

DEVON DUMPLINGS CRICKET CLUB

PLAYING REPORT 2017

Fixtures 18 Won 3 Lost 5 Drawn 3 Cancelled/Abandoned 7

I am pleased to be able to present my sixth report as Keeper of the Records. Sadly, we had a less busy season with only 11 games played to completion and two others abandoned during the first innings for heavy rain. We had a 27.27% success rate in completed games but all three wins were in limited overs games. The weather this year was not kind.

We had one fewer fixture than in 2016 which was itself a much-reduced number of fixtures as compared to the recent past. Touring sides are less numerous than in the past perhaps because of financial pressures. Somerset Stragglers failed to raise a side for the third year running. The other four cancelled matches were lost to the weather.

Our fourth Oxford Tour was fun despite losing the first two days matches to torrential rain. Again, it proved an excellent opportunity to refresh friendships with distant Dumplings who find it difficult to play in Devon. The final day allowed the all-day fixture to be completed as an excellent draw, much enjoyed by both sides.

Unsurprisingly there were fewer centuries scored this year with just two by Dumplings and three against us. There could have been equality if Captain Pyle had not declared with Paddy Rowe on 98* in the match against Wye Rustics which we lost by 10 wickets! In bowling we had just the one "Pfeiffer" by James White in the return match against SOA.

The Dumpling centuries were scored by Grant Stone and James Grady with both making over 150. In addition, the 42 Dumplings who batted in the season scored 8 half-centuries between them. Our top scorer was JP Van Rensberg with 203 runs.

58 players turned out this year, 8 fewer than last year. 32 only played one match. Only ten played more than 5 matches and only three more than five. 15 of the 58 "did not bat". We had 36 bowlers, only 7 of whom bowled 20 or more overs. 17 took no wickets and only 5 took 5 or more wickets in the season. Our top wicket taker was Bernie Wilson with 11 wickets.

Thank you to our Umpires, Scorers, Match Managers and other Officers. Without their efforts no cricket would be played and the Club would cease to exist. Give a thought as to whether you might be able to manage a match or learn the skills to be a match official and get involved in the hard bit!

Finally, my personal highlight of the season was the big six hit over midwicket by James Grady to bring up his 150 against SOA in Oxford.

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MATCH RESULTS 2017

May 1st at Shebbear College: D.D. vs Shebbear College CANCELLED because of rain.

June 16th at Shobrooke Park: DD vs Somerset Stragglers CANCELLED Somerset Stragglers unable to raise a side.

June 19th at Knightshayes: D.D. 225 for 8 (40 overs. Dan Pyle 72, Grant Stone 42) LOST to Arden Taverners 227 for 3 (35.2 overs. K. Hines 115, G. Stone 2-22).

The first Dumplings fixture to be played this year after the cancellation of others for various reasons, got under way on time at 11.30 hrs in record level hot weather at Heathcoat in a 40 over a side match where Arden won the toss and inserted Dumplings. Grant Stone, a left-handed bat from Port Elizabeth, made his debut appearance for the club opening with Joel

Seward, also a left hander. Instant confusion for our scorers as they did not take the expected positions of No.1 and No.2 bat causing problems of recognising who was scoring what and when! Dumplings, please consider your scorers as the job is hard enough without added unnecessary complications!

Stone dominated the opening partnership of 57 with 42 in 35 balls including 7 fours and one six. A lively debut indeed. Seward (24) was joined by Dan Pyle and remained the supporting partner as they added 63 in the next 10 overs reaching 120/2 in the 23rd over with Pyle (72) striking eleven fours and two sixes reaching his 50 off 39 balls in 52 minutes. In the final 17 overs Dumplings added another 105 runs being held back by a good spell from Arden's 7th bowler L. Williams who took 4/32 off 7 overs. Richard Pyle hit 25 before being caught at long off and Niall Leahy hit a lusty 14* off 11 balls at the end as they reached 225/8 before the meal break.

