

DEVON DUMPLINGS CRICKET CLUB

PLAYING REPORT 2012

Fixtures 25 Won 11 Lost 2 Drawn 1 Cancelled/Abandoned 11

I am honoured and delighted to be able to present my first report as Keeper of the Records. Honoured as I follow the excellent example left by my predecessor of 32 years, Peter Spencer and delighted as I have survived the year relatively unharmed! Thank you to all those who supported me and cared for me at the Old Blundellian's match. Oh and well done for winning it despite the interruption.

Following what I now like to regard as the wonderful weather of last year in which 23 of 26 games were played, we suffered perhaps the wettest summer in a century and played only 15 of 25 matches and one of them was abandoned as a draw in torrential rain! Of the ten cancelled games seven were lost to rain and/or water-logged grounds, one as a touring side were short for their first match, another as neither team could raise a side and the last because of "exams"! Many of the games played were affected by the weather but only the Strollers match was truncated from "all day" to 35 overs a side. The balance of wins over losses was plus 9, which until last year's plus 10 would have equalled the 1974 record. That must itself have brought about a two year record of plus 19...?

We started with four cancelled games before the opener against Blundell's School was won well. We drew with Kelly having looked good until the rain ended things early before losing against West Buckland School in a damp low scoring all day match. This was one of those rare occasions when Bradman's advice of always batting first on winning the toss should perhaps have been ignored. Three wins were followed by only the second loss of the year, this against Denstone Wanderers. Their opener Thomson made a fine hundred off 93 balls to set up their win chasing 202 for victory. We were unbeaten for the last eight games only drawing the one match against Warwickshire Imps who's last pair clung on limpet like for the final 12 overs to end with 9 down.

79 players played for Dumplings this year and 48 only played in one match with 12 playing two and another 7 only three matches. There were five centuries, one double century partnership and three century partnerships. The double century was between two players who both made exactly 100 and retired their innings, which is itself unusual in Dumplings cricket. Four bowlers took five wickets in an innings but only five bowled more than 25 overs in the season, three more than 30 overs and just two more than 50 overs. Nobody (including wicket keepers) is recorded as taking more than 3 catches in the season, and there were only two stumpings! Only six players played 5 or more matches with a maximum of nine.

Despite the rain this was a successful and enjoyable season with some really good performances by Dumplings with bat and ball. We have had sides ranging in age from 14 to over 60 years. The average age of sides has fallen and we have seen a concomitant improvement in the fielding on offer but perhaps some catching practice might be in order...

I record my thanks to all those without whom the club cannot function and for the unseen work that they do. Match managers arrange teams only to have to call everybody again when there is a last minute abandonment. Some also write reports which I plagiarize here. "Tea" ladies (and gentlemen) have to prepare food for hungry players and officials and deal with the sudden changes with good cheer. The same goes for Scorers and Umpires who miss an abandoned game as much as the players. Groundsmen have to prepare pitches that may not be played on and do all in their power to dry out surfaces to allow matches to start or continue. Captains have to plot and plan, often sacrificing their own batting or bowling to "give everybody a game". Finally thank you to the 79 players and also to those who were ready to turn out only to be disappointed at the last minute. Hopefully next season will be both dry and great fun.

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MATCH RESULTS 2012

May 2nd at Exeter School: Exeter School v. D.D. CANCELLED, RAIN

May 23rd at Plymouth College: Plymouth College v. D.D. CANCELLED by opposition, "exams"

June 6th at Torquay: Torquay Old Grammarians v. D.D. CANCELLED mutually

June 7th at Exeter: Glamorgan Nomads v. D.D. CANCELLED, RAIN

June 13th at Blundell's School: D.D. 241/7 (35 overs; M. Hewer 35, L. Lewis 31, C. Kelmere 50, L. Cawthron 26*, A. Mead 33*) BEAT Blundell's School 178/7 (C. Kelmere 4-20) by 63 runs

CHRIS Kelmere was Devon Dumplings man of the match in a 63 run win over Blundell's 1st XI played on the school's pitch at Tiverton. The Dumplings were inserted in the 35-over game and posted a useful 241 for seven with Kelmere top scoring on 50, then getting out next ball. Also among the runs were Liam Lewis (31) and Matt Hewer (35) - they put on 63 - while Andy Mead weighed in with a rumbustious (sic) 33 at the end.

