

DEVON OVER 50s B V DORSET, KILMINGTON CC 10TH MAY 2017



Devon Over 50s B got off to a blistering start to their 2017 Southern Counties Seniors Championships campaign with a massive 144 run defeat of neighbours Dorset at Kilmington yesterday, with Mike Pugh hammering 113 off only 57 balls to take Devon to an imposing total of 351-4 off their 45 overs.

Pugh came to the crease after openers Ian Hayter (83, with ten 4s and four 6s) and Jeff Heath (64, twelve 4s) had put on 165 for the first wicket in just 26 overs, and systematically destroyed all of Dorset's hapless bowlers. Pugh's century (six 6s and eleven 4s) and his whirlwind 141 run partnership in 14 overs with Brian Cann (45) saw Devon post 351-4.

An early breakthrough by Chris Battin after tea immediately put Dorset on the back foot, but at 102-2 off 17 overs the visitors were handily placed to launch a Pugh-like attack themselves. But a smart catch by Steve Preston off the bowling of Graham Munday, and an even smarter one by Richard Pyle off Tim Cooke, instigated a steady procession of wickets as Dorset continued to try to keep up with the asking rate.

Munday's figures of 3-47 off 9 overs were easily the best in the match, and Cann chipped in with 2-10 as Dorset were all out for 207 in 35 overs. With four catches for keeper Hayter and two run outs, the fielding performance was solid, and the defeat of Dorset complete.

Devon 351-4 (Pugh 113, Hayter 83, Heath 64, Cann 44, extras 39)

Dorset 207ao (Downing 47), (Munday 3-47)

Devon (20pts) beat Dorset (6 pts) by 144 runs.

Scorecard: <http://devoncb.play-cricket.com/website/results/3123511>



Back l to r: Marty Causey, Graham Munday, Pete Gartrell, Richard Pyle, Chris Battin, Steve Preston, Chris Sleep (umpire)

Front l to r: Brian Cann, Jeff Heath, Ian Hayter+, Mike Pugh, Tim Cooke*