Thank you to Tony McIntyre and his colleagues for an excellent lunch taken before Arden started their response with their Australian debutant K. Hines finding the scorching weather to his liking featuring in an opening partnership unbroken at 10 overs at 82 and which terminated at 109 in the 17th over with the loss of H. Everitt for 21. The introduction of spin from Bernie Wilson (1/25) and Joel Seward (0/38) slowed progress but could not drag the game back towards Dumplings as Hines and A. Hunt (44) added another 75 runs in the next 13 overs. Hines completed his century in 81 balls and 88 minutes with 20 fours and no sixes before being last out for 115 leaving just 15 needed for Arden's first win against Dumplings in four attempts. The victory was completed with a six off the Dumplings most successful bowler, Grant (2/22) and with 28 balls to spare. (PJ)

June 21st at West Buckland School: D.D. 246 for 5 dec (45 overs. Steve Waters 72*, Steve Bourke 55, Ian Hayter 40) DREW with West Buckland School 200 for 9 (James Russell 95, James Tyson 45, Steve Bourke 4-22, Paul Berman 2-40, Bernie Wilson 2-52).

On the warmest day of the year so far, the Dumplings batted first with Nigel Ashplant and Ian Hayter opening and playing steadily until Ashplant was caught behind for 17 off James Russell. Steve Waters and Hayter kept the score ticking over until Hayter was LBW for 40 which included eight 4's, with the score on 85. The outfield was very quick and Dan Takle and Waters kept the boundaries flowing, until a loose shot from Takle cost him his wicket for 17. Eric Bridge joined Waters and they took the score to 128 for 3 at lunch. The first ball after lunch from spinner Cowling, kept exceptionally low and bowled Bridge for 6, which brought Steve Bourke to the crease who immediately increased the run rate by attacking the bowling with some very powerful shots, one of which hit a window of the school hall, which fortunately did not break. Steve Waters was keeping the score flowing too with some lovely shots in the partnership of 92, before Bourke was stumped off young James Tyson for 55 valuable runs. Chalky White joined Waters and took the score to 246 for 5 when the innings was declared after 45 overs, leaving Waters and White not out on 72 and 6 respectively.

Dumplings opened the bowling with speed from Bourke and spin from Bernie Wilson who, after a few looseners, managed to bowl a straighter ball which Moberly missed and Ian Hayter brilliantly stumped the batsman for nought. Bourke a few overs later, caught and bowled Windley, after a loose shot for 6 and then a big partnership of 80 began, between James Russell and James Tyson, who opened the school innings. They both batted very sensibly hitting the loose balls well, until Steve Bourke brilliantly ran out Tyson, who made 45 with a direct throw which hit the stumps, with the score on 98. While Russell was scoring steadily at one end, wickets were falling with Paul Berman taking 2 and Wilson 1. With the penultimate over of the game to be bowled by Bourke, the school were 200 for 6 and had looked at one stage to be in a good position to win the game. Then Bourke unleashed a ball that bowled Russell comprehensively for a very good 95, his next ball bowled John Skinner for 0 and 2 balls later, he had Archie Benn LBW for 0. What an unforgettable over this was, as his speed had the school batsmen reeling. Unfortunately, Wilson could not take the final wicket in the last over to win the game, which left Tom Whitely and Patrick Coleville not out, on 20 and 0 respectively, to earn the school a draw. What a great game of timed cricket it was, with both sides bowling exactly 45 overs each and special thanks must go to the school for looking after us so well in the heat, with cool drinks on tap all day. (BW)

July 3rd at Exeter: D.D. 281 for 2 dec (55 overs. Grant Stone 159*, Paddy Rowe 98*) LOST to Wye Rustics 284 for 0 (46.4 overs. Freddie Preston 163*, Robert Craze 113*) by 10 wickets.

No Report has been submitted.

July 6th at Exmouth: D.D. 130 for 4 (26 overs. Sam Ewen 45) BEAT Haberdasher's Askes 129 a.o. (29.2 overs. Jordan Urban 56, Bernie Wilson 3-23, Paul Berman 2-7, Dinecho Visser 2-10) by 6 wickets.

