

Devon Dumplings V Wye Rustic at The County Ground 4th July 2016

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 Roe put together a match changing partnership of 95 with 16 year old Roe 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.

Devon Dumplings 257 for 8 (C Sinclair 119, P Roe 39, B Cann 27, J Holmes 4 for 62)

Wye Rustics 236 all out (R Craze 64, K Douglas 63, N Khan 4 for 57, J Burdicks 2 for 32).

Devon Dumplings won by 21 runs.