

## **Devon Dumplings v Arden Taverners at Knightshayes 19<sup>th</sup> June 2017**

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. A 40 overs a side match where Arden won the toss and inserted the Dumplings. Grant Stone, a left-handed bat from Port Elizabeth, made his debut appearance for the club opening with Joel Seward. 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

Thanks to Tony McIntyre and his colleagues for an excellent lunch taken before Arden started their response with a debut from Australian debutant K. Hines who found the scorching weather to his liking and featured in an opening partnership unbroken at 10 overs at 82 and which terminated at 109 in the 17<sup>th</sup> 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 the 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, Stone (2/22) and with 28 balls to spare.

**Devon Dumplings 225 for 8 (D. Pyle 72, G. Stone 42, L. Williams 4/32)**

**Arden Taverners 227 for 3 (K. Hines 115, A. Hunt 44, G. Stone 2/22)**

**Arden Taverners won by 7 wickets**