Wickets were hard to come by for the School, although Will Coon did well to take two for 20. The school were always up against it after taking half their overs to reach 69 for four - Coon (27) and Harrison Folland (22) the main run getters. Kelmere's mixture of off-spin and arm balls (4-20) accounted for the middle order, with the exception of captain Jack Dart. Dart made a battling 71 and Dom Bess clubbed a bright and breezy 20 as the School reached 178 for seven before the overs ran out.

June 15th at Exeter: Edinburgh University v. D.D. CANCELLED, RAIN

June 20th at Kelly College: D.D. 204/6 (J. Stephens 36, J. Bryant 47*, C. Barr 30*) play ABANDONED for rain with Kelly College 35/2

After 2 days of sunshine the wicket at Kelly was hard and dry. However, the forecast was for rain coming in to West Devon during the afternoon. Kelly won the toss and chose to field. Despite some fairly wayward bowling, the Dumplings never really took control, but extras kept the scoreboard ticking over. Jamie Stephens and Steve Cockram gradually took the initiative but it was our Aussie pair who really accelerated, adding 58 in just 6 overs. This made for a tea time declaration on 204 for 6.

The Dumplings took the field with storm clouds gathering and rain already falling. James McGahey immediately made things difficult for the Kelly batsmen and he and Freddy Frost had a wicket each by the time the umpires decided that the only winner was to be the weather. At the abandonment Kelly were on 35 for 2 after 9 overs.

June 27th at West Buckland School: D.D. 133 (J. Luffman 52, C. Grainger 20) LOST to West Buckland School 137/7 (S. Bourke 5-30) by 3 wickets

The Devon Dumplings suffered a narrow loss at West Buckland School. Being principally comprised of players from the Exeter and Plymouth areas, the Dumplings had a long drive to North Devon for an 11am start, so opted to bat despite the pitch and outfield being wet and more rain in the air. It was hard going early on with few shots along the turf reaching the boundary. Lunch was taken after 20 overs with the Dumplings 60 for 2. The sun came out over lunch and quickly dried the outfield, but also the pitch, allowing much more grip for off spinner Harry Booker (5 for 46) and the Dumplings collapsed to 133 all out. Only opener Jake Luffman (52) showed the necessary application to get a score.

But 134 was no easy score to chase on a helpful pitch and Aussie Steve Bourke struck an early blow for the Dumplings by clean bowling Booker with a gorgeous away swinger. The

Dumplings used three spinners in Bernie Wilson, Henry Bennett and John Meredith, gradually chipping wickets away whilst Witheridge played nicely for his 24. The re-introduction of Bourke brought four quick wickets but Sherington kept a cool head for the School and batted solidly for 42 not out to see his side home by 3 wickets.

July 2nd at Exeter: D.D. 193 (M. Stringfellow 31, C. Still 37, C. Kelmere 25, A. Hearn 39*) BEAT Wye Rustics 131 (A. Hearn 3-17, C. Neilson 2-18, J. Meredith 2-17) by 62 runs

Aaron Hearn, batting at 8, made an unbeaten 39 runs allowing the tail to amass 74 for the last three wickets. Earlier batsmen all had good starts but none took advantage. Best bowling for Rustics came from C. Munton with 3-21.

Rustics were reduced to 5 for 14 before partnerships of 31 (6th wicket) and 45 (9th wicket) gave respectability to the score. Wickets were well spread with Hearn having the best figures of 3-17 and earning Man of the Match status!

July 5th at Exeter: D.D. 227/5 (40 overs; M. Lenygon 112) BEAT Haberdasher's Askes 171/7 by 56 runs

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.

July 10th at Seaton: D.D. 247/7 (C. Still 93, C. Kelmere 56, H. Bennett 47*) BEAT Free Foresters 152 (W. Squire 5-44) by 95 runs

The Dumplings proved too strong for the Free Foresters at Seaton in this annual fixture of the visitors' Western Tour. A fine effort by the host club allowed the game to start very nearly on time at 12.35 and the Dumplings batted first on a damp, but by no means bad pitch. They recorded a very useful 237 for 7 with Exeter's Callum Still leading the way with 93. Still's club mate Cameron Grainger contributed a useful 20 opening up and Henry Bennett set up the declaration with 47 not out off 38 balls.

