

## **DEVON DUMPLINGS CRICKET CLUB**

### **PLAYING REPORT 2014**

**Fixtures 24 Won 6 Lost 5 Drawn 4 Cancelled/Abandoned 9**

I am pleased to be able to present my third report as Keeper of the Records. I am only sorry that the news is only marginally better than last year and that only because I am recording one win where the match was a tad bizarre.

We had 5 fewer fixtures arranged than in 2013 despite adding 3 new fixtures and those missing were because of various reasons, mainly down to issues with our opponents. The "absent sides" were: Glamorgan Nomads, Exeter University (who we only played in 2013 as Nomads cancelled at the last minute), Blundell's School, Old Blundellians, Old Honitonians, Sou'westers, and Futura Sports. I am particularly saddened by the absence of the two fixtures at Blundell's as they are both of long standing and good fun. I hope that this can be remedied in the future. The new fixtures, only one of which was played, were with Taunton College, Water Kloof and Turnham Green and Poly More of those later.

The 2014 season came 100 years after the last tour undertaken by the club and I am delighted that our "Great War Centenary Tour" came about as planned and was a success for all those who attended. We travelled to Oxford in August playing Incogniti, against whom the August 1914 fixture was cancelled as the War had started, The Frogs and South Oxford Amateurs. I incorporate the individual report of the tour within this full report in chronological order. Thank you to all those who made it such fun!

Of the 11 "all day" matches 3 were cancelled/abandoned, 3 were won, 1 lost (in a rain affected match that became 32 overs a side) and 4 drawn. Batting first was common again this year in the declaration games but on the only two occasions when we batted second victory was achieved! Perhaps Bradman's advice needs to be reconsidered?

In terms of batting and bowling the bat had the advantage this year with two double centuries and four centuries by Dumplings versus two centuries by opponents and only two "five fors" by Dumplings, both at 5 for 30 by Dan Beatty and Jake Choules. The doubles were both by an elegant and powerful young batsman Zubayr Hamza, only 18 years of age and batting with maturity belying his years. I was saddened to have missed his first double (on our 31<sup>st</sup> Wedding Anniversary) but was delighted to witness his second in victory against Warwickshire Imps at Sidmouth. Two of his sixes landed directly on the beach!

The four centuries were scored by four individuals, Chris Sleep, Matt Nichols, Vrish Singh and Dan Pyle. I need to check whether Dan is the youngest centurion for Dumplings as he is playing in the Devon under 16 age group. I am already pretty sure that Zubayr is the youngest double double-centurion in one season without checking further! In addition Dumplings scored 16 half-centuries with Dan Beatty scoring four of them in his 6 innings!

98 players turned out this year with 58 only playing one match. 17 of the 98 "did not bat" with Bernie Wilson failing to bat in 8 matches! We had 64 bowlers only 18 of who bowled 10 or more overs, with 19 taking no wickets and only three taking 5 or more wickets in the season.

Finally my highlight of the season was the unbroken partnership of 203 by Hamza and Nichols that won the match versus Warwickshire Imps chasing down 295 to win!

Dr Peter Jolliffe, Keeper of the Records, Ley Green Farm, Teigngrace

### **MATCH RESULTS 2014**

**April 16<sup>th</sup> at Plymouth College:** Plymouth College vs. D.D. CANCELLED, D.D. FAILED TO RAISE A SIDE

**April 30<sup>th</sup> at Exeter School:** D.D. 50 for 2 (15.1 overs. A Beavan 21) MATCH ABANDONED, RAIN. Exeter School 193 for 9 (40 overs. J Jones 3-38, B Wilson 2-24, A Beavan 2-28, C Cabburn 2-35)

The Dumplings first game of the new season had to be abandoned as a draw when rain caused the game to be called off after 15.1 overs of their reply to the School's 40 over total of 193 for 9. Marcus Hoddinott was the School's leading scorer with 68 while G Crouch weighed in with 41 not out. For the Dumplings Jim Jones took 3 for 38 off his 6 overs.

