca Ignatius taking 3 for 37.

July 12th at Seaton: D.D. 292 for 8 (63 overs. C Sinclair 64, P Rowe 62*, T Wilson 51) BEAT Free Foresters 194 a.o.(45.5 overs. K Vos 8-70) by 98 runs.

On an overcast morning Dumplings decided to bat after winning the toss and despite losing a couple of early wickets to some good bowling by Will Hardwick and Nick Turk, the runs came steadily. Nigel Ashplant and Divan Marais both hit the ball very forcefully, until Marais was caught brilliantly one-handed by Chris Sandbach, in the covers for 29. Soon after, Ashplant too was caught by Sandbach for a good 36 runs with the score on 83 for 4 wickets. Simon Church and Corey Sinclair kept the runs ticking over nicely, until lunch was taken with score on 145 for 4 wickets.

After a good lunch, despite losing Church soon after for 15, Sinclair carried on where he left off, striking the ball very cleanly to all parts of the ground before being caught off a top edge for 64 which included 4 6's. After this Paddy Rowe and Tom Wilson kept the runs flowing with a valuable partnership of 99 before Wilson played on to Hardwick for a good 51. Rowe continued to impress, with some elegant strokes, until the Dumplings innings was declared on 292 for 8 wickets with Rowe unbeaten on 62. Will McKegney was the Free Foresters' most successful bowler, finishing with 3 for 75 runs. There was also some excellent fielding and catching too, with Sandbach taking 3.

So the Foresters, who had a strong batting side, set about the run chase against a bowling attack of Christian Cabburn and the off spin of Kenton Vos who disposed of their openers just before tea was taken with the score on 56 for 2 wickets.

After tea, Vos continued in tandem with Bernie Wilson when the run rate slowed and Vos took another 2 very important wickets with an excellent caught and bowled to dismiss Robin Jones for 19, followed by Nick Turk bowled for a duck. This left the Foresters reeling on 68 for 4 wickets. Jamie Baldwin and George Wissett-Warner then steadied the ship until Cabburn had Wissett-Warner lbw with an in-swinging Yorker for 11, with the score 105 for 5. Wickets then continued to fall at regular intervals with only Baldwin showing any signs of resistance until he was brilliantly stumped by Simon Church off the bowling of Vos, for 55, which included 10 fours. Paddy Rowe came on with his off spin and took the penultimate wicket of Will Harwick for 22 and finally Kenton Vos took the last Foresters wicket of Will McKegney for 5 with the score on 194. This was a great bowling display from Kenton Vos who bowled his off spin all

the way through the Foresters' innings, varying his length and speed on a good batting wicket and backed up by some good fielding, with Divan Marais taking 2 good catches in the deep. Vos ended with his best bowling figures to date, with 8 wickets for 70 runs from 22.5 overs, an outstanding bowling effort and one which helped The Dumplings inflict a win by 98 runs, avenging last seasons 8 wickets loss to The Free Foresters. So a good all round team effort by The Dumplings who thoroughly deserved their victory.

July 20th at Bovey Tracey: D.D. 331 for 5 (40 overs. K Vos 113, R Honeybul 93, C Sinclair 68) BEAT South Dartmoor Community College 129 a.o. (19.1 overs. N Dennis 4-18, B Wilson 4-51) by 202 runs.

This was the first time Dumplings have played the College as this was their first year of representative cricket and, having won the toss, Conrad Sutcliffe decided to bat in this 40 over a side match. I (PJ) had had the pleasure of umpiring the College's first match a few weeks before against MCC and noted that some of their stronger players were absent. Kenton Vos (113) and Rob Honeybul (93) saw off six bowlers in their partnership of 212 before both were out stumped off the 7th and 8th bowlers out of a total of nine used. Corey Sinclair continued the assault on the bowling scoring 68 off 29 balls with five 4s and five 6s pushing the total to 311 for 5.

Having opened Will Christophers (58) saw wickets tumble at the other end to 41 for 5 before he was joined by Josh Orrel (27) in a partnership of 69. After their departures the innings folded rapidly with the team all out for 129 in the 20th over. The early damage was done by Nick Dennis with 4-18 and Christian Cabburn (1-34) off four overs each before spin twins Bernie Wilson (4-51) and Nazir Khan (1-26) finished the job.