On a lovely sunny day, perfect for cricket, Haberdashers won the toss and decided to bat in a 40 over match.

They started badly, losing their opener, Saul Kaye, to the first ball from Dan Fogerty in the second over of the game. With an attacking field in place, runs came steadily until the 9th over, when spin was introduced and then the school lost their second wicket Freddie Wright caught on the boundary by Dinicho Visser off the bowling of Bernie Wilson for 18. Meanwhile Jordan Urban continued to bat well losing Lakhani stumped by Jack Hatton charging the spin of Wilson for 4, who also took the wicket of Rasakulasuriar well caught by Paul Berman for 5. So, at drinks after 20 overs, the school were 100 for 4 with Urban just completing a very good 50. He used his feet well especially against the spinners and it was a touch of fielding brilliance by Dumplings Visser after drinks, who, while bowling his spin, the ball was hit back to him and threw the stumps down at the strikers end which left Jordan Urban marginally out of his crease and that was the last of their recognised batsmen. Wickets then fell more quickly to, Paul Berman 2, Sam Ewen 1 and Dinicho Visser 2 and so the school subsided to all out for 129 in 29th over.

Dumplings started steadily until Luke Davies was out for 10 with the score on 26 and soon after James Horler was caught in the slips off the spin bowling of Choudhury for 13. Sam Ewen and Jack Hatton then both played some good attacking shots on a very fast outfield and took the score to 78 before Hatton was caught in the deep for 33. Craig Penberthy also, was caught in the deep by Freddie Wright for 7 and it was left to JP Van Rensberg and Ewen to see the Dumplings home in the 26th over, with Ewen and Van Rensberg on 45 and 16 respectively. (CS)

July 11th at Seaton: D.D. vs Free Foresters 14 for 0 (2.4 overs). Match ABANDONED because of rain.

No report has been submitted.

July 13th at Knightshayes: D.D. 143 for 3 (18.5 overs. Sam Ewen 57*, Freddie Creer 28, JP Van Rensberg 23) BEAT Exeats 138 a.o. (21.1 overs. Patrick Foster 41, Duncan Weathy 37, Bertie Creer 2-11, Paul Berman 2-15) by 7 wickets.

A fine day saw an Exeats team revelling in the last day of their annual West Country tour. They faced a Dumplings team that represented all ages from schoolboy to very senior. In light of copious hospitality enjoyed, Exeats elected to bat and, after a first-ball catch for one opener, proceeded to bat in a sprightly fashion. Runs poured from Weathy's bat (37) but wickets fell regularly at the other end.

A wealth of bowling talent meant short spells for almost the entire team. Adam Small behind the stumps was exemplary, standing back or up, and will hopefully feature in many more games for the Club. J-P van Rensberg the other non-bowler, did take two solid catches that eventually brought proceedings to an end.

This was after Patrick Foster (41) and Keith Rutherford (25) had added some late respectability to the score. Bertie Creer (one of the youngest) and Paul Berman (the oldest) had two wickets apiece and the others bowlers all shared the rest equally.

Dumplings opened with two youngsters, James Horler and Freddie Creer, defending Exeats' idiosyncratic pink stumps from a pink ball. They provided an elegant and solid start to the

innings. The arrival of J-P van Rensberg produced an all-too-short firework display (23 off 9), cut short by a ball hit high on the bat that almost but not quite cleared the boundary. Sam Ewen continued in like vein (57 off 35) and after the departure of Freddie Creer (28), he joined with his brother James to take the score close to the target. A fierce brief attack from Jo McShane was topped off by Dan Fogerty lacing two balls to the boundary to complete the required total.

Neither side had used their allotted 40 overs but approaching rain meant an early finish was timely.

Following the game Exeats's captain, Charles Langley, expressed their thanks for the hospitality provided and promised a sterner contest next year. He also presented the President with one of Exeats's distinctive pink and black ties. (PB)

July 28th at Plymouth College: D.D. vs Old Plymouthians CANCELLED because of rain.