The Foresters were quickly in trouble at 14 for 2 and then the Dumplings spinners went to work with Bradninch left armer Will Squire (5 for 44) and Still (2 for 39) sending them reeling to 152 all out and a defeat by 85 runs. Only opener Jamie Baldwin (32) played an innings of substance for the Foresters. Still also took two excellent catches at slip to cap off a fine all round performance.

July 20th at Exeter: D.D. 201 (40 overs; J. Meredith 69, W. Steward 21, C. Still 39) LOST to Denstone Wanderers 203/5 (C. Still 3-41) by 5 wickets

Dumplings batted first in this 40 over game starting well with the first three putting on 134/2 off 25 overs. With no fireworks in the last 15 overs and four wickets falling in the last four overs, Dumplings were all out losing two in the last two balls!

Wanderers started well with opener A. Thomson making 100 runs in 93 balls before being third out at 169. A further two wickets fell at the same score giving Dumplings hope only for that to be dashed by an unbeaten 6th wicket stand of 34 between Bamford 20* and Phillips 10*. This was to be the last loss of the season for Dumplings.

July 23rd at Shobrooke: D.D. v. Turnham Green & Polytechnic CANCELLED by opposition

July 25th at Blundell's School: D.D. 252/6 (M. Lenygon 66, G. White 49, O. Bosley 61*, J. Vittles 34*) BEAT Old Blundellians 249/7 (D. Tuohey 5-30) by 4 wickets

This year's fixture between the Devon Dumplings and Old Blundellians was played in fantastic weather and produced over five hundred runs. Winning the toss, the OBs batted solidly, reaching 150 for the loss of just one wicket despite good opening spells from Phil Allen and Pat Hobson. Graham Poulton (30) drove strongly before being bowled by Jack Vittles who, along with Will Squires, impressed with left arm spin. Hugh McDowell (115) was the star of the innings, however, supported by 46 from Andy Giles. Wickets fell to Vittles and skipper Dominic Tuohey towards the end of the innings on the way to 249 for 7 declared.

In reply, Miles Lenygon's powerful hitting resulted in a 46 ball 66 and the Dumplings quickly passed 100 with one wicket down. Graham White also added 49, but wickets fell including two each for Peter Spens-Black and Jack Rossiter. Oz Bosley (61*) and Vittles (34*) then settled in to see the Dumplings to their target for the loss of six wickets and with time to spare.

July 26th at Instow: D.D. 283/4 dec (J. Kalsi 106, G. Tidball 50, J. Meredith 46, E. Parmekellis 31*, L. Petersen 23*) BEAT UCSOBs 98 by 185 runs

A thumping victory in this all day match was set up beautifully by Jas Kalsi who was second out for 106 in just 147 minutes at 155 for 2. His good work was carried on by Tidball (50) and Meredith (46) before Parmekellis (31*) and Petersen (23*) made an unbroken 45 of the last five overs before the declaration.

After the change of batting Petersen continued his good work taking 5-25 off 10.2 overs. Charlie Neilson helped with 2-28 off 10 overs, further restricting the UCSOBs reply. For them opener Lucker top scored with 26.

July 27th at Plymouth College: D.D. 266/5 (B. Barends 100 retired out, C. Barr 100 retired out, Extras 26) BEAT Old Plymouthians 220 (C. Barr 4-32) by 46 runs

Sadly no contemporaneous report of this third Dumplings fixture in three days was received for this match. It is notable for the only double century partnership of the year (exactly 200), coincidentally made between two players, Barends and Barr, who both made exactly 100 before retiring. This is unique in Dumplings history!

Old Plymouthians replied well with their number 3 S. Luffman making 109 from 112 balls before being bowled by Barr. Only two other OPs made double figures and with Barr taking 4-32, a run out and the other five bowlers taking one apiece they subsided from a hopeful 142/5 to 220 all out. I think it safe to suggest that Chris Barr was man of the match!