The Dumplings cautious reply had reached 50 for 2 when the rain became too heavy for the match to continue, Crouch also proving handy with the ball in taking the two wickets for just 11 runs off 7 overs.

**May 15<sup>th</sup> at Taunton:** T20 Taunton School vs. D.D. CANCELLED, D.D. FAILED TO RAISE A SIDE

**June 16<sup>th</sup> at Knightshayes:** D.D. 259-7 (40 overs. M Marais 77, D Pyle 43, S Ewen 30) BEAT Arden Taverners 139 a.o. (28.4 overs. J Choules 5-30, T Burns 3-41) by 120 runs.

The Dumpling's season re-commenced nearly seven weeks after the last match was played and in good weather at the Heathcoat ground.

In a 40 over a side match Arden Taverners won the toss and elected to field. The Dumplings openers got off to a rapid start with a partnership of 56 runs in 10 overs and 35 minutes. Dan Pyle was first out having hit 3x4s and 3x6s in his 43 runs. His partner, Andrew Beaven, carried on to 23 being second out at 90 for 2. Marco Marais was dropped at first slip in a fairly regulation chance whilst on 7 going on to 77 with 8x4s and 5x6s – an expensive reprieve!

Sam Ewen (30), Lucian Cawthron (26) and Richard Pyle (26) helped push the score along. Sadly Nick Prell was run out for 18 in the last over after what is now often termed "a communication failure" whilst batting well. After 40 overs Dumplings ended on 259 for 7. Boshoff and Dawes both took two wickets for the Taverners.

After 44 minutes and 11 overs Taverners had reached 66 for 3. After 70 minutes and 19 overs they were 93 for 5 and their target looked out of reach. Williams, Boshoff and Hunt were all looking good and in double figures when each fell to excellent catches by Dumpling's debutant keeper Mike Williams. Opening bowler Tallen Burns took 3 for 41 before Jake Choules bowled an excellent completed spell of 8 overs, 1 maiden, 5 wickets for 30 runs. His 5<sup>th</sup> wicket fell to a lightning stumping by Williams giving him his 4<sup>th</sup> victim behind the stumps. Tom Radley and Sam Ewen took 1 wicket each to complete the victory in 28.4 overs with Lucian Cawthron having taken 3 catches in the outfield.

**June 18<sup>th</sup> at Kelly College:** D.D. 306 a.o. (39 overs. G Koopman 65, D Goody 51, S Luffman 50, J Kerridge 46\*) BEAT Kelly College 76 a.o. (20.3 overs. D Goody 4-23, R Tidball 2-10) by 230 runs.

This is the "bizarre" match I mentioned above. Dumplings played with 10 men and had two "retired out" in a 40 over per side match. Kelly utilised 13 players (all of whom batted) as some were inevitably to leave before the end of the game and the College had struggled to fulfil the fixture as many of their 1<sup>st</sup> XI were engaged in exams. Whatever the circumstances I elect to record this as a win for Dumplings.

**June 25<sup>th</sup> at West Buckland School:** West Buckland School vs. D.D. CANCELLED, D.D. FAILED TO RAISE A SIDE

**July 2<sup>nd</sup> at Paignton:** D.D. 334-5 (50 overs. Z Hamza 207, A Van Wyk 37\*, N McSweeney 35) LOST to Water Kloof 390-8 (50 overs. D Ekstraal 2-53, T Codd 2-60) by 56 runs.

It was fortunate that Chris Kelmere Snr, the Dumplings match manager, had raised a young and strong team, as Water Kloof, a South African School team on tour were a very good side. On an excellent Paignton batting track the visitors scored rapidly from the start and then accelerated making 113 in the last ten overs, with captain W Ludick hitting 111 off 93 balls.