This was a hard game for the College but they showed tenacity in the first innings and some good shots in the second. I hope that we will meet again next year.

July 22nd at Knightshayes: D.D. 268 for 3 (30 overs. C Sinclair 73*, A Immermann 63, D Marais 58) BEAT Denstone Wanderers 92 a.o. (15.5 overs T Fogerty 4-11) by 176 runs.

Dumpling players, officials and spectators arrived by 10.30 for an 11.00 hrs start to a planned 40 over match as our hosting club had a youth game planned from 18.00 hrs. Unfortunately circumstances directed that Denstone arrived for a 12.00 start with a side reduced to 7 men by injuries and tourists being called back to work early. Dumplings offered 2 men to generate a 9 a side match but eventually a Heathcoat junior was added to the Denstone batting side of seven, and 4 fielding substitutes were provided to even up the game in a 30 over a side match with Dumplings batting first.

Adriane Immerman and Tallan Burns opened attractively putting on 61 before Burns (25) was bowled. Joined by Divan Marais, the second wicket put on 71 before Immerman (63) was also bowled. Marais (58) was brilliantly caught by substitute fielder Tom Fogerty at 177 for 3, leaving Corey Sinclair (73*) to be joined by 16 year old Paddy Rowe (28*) in an unbroken partnership of 91 runs. Sinclair batted destructively with six sixes, three being consecutively off the same bowler! At 30 overs tea was taken at 268 for 3.

Wanderers reply started, featuring Adam Johnson, a man with two tons on Tour. He and his opening partner were both dismissed by Adam Ramcharran at 30 for 2. Dom Burnett (*46) batting at 4 took the score to 91 for 6, being the last of four to fall to Tom Fogerty who took 4 wickets in 2 overs for 11 runs. Bernie Wilson finished off the last Wanderer leaving the Heathcoat junior undefeated and the side at 92 all out.

July 28th at Instow: D.D. 225 for 8 (40 overs. P Rowe 100*, T Pearce 36, S Ewen 30) BEAT UCSOBs 182 for 8 (40 overs. C Sinclair 3-24, T Pearce 2-22, M Lemmings 2-25) by 43 runs.

Both sides gathered by 11.00 hrs for the planned 11.30 start to an all-day declaration game and watched the Devon mizzle obscuring the river and the view of Appledore across it. The ground was finally handed over to the umpires after an excellent lunch at 14.00 and a 40 over a side match commenced half an hour later with Dumplings batting first.

Dumplings lost early wickets with both openers back in the pavilion with 6 on the board. Sam Ewen (30) and Corey Sinclair (21) stabilised things briefly to reach 35 for 3 when Paddy Rowe came in to bat at number 5. Ewen and Nazir Khan were out in consecutive balls when Rowe was joined by Tom Pearce at 70 for 5 with things looking bad for the Dumplings. They then rescued the situation with a brisk and attractive partnership of 96 before Pearce (36) was the second to be run out in the innings. Further partnerships with Mike Lemmings (10) and Dan Fogerty took Rowe (100*) to his maiden Dumplings century before the innings ended with James Hayter hitting the last ball of the innings for a straight driven 4 on his debut (aged 12 years) and ending the innings on 225 for 8. For UCSOBs their opening bowler Jamie Ward did best with 3 for 40.

The UCSOBs innings began similarly to that of Dumplings with the loss of two early wickets at 19 for 2 before opener David Goldsmith settled things down with successive half century partnerships with Joe Craig (26) and Russ Klinger (15) taking the score to 124 for 4. Goldsmith (89) was fifth out at 151 and as overs ran out UCSOBs lost another three wickets finishing on 182 for 8 and losing by 43 runs. Dan Fogerty (0-16) and Mike Lemmings (2-25) bowled tightly early on and then the six spinners used maintained the stranglehold with Corey Sinclair (3-24) and Tom Pearce (2-22) impressing most. Of particular note is the run of form for Paddy Rowe who was 100* in this match. He played again the next day for Dumplings making 101 retired out before a third unbeaten century for Sandford 1st XI on the Saturday. A remarkable three day run feast for an excellent young batsman of 16 years. Keep an eye out for him in the future.

