

## **Devon Dumplings Oxford Tour Report 2017**

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.

## **Devon Dumplings CC v Incogniti at The Queen's College Ground, Oxford on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> August 2017**

**Match Cancelled, Rain**

## **Devon Dumplings CC v The Frogs at The Queen's College Ground, Oxford on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> August 2017**

**Match Cancelled, Rain**

## **Devon Dumplings CC v South Oxford Amateurs at The Queen's College Ground, Oxford on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> August 2017**

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.

**Devon Dumplings CC 301/4 off 50.0 overs (J. Hardy 155, F. Creer 43, C.Cabburn 40).**

**South Oxford Amateurs CC 233/7 off 48.0 overs (R. Eason 79\*, A. Donovan 3/33, B. Wilson 2/57, G. Williams 2/36).**

**Match Drawn.**

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