

Devon Dumplings v Blundells at The School 15th May 2019

This was a welcome returning fixture for the Dumplings after a gap of a few seasons and Blundells cricket master Liam Lewis requested an afternoon 'time' match, which is something many of our more senior members will be delighted to hear.

A negotiated toss saw the Dumplings bat first and we employed the same opening pair as in the previous match at Exeter School in Ben Abrahams and Ian Hayter. The School opening bowlers were T Reynolds and Will Grubb who both produced good pace. Hayter went early, caught off Reynolds and Mark Gribble received a good ball from Hancock not long after to be bowled for 8. Harvey Sargent came in at number four to join his Exeter CC teammate Abrahams and the pair produce a fine partnership of 135 for the third wicket. Both batsmen were dismissed for well crafted scores of 84 at near to a run a ball and the Dumplings declared shortly afterwards at 211 for 5 off 41 overs. Hancock bowled two impressive spells for the school with 2 for 32 off his twelve overs.

Reynolds also opened the batting and was the Blundells skipper for the day (proper school cricket!) and scored a rapid 68 of 45 balls. Fellow opener Will Grub played a supporting role before being dismissed for 35 and an opening stand of 82. The Dumplings then turned to the spin and medium pace of Mark Gribble and Peter Hensor respectively. They kept the run scoring down and Hensor was the most effective bowler on the day with 4 for 24. Bernie Wilson also caused problems for the batsmen and took 2 for 7. G Gibbs hit a rapid 36 at a run a ball from number 6, but at the start of the final over, Blundells were 9 wickets down with 156 on the board. Shane Yelverton clean bowled the last man first ball to produce a timely win.

Our thanks go to Liam Lewis for his assistance in reviving the fixture and we look forward to continuing rivalries next year.

Devon Dumplings 211 for 5 dec. (B Abrahams 83, H Sargent 84, J Hancock 2 for 32).

Blundells 156 ao (T Reynolds 68, P Hensor 4 for 24, B Wilson 2 for 7).

Devon Dumplings won by 55 runs.