

Devon v Dorset, Shillingstone CC, Thursday 17th May 2018

Devon got off to a winning start in their 2018 campaign, beating Dorset by 64 runs on a beautiful day at Shillingstone Cricket Club.

Winning the toss, Devon chose to bat first in the sunshine, and after a watchful start, openers Brian Cann and Ian Hayter slowly but surely took control of the innings. Hayter was first to his half century, but with the score on 122-0 off 26 overs, was forced to retire hurt on 58*. Cann was out soon after for a well made 54.

Dorset's bowlers rarely erred from a good line and length, and the middle order struggled to get the ball away with any regularity. Alan Tait (21) and Marten Stanbury (19) were the only ones to make an impression. As the run rate pressure increased, inevitably there was some risk taking and mix-ups, resulting in three horrendous run outs. 151-1 became 195 all out.

A wicket in the first over after tea gave Devon the upper hand, but Dorset's no.3 smashed a quick fire 48 off 32 putting the ball firmly back in the host's court. But Chris Battin's opening spell of 9-0-36-3 and the introduction of the miserly John Baglivi (2-23 off 9) and Tim Cooke (1-21 off 7) kept Dorset in check. Graham Munday (3-18) mopped up the tail in just 3.5 overs.

A fairly comfortable win in the end, Dorset all out for 131 in the 32nd over, and a great start to the 2018 season.

Devon 195 ao (Hayter 58*, Cann 54)

Dorset 131 ao (Munday 3-18, Battin 3-36, Baglivi 2-23)

Debuts: Graham Perrson, Darren Bartrop, John Baglivi

Scorecard: <http://scsc.play-cricket.com/website/results/3224502>



*Ian Hayter 58**



Chris Battin 3-36