

## 70s v Gloucs 1<sup>st</sup> June at Filleigh

Yet another blue-skied sunny day saw Devon win the toss and elect to bat. Gloucs had been delayed due to Motorway chaos and the game reset at 40 overs.

Stanton and Whitby made a steady but slow start and the score was 46 from 10 when Whitby was caught at midoff for 14. Seward joined Stanton and they managed to keep the scoreboard moving, in a partnership of 70 in 16 overs. Stanton was trapped LBW for 60 off 67 balls. A cameo 25 off 19 balls from Shephard left the score at 149-3 in 32 overs. Coe and Seward went soon after, the latter just one short of his 50.

This left our newest member Baxter and Goodwin to use up the last two overs fruitfully, scrambling 16 very welcome runs that just fell short of the 5<sup>th</sup> batting point.

Gloucs had been erratic in their opening overs – 14 wides- but the later slower bowlers proved very effective on a flat track that posed no real problems for the batsmen.

The Gloucs opening pair of Daniels and Evans are a daunting prospect for any decent bowling squad. On this occasion it was Evans who did most of the damage, retaining the strike for long periods and hitting numerous boundaries. His 50 came from 42 balls ( eight 4s ) and the century from 74 balls ( 12 more 4s)

He was eventually well caught by Stanton at cover for 114. Daniels picked up where Evans had left off and reached his 50 from 43 balls.

He ended up 62 n.o. with the keeper Collinson 8 n.o.

The Devon bowling had been much tidier but lacked penetration in the face of two accomplished batsmen on a flat pitch.

Next week in Wales could be equally trying.