OVER 50s 2s PLATE QUARTER FINAL WILTS V DEVON AVEBURY CC

AUGUST 12TH 2021

Exciting win which went down to the wire in a rain affected guarter final v Wiltshire.

Devon lost the toss and were put in on a wet day at Avebury CC and came off at 48-1 after 11.2 overs.

An hour was lost to rain so overs were then reduced to 35.

A partnership of 64 between skipper Ian Hayter (53, 4x4s, 2x6s) and Richard Pyle (24, 2x4s) took Devon to 97-1 before a mini collapse losing five wickets for just 17 runs left us in trouble at 114-6...but man-of-the-match Kingsbridge's Neal Peach hit 25 off 30 balls to help get us up to a very decent 177-9, aided by Jason Degg's 21* and some excellent running between the wickets mixed in with some lusty blows.

Neal then bowled a miserly opening spell of 7-3-10-0 to restrict Wilts' scoring rate. Even so, they were sitting pretty at 96 for none, but were never able to reach the required rate and lost wickets trying to up the tempo. Keith Wakeham took two, and there was one each for Paul Bates, Rob Lambert and Ian Hayter. The difference between the two sides - Wilts bowled 22 wides and Devon just four.

In truth, Devon could have wrapped up the win much earlier if several catches had been held, so made it difficult for themselves, but got there in the end!

Devon 177-9 (lan Hayter 53, Neal Peach 25, Richard Pyle 24, Jason Degg 21*) Wilts 168 – 6 (Keith Wakeham 2-37)

Devon win by 9 runs

https://devoncb.play-cricket.com/website/results/4952319



Back I to r: Graham Moore+ (Newton Tracey), Paul Bates (Babbacombe), Richard Pyle (Shobrooke Park), Steve Broad (Babbacombe), Keith Wakeham (Ipplepen), Rob Lambert (Ashburton)

Front I to r: Jeff Heath (Ipplepen), Jason Degg (Plymouth), Ian Hayter* (Bideford), Neal Peach (Kingsbridge), Martin Goff (Yelverton)