The Dumplings, led by Paignton's Zubayr Hamza, made an excellent reply. The School bowling was a bit weaker than its batting and the Dumplings reached a hundred in the nineteenth over, without losing a wicket. The first wicket fell in the twenty-seventh over at 167 and, with fifteen overs to go, 162 were required with eight wickets in hand. In the absence of a fielding circle, the School were able to put most of their fielders on the boundary and the scoring rate began to slow. Even before the loss of Hamza for a brilliant 207 at 313 for 5, the target had become unachievable.

**July 7<sup>th</sup> at Exeter:** D.D. 105-1 (21 overs. D Beatty 56\*, G White 32\*) vs. Wye Rustics MATCH ABANDONED RAIN

The all day time game at Exeter's County Ground against Wye Rustics was a victim to heavy rain. The Dumplings skipper Richard Pyle won the toss and had no hesitation in batting first on what looked like a good, hard pitch. Following the early loss of Sam Ewen, playing on a little unluckily for a duck, the Thorverton pair of Daniel Beatty and Graham White added 105 for the second wicket before the rain brought an end to proceedings. However, the day was not wasted as a typically fine Pearl Tipper lunch was enjoyed by all and both sides put the Exeter CC bar to good use.

**July 8<sup>th</sup> at Seaton:** D.D. 215 a.o. (47.4 overs. Z Hamza 88, D Ekstraal 45, M Ekstrom 27) DREW with Free Foresters 140-9 (60 overs. M. Ekstrom 3-21, J Tapper 2-20).

The Dumplings all day time game at Seaton against the Free Foresters ended in a draw. Batting first and following a good start, reaching 164 for 3 in the thirty-first over, the Dumplings subsided to 215 all out (9 wickets) in the 48th over. Hardwick (16-1-68-4) put in two long spells and Turk (9.4-2-28-3) disposed of the tail. The run out of Zubayr Hamza for 88 off 77 balls was the key event. Denovan Ekstraal (45 in 47 balls) boosted the middle of the innings and M Ekstrom (27 in 41 balls) added much needed runs (31) for the eighth wicket.

The wicket, however, was slow and 'stopping' and the Foresters struggled to score at the required rate. Several batsman were out to skiers and eventually they were left to score just over 100 in the last twenty overs. In the end, the last batsmen, J Ratlidge and N Baldwin, survived the last nine balls. Four Dumplings bowlers took one wicket each, Jamie Tapper two and Mika Ekstrom three.

**July 10<sup>th</sup> at Exmouth:** D.D. 175-9 (40 overs. A Ramcharran 51, D Harrinarine 25, S Conway 24) LOST to Haberdashers' Aske's 176-3 (33.2 overs. D Beatty 3-21) by 7 wickets.

Devon Dumplings lacked the bowling firepower to avoid a seven-wicket defeat by Haberdashers' Aske's School at Exmouth. The tourists from Hertfordshire may have ranged in age from 14-18, but their side contained numerous players with county experience in the youth age groups. The Dumplings simply didn't score enough runs and the outcome was never in doubt long before Haberdashers' knocked off the 176 needed in the 33rd over. When Haberdashers' were 134 for none on the chase the spectre of a 10-wicket drubbing loomed large. Dan Beatty returned from the pavilion end for a second spell and picked up three wickets for 12 runs – he was none for nine from his first five overs - to make the scoreline a little more respectable.

In the Dumplings innings Canadian guest Adam Ramcharran top scored with 51 off 82 balls in a 40-over total of 174 for nine. Opener Devon Harrinarine, another Canadian visitor, made a patient 25 at the top of the order. Sam Conway supplied a few lusty blows to add 24 in the middle order but no one else apart from opener Tom Durman (13) reached double figures.

Pick of the bowlers was Ian Harris (4-32). Skipper Tom Colverd (64no) and Will Wright (74) then laid waste to the Dumplings bowling for 28 overs, winning the game with a stand of 134. Skipper Conrad Sutcliffe tried seven bowlers looking for a breakthrough. Only Beatty had any success, although Jamie Tapper (0-27) and 15-year-old new-ball operator Joe Kitto (0-27) both had respectable figures.

