
DEVON OVER 50s 2s V SOMERSET

WHIMPLE CC

JUNE 16TH 2021

On a lovely day at Whimble CC Devon lost the toss and inevitably found themselves bowling first.

Player availability had been difficult, but veteran Jim Parker had agreed to play and Joel Murphy and Darren Bartrop made one of their all too few appearances of the season for us.

On a good-looking wicket, an early scalp gave us hope, but a partnership of 130 in good time gave Somerset the upper hand. At 182-2 off 30 overs they had the perfect platform for the final onslaught - 146 runs off the last 15 overs getting them up to 328-5 at tea.

By the 17th over in our reply, Devon had slipped to 59-4 needing a further 270 off 28 overs. All looked lost, but Steve Broad (pictured) and Ian Hayter batted, slowly at first, then upped the tempo. Off the next 21 overs they put on 167, the highest ever partnership to date for the Devon Over 50s 2s, Steve scoring 109 off 85 balls, with four huge sixes and 15 x 4s, and Ian 51 off 59. For a short time, the impossible looked possible, but when both fell in the 37th over it was all but over. 120 needed off the last 10 was just too much.



Somerset 328-5

Devon 230ao (Steve Broad 109, Ian Hayter 51)

Lost by 98 runs

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