July 31st at Plymouth College: D.D. 326 for 5 (40 overs. P Rowe 101 retired out, C Sinclair 84, A Ramcharran 52, T Read 42) BEAT Old Plymouthians 90 a.o.(21.2 overs. A Ramcharran 3-14, N Khan 3-27, S Read 2-31) by 236 runs.

The Dumplings batted first in a 40 over game and unfortunately lost Nigel Ashplant in the first over, but then Tim Read and Corey Sinclair started to punish some indifferent bowling with a partnership of 118 before Read was brilliantly caught by James Bogue for 42. Paddy Rowe joined Sinclair and they kept the score ticking over nicely, until Sinclair holed out for a belligerent 84 which included 2 6's. Freddie Creer, making his Dumplings debut, unfortunately was caught behind first ball, with the score on 154, which brought Adam Ramcharran in to join Rowe who was starting to play some lovely shots along the ground. The score then raced along to 297, when Paddy Rowe completed his second century in 2 days for the Dumplings and was retired out for 101 after a faultless display. Then Adrienne Immerman with 2 overs to go, hit his first ball for 6 and also the last ball of the Dumplings innings, ending up with 14. Adam Ramcharran batted very solidly and ended not out on 52, his first half century of the season for the Dumplings, who amassed 326 for 5 wickets in their 40 overs. A very good batting performance and a competitive target to set OPM's.

OPM's innings started badly, losing Patrick Hobbs in the first over to Adam Ramcharran who then proceeded to take next 2 wickets of West and Witcher, both caught for 2 runs each. Then Adrienne Immerman took the prize wicket of James Bogue, well caught in the covers low down by Paddy Rowe, with the score on 17, for 6 runs. This really ripped the heart out of their batting and when spinners Sam Read, making his Dumplings debut, and Nazir Khan, were introduced to the attack, more wickets fell, with only Ben Pearson putting up any resistance, until he was LBW to Read for 45 with the score on 90 for 8 wickets. Both spinners, Read and Khan bowled well and thoroughly deserved their 2 and 3 wickets, respectively. So the OPM's were all out for 90 in 21.2 overs and a very convincing win for the Dumplings by 236 runs.

August 8th at Exeter: D.D. 129 a.o. (44.3 overs. K Vos 22, A Ramcharran 20) LOST to The Strollers 130 for 6 (48.1 overs. J Murphy 2-15, A Immermann 2- 40) by 4 wickets.

The Dumplings entertained The Strollers at The County Ground, who as usual were on the first day of their Devon Tour. Captain for the day Graham White won the toss and elected to bat on a hard, but well grassed pitch. What appeared to be a strong batting line up on paper, didn't perform as it might have done on grass. Following an opening stand of 33 between

Kenton Vos (22) and Adam Ramcharran (20), the hosts lost wickets regularly to be spun out for just 129, with left arm spinner J Porter claiming a deserved 6 wickets for just 23 runs.

A little embarrassed by their performance with the bat, the Dumplings team determined to fight hard in the field and certainly did that. Adrian Immerman (2 for 40) led the way with a quick and accurate opening spell, back up by Jacques Budricks (1 for 7 off 5 overs). The Dumplings then used the spin of Kenton Vos (0 for 33 off 14 overs) and niggling seam of Joel Murphy (2 for 15 off 11) to made the opposition work hard for their runs. Strollers captain Chris Townsend played a fine hand in making 42 until falling to a direct hit run out by Budricks at mid-wicket. A Price (22 not out) then hit the boundaries to take his side home to a 4 wicket win.

August 9th to 11th inclusive – The Third Dumplings Tour to Oxford

What a Lovely Tour - 3!

25 Devon Dumplings made up of players, officials and supporters travelled at various times and from various places to Oxford for our three day Tour at The Queen's College Ground. Twelve stayed at Pembroke College, seven camped at the ground and the remainder stayed with friends, found their own accommodation or commuted, one as far as from Kent! Seven playing tourists from 2014/15 came again and were accompanied by eight returning officials and spectators. We were joined by nine new playing members and one new supporter. It was wonderful to have nine new people on the Tour although it was sad to be missing a few of our former members.