**July 18<sup>th</sup> at Knightshayes:** D.D. 200-9 (35 overs. T Radley 38, N Prell 28, P Anning 26, D Takle 24) LOST to Denstone Wanderers 296-7 (35 overs. D Harrinarine 2-28, D Jolliffe 2-47, P Anning 2-51) by 96 runs.

The match was played over 35 overs per side as Heathcoat had a T20 match arranged for the evening. The start was delayed also by pitch preparation, some confusion within the host club caused by internal communication failures and the delay in the arrival of the Wanderers. Perhaps they had wandered off course? In any event Dumplings won the toss and inserted the opposition. After 6.4 overs Wanderers were 3-47 before being rescued by Phillips (101) and Howitt (99) scoring 129 in the next 15 overs. Howitt and Morgan put on another rapid 82 runs before Howitt was dismissed lbw by D Jolliffe one run short of a deserved century.

For 8 overs the Dumplings reply went well with A Ramcharran and N Prell making 59 for the first wicket. The next partnership of note was for the 8<sup>th</sup> wicket where D Takle and T Radley added 46 in 9 overs. Too little and too late in response to Wanderers excellent batting performance.

**July 25<sup>th</sup> at Shobrooke Park:** D.D. 313-5 (40 overs. C Sleep 117, N Prell 71, P Anning 32, R Pyle 32, J Khan 31) BEAT Somerset Stragglers 204 a.o. (30 overs. S Loud 3-41, R MacDonald 2-38, B Wilson 2-46) by 109 runs.

Dumplings won the toss and elected to bat on a hot and sunny afternoon with a good Shobrooke pitch and a fast outfield. Jamie Khan (31) and Nick Prell (71) made 68 off the first 11 overs before Prell was joined by Chris Sleep (117) following a strange run out for Sam Loud. They added a rapid 73 runs with Prell hitting 4 sixes. Sleep was "sixless" until the last 14 balls of his innings where he scored four in the 41 runs in that brief period! Phil Anning and Richard Pyle both scored 32 in good time towards the end of the innings with 122 coming in the last 10 overs..

Straggler's response reached 55 for 1 after 6 overs and 83 for 2 after 10. At the 29<sup>th</sup> over they were 155 for 4 but the later order did not have the power of the top six and they were not helped by the retirement hurt of their number 7 bat. Five wickets fell in the last 5 overs faced leaving Stragglers well short after a valiant attempt at chasing such a large target.

**July 29<sup>th</sup> at Sidmouth:** D.D. 298-3 (38.4 overs. Z Hamza 202\*, M Nichols 64\*) BEAT Warwickshire Imps 294-6 dec. (46.4 overs. Extras 75, C Dare 4-26, J Tapper 1-55) by 7 wickets.

Warwickshire Imps won the toss and elected to bat in this all day match on a hot and sunny day with a hard pitch and fast outfield. Sale and Madley put on 85 by the 13<sup>th</sup> over when Madley was well run out by Matt Nichols on debut. The second wicket added 79 in a further 10 overs and the third 43 in 9. M Pidgeon almost top scored with 70 but was outdone by Extras at 75. Our volunteer keeper found the pace of our opening bowlers Nick Prell and particularly the 16 year old Mika Ekstrom far more than he was used to. Cliff Dare coming on as 6<sup>th</sup> change bowled well to take 4-26 ruffling a few feathers in the process. His young daughter Zoe also bowled and fielded with enthusiasm and skill. W Imps last pair batted for 8 overs adding 65 but with one partner only contributing 4 runs off 20 balls so the total could have been even more challenging than it appeared.

