

Over 60's First Eleven – Season 2023

Although the weather was not as kind as the previous season, I am happy to report an upturn in performances on the field from the Devon over 60's first eleven

A number of new players were introduced for the 2023 season and making their debuts were, Richard Pyle, Rob Jack, Dave Turner, Paul Nott and Chris Cook

The season started well with a fine win over Cornwall and a second victory over Worcester was achieved

Two tight games against Somerset could very easily have gone our way, the first encounter was lost on the last ball and our home match at Kilmington when we scored 358 for six, was eclipsed in the final over by a very impressive batting unit from Somerset

Further losses to Wiltshire, Gloucester and Wales did not help our cause, and this was compounded by five games being washed out

Spirits remained high and we faced Norfolk in the quarter final of the bowl competition at Hatherleigh CC, Batting first Devon scored 214 for 8 and despite dropping numerous catches managed to bowl out Norfolk for 185 The semi-final against Hampshire was another close affair with the visitors winning off the last ball

So, an extraordinary season came to a conclusion with Devon losing two games off the final ball of the match !!

My player of the season was Richard Pyle who made his debut this season, this was one of the easiest decisions to make as " Pyle " enjoyed a golden summer with the bat scoring 771 runs this included 3 centuries, 3 fifties and securing an impressive average of 110.14 – Lets hope he gets further recognition

On the bowling front Keith Bell took most wickets with 9 and best figures of 3 – 10

I would like to thank

Umpire's David Hawke and John Gadie

Scorer's Alan Webster

Neil Matthews for his continued support in very trying circumstances, Neil has decided to step down next season and a new skipper of the two's is an urgent requirement

Roger Wensley
Over 60's First Eleven Captain
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