

SOMERSET V DEVON, THURSDAY 20TH JULY 2017 AT NORTH PERROTT

A four struck by Dave Hart off the penultimate ball of the match secured a win and 18 points in a thriller against Somerset at the lovely North Perrot Cricket Club.

Needing 10 an over for the last five overs, Steve Harris (41*) guided the tail home with 1/270th of the innings left to seal victory in an exciting finish to a great game of cricket.

Earlier, Somerset had won the toss and chose to bat first, and at 134-1 were well placed to launch an assault towards a sizeable total. Mike Pugh had taken an early wicket, caught by debutant keeper Andy Hele, and finished with a very creditable 1-25 off nine. Spinners Steve Harris (2-49) and Ian Hayter (3-34) stalled Somerset's advance, keeping them down to 239-6 when a much larger total had been on the cards. A neat stumping from Andy Hele gave him his second victim of the innings in a tidy display of glove work.



Mike Pugh

Chasing 240 to win, Devon's prolific opening pair of Jeff Heath and Ian Hayter, for the third time in three outings, put on over a hundred for the first wicket. Heath (67) was first to go in the 27th over with 130 on the board, shortly followed by Hayter (64). Mike Pugh added 26 before nicking off, and that left Steve Harris to nurture the tail home, which he did with some distinction, Dave Hart stealing the glory with a text-book on-drive to the boundary to hit the winning runs with a ball to spare.



Jeff Heath

There's nothing like watching an excited bunch of 50-something cricketers jumping up and down and cheering every run as Devon got closer to the target, proving that men never really mature or grow up, they just get older...

A fantastic win, at a great venue, against a super bunch of lads from Somerset. Nice one.

Somerset 239-6 (Hayter 3-34, Harris 2-48)

Devon 240-7 (Heath 67, Hayter 64, Harris 41*)



Ian Hayter