

End of Season 2017 report for Devon County Seniors 67 + Team [The Golden Oldies]

As a new venture this season it was both enjoyable & successful. With four teams from the West of England taking part it was with great relief that the travelling distances were relatively small

As the season progressed more & more players appeared, some of whom had not played seniors cricket for Devon for a number of years. It was great to see Howard, Macey, Denford, Carpenter, Druce & Hawkins back playing & enjoying their cricket & clearly this new venture was giving more & more people a game

On the field 6 games were played against, Somerset, Wiltshire & Wales with five games won & one abandoned. Devon finished top of the League but that wasn't really so important. The social side was superb with many late nights & a lot of catching up & old stories retold. It was so good to be playing again with old mates who still want to play hard on the pitch but eagerly enjoy a pint & a chat after the game. April 2018 seems a long way a way

Eames captained well & was the leading run scorer with 214 & the only century at an average of 71.33 but Stanton topped this with an average of 78. Coe scored 187 runs at an average of 46.75 & Overthrow 173 at 34.60

Gambie took 6 wickets at an average of 18.50 & Howard 5 and the best average of 11.60. Fielding & catching was as you imagine slick but unpredictable & any catch at our age was greeted by overwhelming disbelief

A big thank you to our resident Umpire & Scorer, John Smith & Geoff Coish. We all enjoyed & appreciated your company & commitment & all the work you put in. Thanks to Geoff for compiling the stats in his usual prompt & accurate way

For a first season it was very much a success & the four counties have recently met & two new counties will be joining, Warwickshire & Worcestershire, making ten games in all for the 2018 season. To save us travel time we will be doing a mini tour of these two counties playing them away on successive days

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