

DEVON OVER 50s B v SOMERSET, 1ST JUNE 2017 @ BRADNINCH

Twenty more points in the bag puts the Over 50s B team top of their table after three games.

Devon won the toss on a gorgeous day in Bradninch and had no hesitation in making first use of the track. Openers Jeff Heath (76) and Ian Hayter (53), for the second time in two games, blasted their way to a three-figure opening partnership, taking Devon to 126 after 25 overs.



Jeff Heath

Mike Pugh with 33 and Marty Causey (18) added a quick-fire 42 for the third wicket but as Somerset's spinners took control of the innings, the middle and late order were unable to capitalise on the good start. Only Glynn Ballman (15) making double figures after the top four. 172-2 after 32 became 226 all out in the final over.

Some tidy bowling at the start kept the visitors down to 44-3 after 13, but a partnership of 59 at a run-a-ball kept Somerset in the running before Devon's own spin bowlers got stuck in. Tim Cooke (4-39) and Dave Smale (1-37) effectively ended any chance of a Somerset victory, and with five victims for wicket-keeper Hayter it was a solid performance in the field. Mike Pugh took a vital wicket in each of his three spells to finish with very creditable figures of 3-21 of 6.1 overs leaving Somerset all out for 166 in the 39th. Devon win by 60 runs.



Tim Cooke