Dumplings reply started badly with the losses of Caplin and Prell for 7 runs in the 3<sup>rd</sup> over. Jean Rousseau (22) joined Zubayr Hamza (202\*) adding 88 before the definitive and match winning 4<sup>th</sup> wicket partnership of Hamza and Matt Nichols (64\*) in his first innings for Dumplings. This pair batted as though they had batted together regularly with a particularly unselfish and mature innings by Nichols giving the strike to Hamza at every opportunity whilst

still punishing the bad ball himself. Hamza opened scoring a wonderful 202\* off 117 balls in 126 minutes with 26 fours and 8 sixes. The two directly on to the beach will remain long in my memory. A Pidgeon bowled well for W Imps taking 3-89 off 16 overs. The other 7 bowlers used did not fare as well against an 18 year old I expect to hear much more of in the future.

**July 31<sup>st</sup> at Instow:** D.D..279-7 dec. (53.5 overs. M Nichols 100\*, S Ewen 56, A Nyambanje 38, N Leahy 37) DREW with UCSOBs 186-7 (44 overs. T Burns 2-16, A Nyambanje 2-42).

Dumplings won the toss and batted in this all day game reaching 94 in the 21<sup>st</sup> over with the fall of the first wicket after 90 minutes. In the next half hour 30 runs were added for the loss of 5 further wickets so things looked badly as lunch was taken. In the afternoon Matt Nichols (100\*) batted steadily with Artwell Nyambanje (38) adding 118 to reach 242-7 in the 50<sup>th</sup> over. A further 3 overs batting allowed Nichols to reach his well deserved century in 107 minutes off 93 balls.

In UCSOBs reply Nick Prell and Tallan Burns bowled well to reduce UCSOBs to 2-11 in the seventh over. Goldsmith (101) found little assistance in his partners before he was sixth out with the score at 144, but Ward (22\*) and Pitchover (22) then helped UCSOBs to their total with few problems. Neither side should be proud of their over rates of 15 and 16 overs per hour.

**August 1<sup>st</sup> at Plymouth College:** D.D. 194-9 dec. (34.5 overs. V Singh 103, C Oliver 34) LOST to Old Plymouthians 195-7 (25.4 overs. G Stevenson 2-23, J Horton 2-43) by 3 wickets.

Heavy rain overnight and during the morning reduced to a pretty constant heavy drizzle for the entire duration of the game. Both sides were largely made up of OPMs as in any other circumstances Dumplings would have had to cancel the fixture. This keenness allowed play to carry on in conditions or almost continuous rain when, in my 55 year experience, no other game would have been played!

A 35 over per side match was agreed and in the conditions I have described Dumplings were reduced to 5-34 in the 14<sup>th</sup> over. Vrish Singh (103) and Chris Oliver (34) added 133 in 17 overs to give the score respectability. I imagine both have some duck DNA in their genes to allow them to enjoy the weather! The innings was declared with one ball to go to avoid the skipper getting wet before tea.

OPMs reply started well with West (59) and Cunningham (78) adding 104 for the second wicket breaking the back of the task before the 17<sup>th</sup> over was complete. Cunningham saw another 49 runs added before his grateful and somewhat bedraggled departure leaving only 18 to win with 13 overs to go although 2 more wickets fell in achieving the win.

**August 5<sup>th</sup> at Torquay:** Turnham Green & Poly vs. D.D. MATCH CANCELLED BY OPPOSITION

**August 11<sup>th</sup> at Exeter:** D.D. 196-5 (32 overs. G Tidball 80\*, R Pyle 52\*, C Schwarz 19) LOST to The Strollers 197-2 (25.1 overs. J Luffman 1-30, S Luffman 1-32) by 8 wickets.

This all day game was reduced by rain to start at 15.00 hrs as one of 32 overs a side. Dumplings batted first being reduced to 109-5 in the 20<sup>th</sup> over. Gareth Tidball (80\*) and Richard Pyle (52\*) then added a further 94 runs before the innings closed on an improving pitch and a quickening outfield.

Strollers openers added 106 in 13 overs before Foster (40) fell leaving Lawrence (79) to finish matters assisted by Arnold (34\*) and Knightley (24\*). It was all over with 6.5 overs to spare in glorious sunshine.

