

Devon Dumplings V Arden Taverners at Clyst St George 23rd July 2018

This game, originally an all day match at Heathcote, was rescheduled to be played at Clyst St George as a 40 over game, due to the untimely death of a fellow Dumpling, Richard Cabburn, whose wake was being held at Heathcote, where he was a very popular Chairman.

So Arden won the toss on a warm sunny day and batted and despite some very tight bowling at the start by Craig Penberthy & Dan Fogerty, Michael Godwin & Dellan Waddington took the score to “nelson” 111, before Waddington was caught & bowled by Tom Fogerty, mishitting a shot for 63. Then wickets fell at regular intervals with Tom Fogerty taking 3 and Charlie Neilson wrapping up the tail with 4 and Arden finishing 172 all out in 34th over. The Dumplings fielding was outstanding with Dan Fogerty especially, taking 3 very good catches in the deep.

After a steady start by James Horler & Ben Abrahams, Dumplings lost their middle order cheaply and were 64 for 5 wickets before Charlie Neilson & Tom Fogerty steadied the ship taking the score to 102, before Fogerty was out for 13 and then his brother Dan, then helped Neilson who was striking the ball well, take the score to 142 with 21 runs before he was caught & bowled by Luke Williams. So with 5 overs and 2 wickets left to score 30 runs, Neilson continued hitting well but lost Penberthy for 3, at 151 and things were getting tense for both sides, with Dumplings needed 8 runs to win off the final over with Neilson facing. Then all the tension went, as an ambulance entered the ground and drove across the outfield to the pavilion, where a Dumpling spectator, Jeff Stanyer, had a trip and was attended to by paramedics and was eventually taken to hospital and discharged the next day.

So eventually the last over started by Chris Ridings with Neilson striking his first ball very hard but being very well fielded which certainly saved a boundary and the next ball, Neilson was caught on the boundary, going for a big one, by Michael Godwin for a very creditable 56, which left the Dumplings losing by 7 runs in a game that ebbed and flowed throughout the day, which made it an exciting game to play in for all the players.

Thanks have to go to Chris Smith, Arden’s organiser of their 50th Devon Tour and Paul Laverick of Clyst St George for hosting the game at short notice.

Arden Taverners 172 all out in 34.3 overs (Michael Godwin 53, Dellan Waddington 63, Charlie Neilson 4 for 20, Tom Fogerty 3 for 37).

Devon Dumplings 165 all out 39.2 overs (Charlie Neilson 56, Dan Fogerty 21, Archie Walker 4 for 37, Paul Bellehewe 2 for 15, Luke Williams 2 for 29).

Arden Taverners won by 7 runs.