Devon Dumplings V UCSOBs at Instow on Thursday 2nd August 2018

Dumplings won the toss and batted on what started as a dull day before finishing with Lundy Island on full display in a delightful afternoon and evening.

The decision to bat first looked questionable at 37/3 in the 13th over. This was despite opener Lee Rose making 20 runs from 43 balls in 52 minutes. Captain, Charlie Nielson, played the innings of the day scoring 77 off 88 balls with eleven fours in imperious style at times. The definitive partnership was between him and Dan Fogerty (52) putting on 79 together. Dan was out sacrificing himself to a run out when batting with Bernie Wilson. Stories will be told for some years!

In the 50 minutes before tea UCSOBs lost three wickets for 44 runs but with opener Imtiaz Hussein making 27 off 35 balls before being the 3rd wicket after 42 minutes.

In the remainder of the match Dumplings used 8 bowlers including a very impressive debut performance from 15-year-old Charlie Presswell bowling leg spin and variants with 9 overs, 2 maidens, 1 wicket for 22 runs. One to watch.

Bernie Wilson, 2 for 23 and Charlie Nielson, 2 for 10 took most wickets but Joel Murphy, in miserly form, took 1 for 8 and Dan Fogerty took 1 for 33. Between them they bowled 52 overs including 15 maidens. Tom Pickhauer top scored with 32* off 87 balls.

The match ended in bright and beautiful sunshine at the end of exactly 20 overs in the last hour.

An enjoyable day and made particularly notable by, in my view, the best cricket lunch I have had in 60 years of cricket. Sam Gunerathne (26 runs and none for 45) made his greatest contribution with the preparation of a superb lunch where the various spices and flavours combined to make a wonderful meal. Thank you Sam.

Devon Dumplings 204 a. off 50.4 overs (Charlie Nielson 77, Dan Fogerty 52, Ian Chapman 2/15, Sami Ullay 2/27, David Goldsmith 2/37).

DREW with UCSOBs 156 for 7 off 52 overs (Tom Pickhauer 32*, Nielson 2/10, Bernie Wilson 2/23, Joel Murphy 1/8, Charlie Presswell 1/22).