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# DEVON OVER 50s 2s 2023 REPORT

## Played 11, Won 4, Lost 7

2023 will be remembered as one dominated by the bat of Dave Haysom - our 49 year old in his debut season. With 741 runs at 67.36 he was comfortably the highest run scorer with no one else reaching 300. Scoring his runs at a healthy strike rate at over 100 he generally gave us the perfect start each time.

Support came mainly from Jeff Heath (294 @ 26.73), Ian Hayter (276 @ 30.67) and Steve Broad (234 @ 39.00).

In the bowling department Neal Peach finally got the wickets he has deserved all these years - 16 @ 21.31, backed up by spinners Paul Bates (13 @ 29.08) and Kevin Toze (10 @ 22).

The truth is though, we were almost always a bowler light, no more so than in our semi-final against Hampshire. With two players dropping out the night before the game, it was always going to be tough.

Throughout the season though, availability was generally better than in years past, with over a dozen new players joining the ranks of the Over 50s. Thirty-two players played for us, but of those only three played every game, and 22 played less than four matches. Consistency of selection is always an issue in these games and this is reflected in the overall results.

Particular highlights of the season include a thrilling victory over Dorset at Shillingstone. On a very challenging wicket, Devon had restricted the hosts to 157-9 and in reply had limped to 35-4 and then 87-6. With the writing on the wall, a nail-biting unbroken partnership of 71 between Steve Broad 83\* and Giles Bashford 25\* saw us home.

Our Quarter final tie was also against Dorset and a total of 262ao was largely thanks to Dave Haysom's 123 and Ian Hayter hitting 53. The bowlers then performed superbly with tight opening spells from Paul Thomas (1-26 off 9) and Giles Bashford (1-21 off 7) putting us in the driving seat immediately after tea. Neal Peach then took 4 wickets to bowl Dorset out for 193.

Dave hit two other centuries, and four half centuries in a superb run of form. James Blackmore and James Ford hit the only other tons, and there were three 50s for Ian Hayter, two for Jeff Heath, Mike Pugh and Steve Broad.

Five-fers are very rare in this team, but Neal Peach took 5-37 against Wiltshire, his best of the season, and the first 5-wicket haul for any bowler since 2019.

There were six partnerships of 100 or more: Dave Haysom & James Blackmore (216), Dave Haysom & Jeff Heath (130), Dave Haysom and Ian Hayter (116), Dave Haysom and Ian Hayter (111), Dave Haysom & Jeff Heath (106), Mike Pugh and Ian Hayter (100). That is the most we've ever had in a single season.

In the field we held on to 22 catches in our eleven games, lost count of the drops(!) and there were 5 catches and 5 stumpings for Ian Hayter. We only managed three run outs all season. Fitness and fielding are not our most endearing qualities!

My thanks to all the grounds that hosted us this year (Bradninch, Shobrooke Park, Hatherleigh, and Braunton), and to umpires Tim Chapman, Ike Aviston, Paul Argyle and Les Bishop. Thanks to our scorers too - Chris Dean and Gary Hudson, without whom we'd be lost.

Player of the Season: **Dave Haysom**

## AVERAGES

### Batting:

RANK	PLAYER	GAMES	INNS	NOT OUTS	RUNS	HIGH SCORE	AVG	50s	100s	STRIKE RATE
1	<a href="#">Dave Haysom</a>	11	11	0	741	123	67.36	4	3	102.70
2	<a href="#">Jeff Heath</a>	11	11	0	294	54	26.73	2	0	84.52
3	<a href="#">Ian Hayter</a>	11	11	2	276	64	30.67	3	0	88.42
4	<a href="#">Steve Broad</a>	8	8	2	234	83*	39.00	2	0	83.82
5	<a href="#">James Blackmore</a>	3	3	0	171	132	57.00	0	1	92.43

### Bowling:

RANK	PLAYER	OVERS	MAIDENS	RUNS	WICKETS	BEST BOWLING	5 WICKET HAUL	ECONOMY RATE	STRIKE RATE	AVERAGE
1	<a href="#">Neal Peach</a>	72	11	341	16	5/37	1	4.74	27.00	21.31
2	<a href="#">Paul Bates</a>	63	1	331	13	3/40	0	5.25	29.08	25.46
3	<a href="#">K Toze</a>	34.5	3	220	10	3/34	0	6.32	20.90	22.00
4	<a href="#">Giles Bashford</a>	68.4	8	285	8	2/12	0	4.15	51.50	35.63
5	<a href="#">Keith Wakeham</a>	77	3	446	7	2/32	0	5.79	66.00	63.71