July 30th at Exeter: D.D. 177/5 (M. Stringfellow 90, C. Still 38, A. Mead 22) BEAT Sou'westers 173/9 (all out) (J. Vittles 3-13, S. Bourke 2-14, M. Renwick 2-35) by 5 wickets

A strong Devon Dumplings X1 proved too good for the touring Sou'Westers in their match at the County Ground. The Sou'Westers rather surprisingly opted to bat on winning the toss and limped to 173 all out with J Martin top scoring with just 26. New Dumpling Jack Vittles of Chudleigh was the pick of the bowlers taking 3 for 13 with his left arm spin. Stephen Bourke took 2 for 14 with the new ball and wicket keeper Mitch Renwick took off his pads to snare 2 for 35 with some surprisingly effective leg spin.

In reply, Exeter's Callum Still (38) and Matt Stringfellow put on 74 for the first wicket with Kiwi Stringfellow going on to make a fine 90. Andy Mead contributed 22 and despite a late flurry of wickets the Dumplings were comfortable winners at 177 for 5 with the match finished before tea.

July 31st at Sidmouth: D.D. 331/4 dec (C. Still 104, J. Luffman 34, B. Barends 96, C. Kelmere 81) DREW with Warwickshire Imps 217/9 (P. Allen 3-54, M. Kidd 2-39)

The Devon Dumplings had much the better of their game against Warwickshire Imps at Sidmouth but could not take the final wicket so that the visitors escaped with a draw. Batting first, the Dumplings rattled up 193 for 1 in 33 overs by lunch and went on to a formidable mid-afternoon declaration total of 331 for 4 after just 47 overs. The main contributors were Exeter's Callum Still with 104 and the Paignton pair Brady Barends (96) and the hard hitting Chris Kelmere (81).

When the Imps replied Chris Williamson ensured a promising start with 45 but wickets fell regularly and only Will Steward (23), guesting for the visitors, and Andy Whitehall (21) notched up more than 20 until a brave and forthright 56 not out from Tom Smith saved the Imps from defeat. Smith batted out the final 12 overs in company with obdurate veteran number 11 Paul Smith (2 not out) as the Dumplings cricket lost intensity and the game drifted to a draw with the Imps on 217 for 9 after 49 overs. For the Dumplings Phil Allen with 3 for 54 and Matt Kidd with 2 for 39 were the chief wicket takers.

August 3rd at Shobrooke: D.D. 267/6 (40 Overs; R. Holman 37, G. White 42, R. Pyle 37, D. Mullins 23, C. Still 54, E. Parmakellis 45) BEAT Somerset Stragglers 174 (B. Wilson 5-43, D. Mullins 2-26) by 93 runs

The Dumplings won the toss in a 40 over a side match against their oldest rivals and decided to bat on a good pitch at Shobrooke. Rob Holman and Graham White put on 76 in 16 overs before Holman missed a straight one to be bowled for 37. Richard Pyle then added 37 off 26 balls in a partnership of 54 before departing bringing Dillon Mullins in at number 4 for his Dumplings debut. When White was out for 42 he was joined by Callum Still and the pair added 61 with Still stroking 54 off 27 balls including four sixes and four fours before being well caught in the deep. Mullins and Manny Parmakellis added a further 35 runs before Mullins departure for 23 left Parmakellis to complete 45 runs off 26 balls before his unfortunate run out pressing for a second run. The Dumplings innings ended at 267 for 6 with Stragglers most successful bowler being O'Leary with 3 for 48 off his 8 overs.

Stragglers opened their account with a partnership of 94 runs in 65 minutes between Edmunds and O'Leary before the latter was well bowled by Nielsen for an excellent 49 off 39 balls, including seven fours and a six. The introduction of off spin at both ends slowed the run rate and Stragglers lost numbers 3 to 5 for 19 runs before Edmunds' innings came to an end for 53 off 87 balls. Mullins took 2 for 26 off his 8 overs leaving Bernie Wilson to take an excellent 5 for 43 off his including one that fell to a stunning catch by Charlie Neilson. Stragglers were finally bowled out for 174 in their 38th over as Rob Holman struck with his second ball.

August 13th at Exeter: D.D. 218/5 (35 overs; G. White 84, R. Pyle 58, C. Kelmere 32) BEAT The Strollers 148 (P. Berman 4-30, C. Still 3-3, P. Allen 2-29) by 70 runs

Devon Dumplings won their rain reduced match against touring Strollers comfortably by 70 runs, the planned all day match being reduced to one of 35 overs per side. Thanks to the efforts of the Exeter ground staff and their hard work the ground was playable allowing the game to go ahead.