August 3rd at Instow: D.D. 214 for 8 dec (61 overs. Charlie Nielson 49*, Christian Cabburn 48, Sam Ewen 36, Sam Read 27, Aaron Roberts 5-107) DREW with UCSOBs 126 for 9 (44 overs. Harry Di-Lieto 47, Sam Read 3-28, Sam Ewen 2-19).

No report has been submitted.

August 7th at Exeter: D.D. 83 for 1 (22 overs. Ben Abrahams 37*, Sam Read 26*) vs The Strollers Match ABANDONED because of rain.

No report has been submitted.

August 8th to 10th inclusive – The Fourth Dumplings Tour to Oxford

The tourists came to Oxford with 15 Players, three Officials and four Supporters spread a little over the three days. Injuries in the weekend before the Tour lost us two players who had been looking forward to the battle with Adrienne Immermann and Steve Bourke calling off. This looked to cause a problem for day three with only 10 available players but we were joined by Tim Read to be available to play alongside his son Sam for the three days! Problem solved. The weather forecast was the worst for any of our Tours and sadly the first two days against Incogniti and The Frogs were completely lost to torrential rain. One Incog drove to the ground from Weston-Super-Mare with his mobile switched off and he was our guest for the team lunch provided by Martin Cross and his team in the Pavilion at The Queen's College Ground. This gathering allowed us to arrange, under the driving force of Bernie Wilson, an indoor net session for the players who were all ready to play. It used up some energy before many went into town exploring local pubs and clubs. The standard session in "The Purple Turtle" is said to "have been fun"... I am not certain if Bernie was allowed in!

Day two was again rained off with lunch being taken by most tourists at the ground. Those tourists who were only to be involved for the first two days, Matt Nicholls, Sam Ewen, Dan Fogerty and James Horler headed home with no competitive cricket but some fun under their belts. They will try again next year!

Day three was more like it with no rain since 14.00 hrs the day before. The ground happily dries quickly and was playable at the planned start time for the game against South Oxford Amateurs who won the toss and elected to field first. My report follows.

8th August 2017 at The Queen's College Ground, Oxford: D.D. vs Incogniti. CANCELLED because of rain.

9th August 2017 at The Queen's College Ground, Oxford: D.D. vs The Frogs. CANCELLED because of rain.

10th August 2017 at the Queen's College Ground, Oxford: D.D. 301 for 4 (50.0 overs James Hardy 155, Freddie Creer 43, Christian Cabburn 40) DREW with South Oxford

Amateurs 233 for 7 (48.0 overs. R. Eason 79*, Andrew Donovan 3-33, Bernie Wilson 2-57, George Williams 2-36).

SOA won the toss and inserted Dumplings in this all-day game starting at 11.30 hrs. Freddie Creer, one of four Under 15s players in the side, opened with James Grady the Australian overseas player for Thorverton. Both settled well and were in little trouble in an excellent opening partnership of 136 before Creer was dismissed for 43 runs off 90 balls. Grady was joined by George Williams in his debut for Dumplings having arrived by train an hour before the match. Williams was second out for 10 off 13 balls including one hard hit six leaving Grady just short of a century. Christian Cabburn, on his fourth tour, joined Grady in a second century partnership of 101 until Grady was out, having struck his 150 with a towering six taking him to 155 before being caught on the boundary next ball trying to repeat the effort. A wonderful knock including 18 fours and three sixes made off only 142 balls. Cabburn continued to make 40 off 41 balls before leaving Andrew Donovan, 18* and Sam Read, 0* to bring up the 300 and allow a sporting declaration by Dominic Tuohey at 301 for 4 off 50 overs.