## **August 12<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> inclusive - The Great War Centenary Tour to Oxford**

### **Oh, oh, oh What a Lovely Tour!**

For the first time in 100 years Devon Dumplings toured going on "The Great War Centenary Tour" and what a lovely tour it turned out to be!

On Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> of August 20 tourists departed in the early hours from Devon to be met by two from Birmingham and a "reverse commuter" from London at The Queen's College Ground in Abingdon Road, Oxford. This in itself seemed miraculous as we had 13 tourists on the Thursday before and lost one that evening and another two at 11.23 hrs on Saturday morning, less than 68 hours before the planned departure! However thanks to the efforts of touring members we added another five players before 23.00 hrs on the night before the Tour started. Thank you all of you!

What happened you ask? Well briefly: Played 3, Won 1. Drawn 2!

**12<sup>th</sup> August 2014 at The Queen's College Ground:** D.D. 186-5 dec. (49 overs. D Beatty 60\*, N Prell 51\*, D Tuohey 35) BEAT Incogniti 114 a.o. (32.3 overs. J Choules 3-22, M Nichols 2-5, P Jordan 2-31) by 72 runs.

Our first opponents were Incogniti, one of the three teams we were planned to play in August 1914 and whose matches were cancelled by the outbreak of war. After Graham White, Captain for the day, won the toss and elected to bat, the touring party and the Incogniti group joined together in a minute's silent reflection on the players from both teams who lost their lives in the 1914-18 War before starting on time in weather described as "Sunshine and showers – cool". Of the top five batsmen only Dominic Tuohey gave the scorer much to do making 35 and Dumplings were reduced to 72 for 5 in the 28<sup>th</sup> over. "Whitey" acted in the best tradition of all Dumplings when he walked having "feathered a glove" on his second ball – but he does that in league matches too – even with me umpiring!

We were rescued by two of our three touring Australian Dumplings who made an unbeaten 6<sup>th</sup> wicket stand of 114 with Nick Prell 51\* and Dan Beatty 60\* getting us to a declaration after 49 occasionally rain-interrupted overs at 186 for 5.

Incogniti's reply started poorly with them at 11 for 3 in the 6<sup>th</sup> over. Wickets continued to fall with great regularity until they were all out in the 33<sup>rd</sup> over for 114. Their main resistance came from J Fisher with 56 runs. The wickets were well spread amongst the Dumplings but with Jake Choules taking 3 for 22, Matt Nichols 2 for 5 and Paul Jordan 2 for 31. Thus Graham White became our first Captain to win a Tour match in a Century!

**13<sup>th</sup> August 2014 at Brasenose College Ground:** DD..171 a. o.(55 overs. M Nichols 48, D Tuohey 50\*) DREW with The Frogs 102-8 (46 overs. M Nichols 3-9, J Bennett 2-31).

Dominic Tuohey captaining Dumplings, won the toss and chose to bat at the Brasenose College Ground on a grey slightly damp day on which we were fortunate to have no interruptions. Openers Khan and Maher both fell early lbw to be followed rapidly by Mason being bowled putting us at 27 for 3. Nichols (48) was joined by Meredith who made a very patient 4 in 38 balls! The collapse continued until we were 112 for 9 when Tuohey (50\*) batting at number 10 was joined in an heroic partnership of 59 within which Berman made 0 in 37 balls. An excellent duck if ever I saw one!

All but two of The Frogs failed to get into double figures, Carson with 18 and Lawrence with 54\*. From 6 for 3 they progressed to 94 for 8 before finishing on 102 for 8 after 46 overs. Dumplings most successful bowlers were Nichols with 9 overs, 4 maidens, 3 wickets for 9 runs and Bennett with 2 for 32 off 10 overs. Dominic Tuohey thus became the first Captain of Dumplings not to win on tour in a century!