The Tour Dinner was replaced this year by an excellent Tour Barbecue provided by Martin Cross the Head Groundsman at the Queen's College Ground on the Wednesday evening. This was another idea tried to reduce costs for our younger tourists and worked well allowing them to spend more in the bar! We will repeat this next year!

What happened you ask? As last year: Played 3, Won 2, Lost 1.

9th August at The Queen's College Ground: D.D. 311 for 3 (47.2 overs. D Marais 135*, S Ewen 81) BEAT Incogniti 307 for 9 dec (55.4 overs. A Drew 167*, A Smith 82, A Immermann 4-38, B Wilson 3-35, C Cabburn 2-31) by 7 wickets.

Incogniti won the toss on a beautiful day and batted to find themselves pegged back by miserly opening spells from Adriane Immermann and Christian Cabburn. They imagined some relief when the spinners Jack Stirling and Bernie Wilson came on but three quick wickets from Wilson reduced them to 37 for 4 and facing a difficult climb back. Their fifth wicket pair of Alex Drew (167*) and Alex Smith (82), their Keeper, then put on an impressive partnership of 241 putting them in seeming control and on line for a massive total. That was prevented by the return of the opening pair, Cabburn and Immermann, who took 5 wickets for only 29 runs "at the death", Immerman taking 4 for very few runs with some quick and hostile bowling.

The Dumplings' reply got off to a flyer with Corey Sinclair making 36 off 15 balls in the opening partnership of 41 with Dominic Tuohey (25). Tuohey put on another 43 with Sam Ewen (81) before the defining partnership of the reply of 148 between Ewen and Divan Marais (135*). Both played some wonderful strokes with 13 fours each. Marais also hit six sixes some of which were brutal but classically hit! Tom Fogerty joined Marais for a final unbroken partnership of 76 making 23 off 25 balls whilst Marais smashed the other 53. An exciting finish to a really good game, thoroughly enjoyed by both sides.

10th August at The Queen's College Ground: DD. 217 a.o. (42.3 overs. M Nichols 84, S Ewen 44, J Stirling 29) LOST to The Frogs 230 a.o. (49.2 overs. N Fairbairn 103, M Nichols 2028, C Cabburn 2-29, A Immermann 2-40) by 13 runs.

The Frogs had had trouble holding on to a full side and arrived with 9 men. Dumplings had only the one spare player and that only because we were at 10 the evening before and we

were therefore joined by the Creer family 10 hours earlier than had originally been planned. Iain arrived with his identical twin 14 year old sons, Freddie and Bertie and Freddie made his debut for Frogs whilst Bertie made his debut for Dumplings!

The Frogs won the toss and elected to bat with their 10 men on a cool but pleasant day with a slow but steady opening partnership of 47. Batting became more difficult and slower as Frogs progressed to 93 for 5 before the Devon Dumpling Neil Fairbairn (103) built partnerships of 60 with Tom Marshall (15) and then 68 with Stephen Walsh (27) taking them to a total of 230.

In Dumplings' reply batting against the new ball remained complex, difficult and slow except for the slightly over exuberant Corey Sinclair coming in at three and hitting 22 with five fours off 12 balls before becoming Tom Marshall's third victim at 32 for 3. Matt Nicholls (84) and Sam Ewen (44) put on 69 together before Ewen was out at 116 for 5. Divan Marais looked out of sorts following his efforts of the day before (perhaps it was the night before?), Christian Cabburn got a first ball lbw and then Jack Stirling (29) joined Nichols in a partnership of 52 that gave some faltering hope of success. When he fell Nichols farmed the strike but was unable to make it to the tape falling short as the last man out having watched Bernie Wilson score his solitary run in the season as his number 11! A good knock which deserved a better outcome although Fairbairn played the innings of the day. He (Fairbairne) will try to get back to Devon for Dumplings next year...

11th August at The Queen's College Ground: D.D. 271 for 6 (54.5 overs. S Ewen 67, D Marais 56, A Immermann 49*, F Creer 34) BEAT South Oxford Amateurs 223 a.o. (36.3 overs. B Wilson 3-37, A Immermann 2-7) by 48 runs.