After an early lunch Dumplings won the toss and chose to bat, making a slow start of 28 for 2 off 11 overs. The third wicket partnership with Exeter's Graham White and Shobrooke's Richard Pyle proved decisive with 132 runs coming in only 15 overs with Pyle making 58 off 45 balls and White 84 off 67 balls. Chris Kelmere then batted

through to the end with 32 off 24 balls as the Dumplings finished on 218 for 5. The wickets were shared amongst the Strollers with Wethey doing best with 2 for 44. Strollers reply got off to a stuttering start with Turnhill feathering his hook at Allen's second ball bouncer to Du Buisson behind the stumps. Arnold and Porter made 35 and 31 respectively at numbers 3 and 4 before the introduction of spin with Still, Berman and Wilson reduced them to 90 for 8 in their 23rd over. A sparkling 49 off 37 balls in 38 minutes by Strollers number 8, Keith Rutherford, added respectability to the score, before he was last out in the 30th over with the total on 148. Phil Allen took 2 for 29, Callum Still a miserly 3 for 3 and Paul Berman 4 for 30. The final wicket was taken by under 14 bowler Dan Pyle in his only over.

August 17th at Sidmouth: Old Honitonians v. D.D. CANCELLED, RAIN

August 22nd at Instow: D.D. 180/8 (45 overs; S. Tremain 48, J. Cherrington 30*) BEAT North Devon 106 (R. Forrester 3-14, L. Wright 2-15, J. Cherrington 2-14) by 74 runs

This was the final game of the year as the last three fixtures were cancelled by rain. Dumplings won the toss and followed Bradman's advice and batted. Scoring was never easy and it took an unbroken ninth wicket partnership of 48 in 6 overs between Cherrington (30*) and Richard Tidball (17*) to set a fair total to defend.

North Devon's reply never really got off to a start with wickets falling regularly from 5-48 becoming 106 all out. Only M. Tyers showed resistance with 42 runs of 72 balls in 94 minutes. Forrester with 3-14 and Wright with 2-15 led the attack to a successful outcome after 38.2 overs.

August 24th at Exeter: South Oxford Amateurs v. D.D. CANCELLED, RAIN

August 28th at Exeter: The Frogs v. D.D. CANCELLED, RAIN

August 30th at Sidmouth: Old Broxfordians v. D.D. CANCELLED, RAIN

AVERAGES and STATISTICS 2012

BATTING Innings Not out Runs Highest Average (Minimum 6 innings)

C. Still	8	0	377	104	47.125
C. Kelmere	6	1	251	81	50.20
J. Meredith	7	0	145	69	20.71
G.White	9	2	220	84	31.43

BOWLING Overs Maidens Runs Wickets Average Best (Minimum 25 overs)

C. Still	28.1	6	93	10	9.3	3-3
P. Allen	52	13	178	8	22.25	3-54
B. Wilson	50	8	213	9	23.67	5-43
C. Neilson	31	8	88	5	17.6	2-18

W. Squire 36 5 136 6 22.67 5-44

CENTURIES [5]

112 M. Lenygon v. Haberdasher Aske's

106 J.Kalsi v. U.C.S. Old Boys

104 C. Still v. Warwickshire Imps

100 B. Barends v. Old Plymouthians

100 C. Barr v. Old Plymouthians

CENTURY PARTNERSHIPS [4]

2nd. wicket

124 C. Still 104 & B. Barends 96 v. Warwickshire Imps

3rd. wicket

200 B. Barends 100 & C. Barr 100 v. Old Plymouthians

122 B. Barends 96 & C. Kelmere 81 v. Warwickshire Imps

132 G. White 84 & R. Pyle 58 v. The Strollers

BEST BOWLING

5-30 D. Tuohey v. Old Blundellians

5-30 S. Bourke v. West Buckland School

5-43 B. Wilson v. Somerset Stragglers

5-44 W. Squire v. Free Foresters

CATCHES

3: C. Still; Chris Kelmere; S. Luffman; J. Ashmore

APPEARANCES

9: G. White. 8: C. Still; P. Allen. 7: J. Meredith. 6: C. Kelmere; B. Wilson

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