**14<sup>th</sup> August 2014 at The Queen's College Ground:** D.D. 191-6 dec. (51 overs. D Beatty 65\*, G Maher 53, G White 24) DREW with South Oxford Amateurs 184-7 (45 overs. D Beatty 5-30, N Prell 1-28, J Khan 1-36).

Winning the final toss of the tour Bernie Wilson again elected to bat at The Queen's College Ground in very cloudy conditions which promised rain. With wickets falling in the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> over White and Maher put on 44 for the 3<sup>rd</sup> wicket, White had got off the mark on tour after a total of 13 balls but with an excellent 4 runs through the covers! He was next out for 24 leaving Maher (53) and Beatty (65\*) to make the majority of the runs. Their partnership was briefly interrupted by a crash of thunder overhead followed less than a second later by sheet lightning filling the sky above the ground. I have rarely seen 15 people leave the playing area so quickly! After the resumption Beatty stepped up the pace and made 18 runs off the last 6 balls he faced taking Dumplings to a declaration at 191 for 6.

SOA responded well with openers Rose (27) and Mooney (29) putting on 59 in 16 overs. They subsided somewhat to 90 for 6 before Robey (54) and Wisikin 54\* added 92 putting them in range of victory. Robey fell off the 2<sup>nd</sup> ball of the last over leaving SOA 10 short with 4 balls to go. Prell held them to 1 wicket and 3 runs off the over to earn a close fought draw. Beatty returned the best figures for Dumplings with 12 overs, 5 maidens, 5 wickets for 30 runs. This left Bernie Wilson as the first Dumplings Captain on tour in ten decades to chew his nails to the quick!

I must record my thanks to the touring party who made the three day tour such a success:

Paul Berman, Nick Prell, Graham White, Jake Choules, Dan Beatty, Dominic Tuohey, Matt Nichols, Paul Jordan, Bernie Wilson, Johnny Meredith, Jonathan Bennett, Christian Cabburn, David Mason, Greg Maher, Jamie Khan, David Salter, Derek Hardy, Wendy Hardy, April Berman, Judy Jolliffe, Kelsey Bacon and Sally Salter.

Martin Cross and his team at the ground gave us a lovely playing area and "fed the hungry beast". Jane Osborne and Ellen Brady arranged for us to be wonderfully cared for at Pembroke College which proved such a wonderful B&B with lovely gardens and architecture. Hopefully we will be invited to stay again in the future.

Peter Jolliffe, Tour Organiser

**August 20<sup>th</sup> at Instow:** North Devon CC vs. D.D. CANCELLED. MIS-COMMUNICATION WITHIN NORTH DEVON CLUB AND CHARITY EVENT AT GROUND.

**August 22<sup>nd</sup> at Exeter:** D.D. 293-6 (48.2 overs. D Pyle 115, D Beatty 51, N Prell 28\*, T Lammonby 25) BEAT South Oxford Amateurs 289-7 dec. (49 overs. D Beatty 3-88, N Prell 2-46) by 4 wickets.

SOA won the toss and batted on a sunny day with a hard wicket and outfield. The opening partnership of Rowley (78) and Hayes (23) accumulated 71 in 9 overs as Beatty struggled with line and length going for 1-48 in his first 6 overs. Beer (47) joined Rowley in a 2<sup>nd</sup> wicket partnership of 82 and with Hanger (45) and Counce (36\*) joining in they gathered 289 for 7 at declaration. They were restricted in the middle innings by perhaps Prell's best spell for Dumplings with 15 overs, 2 maidens, 46 runs and 2 wickets. Beatty finished with 3 for 88 but off only 10 overs with no maidens!

Dumplings reply started with disappointment being 12 for 2 in the 4<sup>th</sup> over! Dan Pyle (115) was joined by Divan Marais (17) for 55 runs and then by Tom Lammonby (25) for another 81 runs. Finally he and Dan Beatty (51) shared a 76 run partnership before Pyle was dismissed for an excellent debut century for Dumplings made off 107 balls and at the age of 16 years. One worth watching both now and in the future. Beatty and his fellow Australian Nick Prell (28\*) added another 58 runs before, with the scores level, 4 byes won it for Dumplings with 8 balls left of the last 20 overs. .