In the hours play before tea SOA found trouble from Donovan and Bernie Wilson losing three wickets and having a fourth retired hurt. Vasu Shah was their main early contributor with 47 including a big six off Wilson before he fell to him well caught by Donovan. Robin Eason then settled the ship in combination with the next three batsmen although never catching up with the required run rate. Indeed, none of the SOA made more than a run a ball and that was the main difference between the sides. Seven Dumplings bowlers attacked throughout the innings with Donovan doing best with 10 overs, 3 for 33 and Wilson 2 for 57 and Williams 2 for 36. Eason completed the draw for SOA with 79* accompanied by his number 10 who negotiated 13 balls without issue with the score on 233/7 off 48 overs.

The Tour was wet but fun with good humour from all involved I hope next year will be dry and full of runs, wickets and three wins for Dumplings!

Thank you to all our tourists.

Our players:

Bernie Wilson, Paul Berman, Matt Nichols, Freddie Creer, Bertie Creer, Christian Cabburn, James Grady, Dominic Tuohey, James Horler, Sam Read, Andrew Donovan, Sam Ewen, Dan Fogerty, George Williams and Tim Read.

Our Officials:

Wendy Hardy and Derek Hardy

Our Supporters:

April Marjoram, Iain Creer, Steve Horler and Judy Jolliffe

Dr Peter Jolliffe, Tour Organiser and Match Manager

August 16th at Instow: D.D. 158 for 5 (22.2 overs. JP Van Rensberg 78, Dinecho Visser 53) BEAT North Devon 157 a.o. (28 overs. Jamie Lathwell 80, J. Bartolo 32, Bertie Creer 3-40, Dinecho Visser 2-3) by 5 wickets.

North Devon won the toss and elected to bat in this 40 overs a side match. Sadly, North Devon only had nine players available to them. Dumplings used eight bowlers to attack North Devon's batting opening with JP Van Rensberg and Bertie Creer who succeeded in taking the first wicket with 4 on the board. Number 3, Gibbs lasted a couple of overs until Bartolo, 32, was joined by Jamie Lathwell in the second-best partnership of the innings with 34 between them. Lathwell then played an excellent solo hand with little support until joined by Tyson, 10* off 24 deliveries, in the best partnership of 52 before Lathwell was bowled for 80 by Creer as the second of his three victims (3/40). His third ended the innings at 157/8 after 28.0 overs. Other wickets were shared between Van Rensberg, 1/15, Dinecho Visser, 2/3, Dexter Gunnell, 1/44 and Paul Berman, 1/3.

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An excellent tea was taken before the reply got under way with Van Rensberg and Visser opening. Both batted aggressively and attractively putting on 131 in 16 overs before retiring out on 78 and 53 respectively. Dumplings lost a further three wickets before completing the victory at 158/5 off 22.2 overs. (PJ)

August 25th at Exeter: D.D. 175 a.o. (49.5 overs. Matt Thomas 45, James Ewen 31, James White 24, A. Muttitt 5-40, Max Mannering 3-39) LOST to South Oxford Amateurs 177 for 7 (32.2 overs. Alexander Basford 44, J. McDougall 43, M. Reilly 43, James White 5-44) by 3 wickets.

No report has been submitted.

August 29th at Exeter: D.D. 81 a.o. (28.4 overs. Sam Read 26, R. Shenkman 4-22, Chris Lawton 3-8, J. O'Gorman 3-9) LOST to The Frogs 82 for 0 (14.1 overs. T. Marshall 40*, O. Marshall 26*) by 10 wickets.

On a lovely sunny day, the Dumplings lost the toss and were put in to bat by a strong Frogs side. The Dumplings were a young side and so this would be a good test for them, but unfortunately the Frogs bowlers and fielders were exceptional and took wickets at regular intervals with only Sam Read showing any resistance until he was caught for 28. So, the Dumplings were bowled out for 81 just before lunch, with R. Shenkman being the pick of The Frogs bowlers with 4 wickets for 22 runs.