Captain Dominic Tuohey won the toss and elected to bat whereupon Sam Ewen (67) and Freddie Creer (34) made an opening partnership of 105 with some very correct technique and skill. Divan Marais (56) then took control losing Ewen at 119 for 2 before a partnership of 54 with Matt Nichols (15). Corey Sinclair (18) went at a run a ball before Adriane Immermann (49* off 26 balls) and David Jolliffe (12 off 10 balls) put on 52 in about five overs before the declaration at 271 for 6.

Adriane Immermann bowled a rapid and hostile four over opening spell taking 2-7 and SOA were reduced to 28 for 2 and then 66 for 3 and then 4 before James Ellwood counter-attacked at number 5 scoring 55 in 32 balls before falling to Bernie Wilson as the first of his three consecutive victims. Numbers 6 and 7 also fell to Wilson tearing the heart out of the reply.

Tuohey used eight bowlers to finish off the opposition with five each getting a single wicket. A team effort if ever I saw one!

Sam Ewen scored 192 runs on tour and was consistent and a pleasure to watch on all three days. Divan Marais scored 203 runs with only 12 on the second day. More water with it next year Div when celebrating a great century! Adriane Immermann took 8-87 on tour, bowling tightly whilst remaining quick and threatening. A good shock bowler. Bernie Wilson took 7-111, He remained seemingly innocuous but deadly!

I must record my thanks to the whole touring party who again made the three day tour such a delight and all looked after me so well and in particular made certain that I was never in charge of a score book! Wendy and Derek Hardy kept that particular element of the tour in their capable hands and David Salter umpired the first and last day's matches leaving me the middle day to have "the best seat in the house". Thank you all those listed below:

Players

Paul Berman, Dominic Tuohey, Matt Nichols, Bernie Wilson, Jonathan Bennett, Christian Cabburn, Tom Fogerty, Jack Stirling, Steve Bourke, Sam Ewen, Adriane Immermann, Divan Marais, Corey Sinclair, Bertie Creer, Freddie Creer, David Jolliffe,

Officials

David Salter, Derek Hardy, Wendy Hardy,

Supporters

April Marjoram, Judy Jolliffe, Brian Smith, Jean Smith and Iain Creer.

Martin Cross and his team at the ground again looked after us really well and the BBQ was much appreciated. Pembroke College looked after the non-camping section of the tour. This year there were some problems which were resolved only after the tour was over. Sadly my main contact at the college was away whilst we were in residence. I will make sure that that does not happen again!.

Peter Jolliffe, Tour Organiser

August 17th at Instow: D.D. 279 for 6 dec (35 overs. C Sinclair 95, K Vos 63, N Leahy 40) BEAT North Devon 125 a.o. (24.3 overs. A Immermann 4-10, B Wilson 4-38, S Ewen 2-15) by 154 runs.

On a bright afternoon at Instow, Dumplings took on North Devon in a 40 over game. The Dumplings won the toss and having a strong batting lineup decided to bat. Sam Ewen (1) lasted 4 balls but Kenton Vos (63) and Corey Sinclair (95) put on 132 for the second wicket in a little over 15 overs. Niall Leahy (40) carried on the good work and there were cameos from Adrienne Immerman (21no) and Dan Fogarty (27no off 13 balls). Dumplings Skipper and President Bernie Wilson decided that 279 for 6 off 35 overs was enough and called the team in for an early tea. Mike Merrick was the pick of the hosts bowling picking up 3 wickets for 50. Was this going to be enough with a slick outfield and a hard fast track? Adrienne Immerman obviously thought so and ripped out the early order taking the first 4 wickets for 10 runs (all bowled) leaving North Devon reeling on 21 for 4. A change of pace saw the two DD veterans come on to bowl. Bernie Wilson bowled a wily line and ended up with 4 for 38 as North Devon struggled to 102 for 8. Sam Ewen mopped up the last two for 15 and the hosts were all out for 125 in the 25th over. Barney Huxtable with 53 off 44 balls was the only batsman to look comfortable and DD won by 154 runs.

