

Devon Dumplings V UCSOBs Thursday 28th July at Instow

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 on Friday, 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.

Devon Dumplings 225 for 8 (P Rowe 100 no, T Pearce 36, J Ward 3 for 40).

UCSOBs 182 for 8 (Goldsmith 89, C Sinclair 3 for 24, T Pearce 2 for 22).

Devon Dumplings won by 43 runs.