**August 26<sup>th</sup> at Exeter:** The Frogs vs. D.D. MATCH ABANDONED. RAIN.

Not a ball was bowled in this all day match despite waiting for the square (particularly old bowler's ends) to dry until the match was called off at 15.00 hrs with lunch having been taken.

**August 28<sup>th</sup> at Sidmouth:** Old Broxfordians vs. D.D. MATCH CANCELLED. RAIN.

Another season ended and time to think about 2015. I hope we can resurrect some of the matches we have not played this year. Perhaps we can try again with a T20 or two to introduce Dumplings cricket to a new group of young cricketers?

I want to thank all the players who turned out this year and ask that you try to play more than one game for us! Particularly it has been marvellous to meet our young overseas guests many of whom have become Dumplings over the years. Without overseas players more matches would be "Cancelled – Unable to raise a team". Opponents must accept that they are lucky to meet you too as otherwise they might be playing golf!

### **AVERAGES and STATISTICS 2014**

#### **BATTING**      **Innings Not out Runs Highest Average (Min 125 runs)**

Z Hamza	3	1	497	207	248.5
D Beatty	6	3	246	65*	82
D Pyle	2	0	158	115	79
M Nichols	5	2	222	100*	74
C Sleep	4	1	132	117*	44
N Prell	9	2	223	71	31.8

#### **BOWLING Overs Maidens Runs Wickets Average Econ Best (5 wkts/ >30 overs)**

D Beatty	38	7	156	13	12	4.1	5-30
J Choules	22.3	3	90	8	11.25	3.86	5-30
B Wilson	47.4	4	236	7	33.7	4.98	2-24
M Nichols	23	7	56	5	11.2	5	3-9
T Burns	12	3	57	5	11.4	4.75	3-41
N Prell	47	6	220	3	73.3	4.68	2-46
J Tapper	34	4	142	3	47.3	4.17	2-20

## **DOUBLE CENTURIES [2]**

207 Z Hamza vs. Water Kloof

202\* Z Hamza vs. Warwickshire Imps

## **CENTURIES [ 4 ]**

C Sleep 117\* vs. Somerset Stragglers

D Pyle 115 vs. South Oxford Amateurs (Exeter)

V Singh 103 vs. Old Plymouthians

M Nichols 100\* vs. UCSOBs

## **DOUBLE CENTURY [1] + CENTURY PARTNERSHIPS [5]**

1<sup>st</sup> wicket

167 Z Hamza 207 & N McSweeney 35 vs. Water Kloof

2<sup>nd</sup>. wicket

101\* D Beatty 56 & G White 32 vs. Wye Rustics

4<sup>th</sup>. wicket

203\* Z Hamza 202\* & M Nichols 64\* vs. Warwickshire Imps

5<sup>th</sup>. wicket

132 G Tidball 80\* & R Pyle 52\* vs. The Strollers

6<sup>th</sup>. wicket

114\* N Prell 51\* & D Beatty vs. Incogniti

7<sup>th</sup>. wicket

118 M Nichols 100\* & A Nyambanje 38 vs. UCSOBs

### **BEST BOWLING**

5-30 D Beatty vs. South Oxford Amateurs (Oxford)

5-30 J Choules vs. Arden Taverners

3-9 M Nichols vs. The Frogs (Oxford)

3-21 D Ekstraal vs. Free Foresters

3-41 T Burns vs. Arden Taverners

### **CATCHES**

5 J Meredith (Wkt) + 1 stumping

4 G Maher

3 Z Hamza, J Tapper and M Williams (Wkt) + 1 stumping

### **APPEARANCES**

10 N Prell

8 B Wilson

6 G White, D Beatty

5 M Nichols

4 P Berman, J Choules, J Meredith, R Pyle, C Sleep

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