August 26th at Exeter: D.D. 183 a.o. (43.1 overs. S Read 57, A Immermann 55) LOST to South Oxford Amateurs 186 for 6 (43.1 overs. B Creer 2-27, J Budricks 2-31) by 4 wickets.

HALF-centuries from Adrienne Immerman and Sam Read were not enough to save the Devon Dumplings from a four-wicket defeat against South Oxfordshire Amateurs on the County Ground. The Dumplings, who were asked to bat first in a declaration game, were all out for 183. Opener Immerman made 55 off 46 balls and was one of the few early batsmen to master the pitch, which was wet in places following overnight rain. Opener Freddie Creer went cheaply, as did Graham White, but with Kenton Vos (16) and Immerman putting on 49 for the third wicket it seemed the Dumplings were recovering. Then it all went badly wrong. Alex Basford (3-21) and University of Exeter spinner Max Mannering (4-37) sent the Dumplings tumbling to 98 for seven. The rot stopped with eighth-wicket pair Bertie Creer and Read, whose stand of 53 gave the Dumplings a fighting chance. When Creer was stumped for 15, skipper Conrad Sutcliffe went in on a mission to hang around as long as possible. He and Read added 32 for the ninth wicket as the Dumpling's total rose. 14 year old Read, like the Creer twins, a youth player with Clyst St George, was last man out for 57 off 64 balls. He hit eight fours and was particularly strong when he unfurled his cover drive.

There were fewer gremlins in the pitch by the time SOA batted, but that didn't stop them slumping to 76 for five in reply. Immerman and Jacques Budricks took a wicket each and there were two to seamer Bertie Creer and a run-out. The Dumplings could not break a stand between James Elwood (69) and Thad Cooper (52no) that took SOA to the brink of victory. By the time the returning Budricks bowled Ellwood, the target was 12 to win with 50 minutes batting time left. Budricks and Creer – definitely one to watch out for in future – had two wickets each.

August 30th at Exeter: D.D. 311 for 7 (50.2 overs. K Vos 125, J Budricks 52, R Pyle 47) DREW with The Frogs 289 for 6 (49 overs. D Pyle 2-12).

The Frogs arrived at Exeter keen to repeat the win of three weeks before in Oxford. Dumplings won the toss and elected to bat on a lovely day for cricket but opener Kenton Vos (125) lost two companions, including our new Devon player Dan Pyle (23), with only 42 on the

board. Joined by Ed Middleton (20) Vos then dominated the stand of 119 runs with his innings including 22 fours. He was fifth out at 208 when Jacques Budricks (52), Richard Pyle (47) and Adriane Immermann (22*) added a rapid third century allowing Captain Bernie Wilson to declare at 311 for 7 leaving adequate time for a hoped for win!

The Frogs reply started well with the openers, Andrew Carson (63) and Richard Lawrence (61) adding 95 for the first wicket. The middle order of Marc Williams (41), Callum Carson (54*) and Chris Lawton (23) batted well but fell short of their chase by 22 runs in eight balls less than those received by Dumplings. Wilson used eight bowlers in total, the most successful being the last, Dan Pyle, with 2-12. A very honourable draw for both sides!

September 1st at Sidmouth: D.D. 283 for 8 (40 overs. C Sinclair 74, S Bourke 53*, J White 46, E Middleton 35) BEAT Old Broxfordians 221 a.o. (31.4 overs. A Donovan 3-9, A Immermann 2-23) by 62 runs.

This 40 overs a side match was played at the home of this year's Premier Division Champions, Sidmouth and I (PJ) was happy to umpire the last game of what had already been a good season for Dumplings. Bernie Wilson Captained, won the toss and elected to bat.

Kenton Vos (26) and James White (46) fell one short of an opening 50 stand before Divan Marais was caught behind off his only ball allowing him to join "The Primary Club" with his last Dumplings innings of the year! Ed Middleton (35) supported first White and then Corey Sinclair (74) in taking the score to 153 for 4 before Sinclair kicked on rapidly with six 4s and five 6s until his fall at 218 for 7. Steve Bourke then batted brutally with the tail making 53* from just 29 balls giving a total of 283 for 8 at the end. For OBs the opening bowlers Kyle Brockley (2-28) and Rupert Kerrell (2-47) were the most successful.