So, there was a lot to do after lunch for the Dumplings bowlers, but the Frogs openers, the Marshall brothers, were equal to it and saw them home without losing a wicket after 14.1 overs. (BW)

August 30th at Sidmouth: D.D. 231 for 6 (40 overs. JP Van Rensberg 65*, Freddie Creer 46, Christian Cabburn 46, Rick Halkon 2-35, Nick Lathbury 2-43) LOST to Old Broxfordians 241 for 7 (40 overs. David Hartley 63, Michael Hunter 40, Nick Lathbury 32, Sam Read 3-24) by 10 runs.

Old Broxfordians won the toss and elected to bat first in this 40 overs a side match against a very young Dumplings side containing seven under 15s and only one player older than 20 years!

OBs opening pair of Hartley, 63 and Hunter, 40 put on an excellent 111 before Nelson's curse broke their partnership after the introduction of off spin from Sam Read who removed them both in short time. A third wicket for Read and one for James Horler moved OBs from 111/0 to 120/4 in a collapse only stopped by good consecutive partnerships of 33 and 61 involving their middle order. The unbroken 8th wicket partnership of a rapid 27 took them to a good 241/7 at tea.

The Dumplings openers were a mix of youth (Freddie Creer U 15s) and experience (Nigel Ashplant O 60s) and progressed to 30/1 in 10 overs against tight bowling from Snow and Raistock when Ashplant was removed by Snow. Progress remained difficult with two under 15s, Creer and James Horler reaching 57/2 in the 18th over. Acceleration started with 56 in the next 8 overs with Creer out for 46 and then Cabburn for the same score. A Dan Fogerty cameo of 21 off 11 balls was followed by the innings of the day by either side with JP Van Rensberg smashing 65* in 32 balls with six fours and five sixes with 67 in the last seven overs with Kian Burns 14*. OBs were worried over the last two overs with 16 off the 39th over leaving 20 to win off the last. An excellent last over from Lathbury left Dumplings 10 short of the tie! A wonderful and exciting end to the season and a deserved win for OBs. (PJ)

AVERAGES and STATISTICS 2017

BATTING **Innings Not out Runs Highest Average (Min 100 runs in Min 2 innings)**

JP Van Rensberg	7	2	203	78	40.6
Grant Stone	2	1	201	159*	201
James Grady	2	0	187	155	93.5
Sam Ewen	4	2	149	57*	74.5
Christian Cabburn	4	0	137	48	34.25
Freddie Creer	5	1	132	46	33.0

BOWLING **Overs Maidens Runs Wickets Average Econ Strike rate (20 Overs + 3 wkts)**

Bernie Wilson	58	6	269	11	24.45	4.64	31/64
Paul Berman	26.2	5	98	7	14.00	3.72	22.57
Sam Read	22	3	79	6	13.00	3.76	21.00
Bertie Creer	23	2	139	6	23.17	6.04	23.00
Dan Fogerty	22	4	86	4	21.50	3.91	33.00
Andrew Donovan	24.2	1	133	3	44.33	5.47	48.67

CENTURIES [2]

Grant Stone 159* vs. Wye Rustics at Exeter

James Hardy 155 vs SOA at Oxford

CENTURY PARTNERSHIPS [4]

1st wicket

136 – James Grady 155 & Freddie Creer 43 vs. South Oxford Amateurs at Oxford

131 – JP Van Rensberg 78 retired out & Dinecho Visser 53 retired out vs. North Devon at Instow

3rd wicket

170 – Grant Stone 159* & Patrick Rowe 98* vs. Wye Rustics at Exeter

101 – James Grady 155 & Christian Cabburn 40 vs. South Oxford Amateurs at Oxford

BEST BOWLING

5-44 James White vs. South Oxford Amateurs at Exeter

<u>WICKET KEEPER DISMISSALS</u>	<u>CATCHES</u>	<u>STUMPINGS</u>
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3 – Adam Small	3	0
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CATCHES IN THE FIELD

JP Van Rensberg – 5

Dan Fogerty – 4

APPEARANCES

8 – JP Van Rensberg

7 – Bernie Wilson

6 – Sam Read

5 – Sam Ewen, Freddie Creer, Dan Fogerty, Kian Burns, James Horler and Bertie Creer