

Despite the poor weather and thanks to a great effort by Exeter CC groundsman Andy Ellett, the Dumplings were able to play Haberdashers Askes School at the County Ground and provide the school with one game on an otherwise washed out tour. Dumplings skipper Graham White negotiated the toss and decided to bat first. A steady start on an expectedly slow pitch saw John Meredith (27) and Dion Bulner (20) add 55 for the first wicket. Then Exeter's Miles Lenygon, batting at three, produced a great knock, overcoming the pitch and the particularly slow outfield with 112, dominating a partnership of 94 with White (22). Lenygon's fine effort saw the Dumplings post 227 for 5 wickets, a substantial score in the conditions.

After tea, the Dumplings opened the bowling with Sam Stein and Drew Smith who nipped the ball around very nicely and posted identical figures of 1 for 13 off 5 overs each. Then spinners Bernie Wilson (1/29) and Jamie Tapper (1/17) tied the visitors down in their 8 overs and despite a good knock from opener Colverd (44) and a late flurry of runs from the lower order, the school were never close to victory. They finished on 171/7 off their 40 overs, to give the Dumplings a win by the comfortable margin of 56 runs.

Scores (40 overs match)

**Devon Dumplings 227 for 5 (Lenygon 112, Meredith 27, White 22, Bulner 20).
Haberdashers Askes School 171/7 (T Colverd 44).
Dumplings beat Haberdashers Askes by 56 runs.**