In reply OBs stuttered to 61 for 4 before Mike Hunter (40) and Graham Munday (35) added 65 for the fifth wicket. Wes Holmes (22) and Louis Adey (45) carried on the revival but the array of nine bowlers used with Adriane Immermann (2-23) and Andrew Donovan (3-19) and five taking one wicket each won the game for Dumplings with 8.2 overs remaining. Of huge note was the performance of Divan Marais behind the stumps taking six victims in the innings, five caught and one stumped. He more than made up for his "primary" with the best of displays keeping. A good final win for Dumplings at the end of a really enjoyable season

AVERAGES and STATISTICS 2016

<u>BATTING</u>	<u>Innings</u>	<u>Not out</u>	<u>Runs</u>	<u>Highest</u>	<u>Average</u>	<u>(Min 200 runs in Min 5 innings)</u>
C Sinclair	13	1	687	119	57.25	
K Vos	9	0	457	125	50.78	
P Rowe	6	3	339	101	113.00	
D Marais	8	1	313	135*	44.71	
A Immermann	12	4	244	63	34.86	
S Ewen	5	0	223	81	44.60	

<u>BOWLING</u>	<u>Overs</u>	<u>Maidens</u>	<u>Runs</u>	<u>Wickets</u>	<u>Average</u>	<u>Econ</u>	<u>Strike rate (5 wkts +)</u>
A Immermann	88.2	16	360	20	18.00	4.08	26.50
B Wilson	65.5	9	354	18	19.67	5.38	21.94
K Vos	59.5	9	217	14	15.50	3.63	25.64
N Khan	42.5	6	166	10	16.60	3.88	25.70
A Ramcharran	13.0	2	68	6	11.33	5.23	13.00
J Budricks	24.0	3	89	6	14.83	3.71	24.00
C Cabburn	34.2	6	159	6	26.50	4.63	34.33

CENTURIES [6]

Divan Marais 135* vs. Incogniti at Oxford

Kenton Vos 125 vs. The Frogs at Exeter

Corey Sinclair 119 vs. Wye Rustics at Exeter

Kenton Vos 113 vs. South Dartmoor Community College at Bovey Tracey

Patrick Rowe 101 retired out vs. Old Plymouthians at Plymouth College

Patrick Rowe 100* vs. University College School Old Boys at Instow

DOUBLE CENTURY [1] + CENTURY PARTNERSHIPS [5]

1st wicket

212 – K Vos 113 & R Honeybul 93 vs. South Dartmoor Community College

105 – F Creer 34 & S Ewen 67 vs. South Oxford Amateurs at Oxford

2nd wicket

132 – K Vos 63 & C Sinclair 95 vs. North Devon Cricket Club

112 – T Read 42 & C Sinclair 84 vs. Old Plymouthians

3rd wicket

148 – D Marais 135* & S Ewen 81 vs. The Incogniti at Oxford

119 – K Vos 125 & E Middleton 20 vs. The Frogs at Exeter

BEST BOWLING

8-70 K Vos vs. Free Foresters at Seaton

4-10 A Immermann vs. North Devon

4-11 T Fogerty vs. Denstone Wanderers at Heathcoat

4-18 N Dennis vs South Dartmoor College at Bovey Tracey

4-20 K Vos vs. Haberdasher's Askes at Exmouth

4-38 B Wilson vs. North Devon

4-38 A Immermann vs. The Incogniti at Oxford

4-51 B Wilson vs. South Dartmoor Community College at Bovey Tracey

<u>WICKET KEEPER DISMISSALS</u>	<u>CATCHES</u>	<u>STUMPINGS</u>
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10 – D Marais	8	2
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2 – Patrick Rowe	2	
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1 – Kenton Vos	1	
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CATCHES IN THE FIELD

K Vos – 5

C Sinclair – 5

D Marais – 4 (Total of 14 dismissals)

APPEARANCES

15- B Wilson

13 - Corey Sinclair

12 – A Immermann

9 – K Vos

8 – Divan Marais

7 – N Ashplant and C Cabburn

6 – P Rowe and S Bourke

5 – S Ewen, N Khan, J Murphy and G White