

Devon Dumplings v Free Foresters at Seaton 12th July 2016

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.

Devon Dumplings 292 for 8 declared in 63 over's (C Sinclair 64, P Rowe 62no, T Wilson 51, W McKegney 3 for 75).

Free Foresters 194 all out (J Baldwin 55, K Vos 8 for 70). Devon Dumplings won by 98 runs.