

Devon v Somerset, North Devon CC, 26th July 2018

A solid all-round performance by Devon meant another victory over Somerset at the lovely North Devon CC in Instow.

Losing the toss on a beautiful day, with a road of a wicket and a lightning quick outfield, Devon were naturally asked to bowl first. Rob Lambert opened up and produced a match-winning miserly spell of 9-1-15-1, no mean feat considering the conditions. Runs came more freely at the other end though, resulting in Somerset being 99-1 off 20 and in a good position to really put a score on the board.

The breakthrough came in the 30th over, with three wickets in nine balls, Somerset going from 163-3 to 164-6 as Ian Hayter (2-19) took two, and a fine John Baglivi catch at square leg gave Tim Cooke (3-47) the first of his three wickets.

Strong and White then put on 43 for the 7th wicket before Strong became Cooke's 2nd victim, then another wicket for Cooke, a run out and a second wicket for Simon Weale meant Somerset had failed to bat their overs, being all out for 246 in the 43rd.

After tea, Devon's successful 2017 pairing of Hayter and Jeff Heath opened up for the first time this season, putting on a quick-fire 73 in 11 overs before Hayter was out for 40 off 41 balls with seven fours. Heath carried on his top form, and with Brain Cann (50 off 70 balls, 8 x 4s) put on 99 before Cann was out in the 31st over. Heath was out shortly after for a superb 90, with 13 fours, off 99 balls, with the score on 214.

Marty Causey and 50s IIs debutant Simon Weale were then left the task of finishing off the job, which they did in the final over, Causey unbeaten on 31, Weale on 20.

Link to the scorecard is below, and as North Devon CC have a webcam with a live feed, anyone who wants to watch the match on their PC can do so on Youtube here
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xKcsVV1Q0iA>

Somerset 246ao (Cooke 3-47, Hayter 2-19, Weale 2-37)
Devon 248-3 (Heath 90, Cann 50, Hayter 40, Causey 31*, Weale 20*)

Debuts: Simon Weale

Scorecard: <http://devoncb.play-cricket.com/website/results/3224526>
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Rob Lambert bowling 9-1-15-1



Jeff Heath (facing) on his way to 90