**Fielding:**

RANK	PLAYER	WICKET KEEPING CATCHES	STUMPINGS	TOTAL WICKET KEEPING WICKETS	FIELDING CATCHES	RUN OUTS	TOTAL FIELDING WICKETS	TOTAL CATCHES	TOTAL VICTIMS
1	Ian Hayter	5	5	10	1	1	2	6	12
2	Dave Haysom	2	0	2	2	1	3	4	5
3	Jeff Heath	0	0	0	2	1	3	2	3
4	Neal Peach	0	0	0	3	0	3	3	3
5	James Blackmore	0	0	0	3	0	3	3	3
6	Steve Broad	0	0	0	3	0	3	3	3



Over 50s 2nd XI v Dorset in the Plate 1/4 Final at Shobrooke CC, Aug 10th 2023

Left to right: James Blackmore (Cullompton), Giles Bashford (Barnstaple) Jeff Heath (Ipplepen), Chris Cook (Kingsbridge), Ian Hayter\* (Bideford), Steve Broad (Babbacombe), Dave Haysom (Honiton), Matt Quartley (Ipplepen), Keith Wakeham (Ipplepen), Neal Peach (Kingsbridge), Paul Thomas (Ipplepen)

# ALL TIME AVERAGES

## Batting:

RANK	PLAYER	GAMES	INNS	NOT OUTS	RUNS ↕	HIGH SCORE	AVG	50s	100s	STRIKE RATE
1	Ian Hayter	66	61	10	2252	115	44.16	19	4	85.60
2	Jeff Heath	64	64	4	2097	130	34.95	16	2	87.87
3	Richard Pyle	31	31	7	1304	154	54.33	3	5	84.38
4	Dave Haysom	11	11	0	741	123	67.36	4	3	102.70
5	Brian Cann	16	16	0	631	84	39.44	5	0	63.48
6	Steve Broad	21	21	5	562	109	35.13	3	1	87.70
7	James Blackmore	7	7	2	494	132	98.80	3	2	92.90
8	Steven Harris	17	15	3	404	63	33.67	3	0	69.14
9	Marten Stanbury	28	22	4	319	66	17.72	2	0	78.19
10	Marty Causey	13	13	4	317	56*	35.22	1	0	68.61

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RANK	PLAYER	OVERS	MAIDENS	RUNS	WICKETS ↕	BEST BOWLING	5 WICKET HAUL	ECONOMY RATE	STRIKE RATE	AVERAGE
1	Tim Cooke	321.3	14	1772	76	6/28	1	5.51	25.38	23.32
2	Keith Wakeham	231.3	14	1066	42	5/21	1	4.60	33.07	25.38
3	Neal Peach	201	42	734	29	5/37	1	3.65	41.59	25.31
4	Paul Bates	120	7	589	23	4/40	0	4.91	31.30	25.61
5	Robin Lambert	188.2	16	819	22	4/23	0	4.35	51.36	37.23
6	Graham Munday	80.5	9	350	17	3/12	0	4.33	28.53	20.59
7	Marten Stanbury	134.3	11	732	17	2/22	0	5.44	47.47	43.06
8	Adrian Pullin	91	3	504	15	4/68	0	5.54	36.40	33.60
9	Steven Harris	92.5	4	512	14	4/31	0	5.52	39.79	36.57
10	Brian Cann	59.3	5	338	12	2/10	0	5.68	29.75	28.17

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1	Ian Hayter	30	24	54	5	4	9	35	63
2	Richard Pyle	0	0	0	14	0	14	14	14
3	Brian Cann	0	0	0	12	1	13	12	13
4	Graham Moore	4	8	12	0	0	0	4	12
5	Jeff Heath	0	1	1	6	5	11	6	12
6	Tim Cooke	0	0	0	9	2	11	9	11
7	Adrian Pullin	0	0	0	7	3	10	7	10
8	Marten Stanbury	0	0	0	8	2	10	8	10
9	Steve Broad	0	0	0	9	0	9	9	9
10	James Blackmore	1	5	6	3	0	3	4	9