
DEVON OVER 50s 2s 2021 REPORT

Played 9, Won 2, Lost 7

In a season where we only won two games, it would be easy to concentrate on the negatives. True, we were soundly beaten on most occasions, but showed what we were capable of by chasing down 258 against Dorset, winning by 7 wickets, and in the Quarter Final of the Plate competition, held our nerve for a thrilling victory against Wiltshire.

We used 28 players, from 20 different clubs, with eight debutants. Like any team, fresh blood is always required to keep it going, and hopefully these eight will continue to be available in years to come. Though on occasion we struggled for players, there was a solid core of six or seven who played at least two-thirds of the matches.

The weather played its part this season, with three of our first five games being rained off and re-arranged for July, and of course Covid hit us several times with key players either pulling out at the last moment or having to self-isolate and missing games.

Though the results didn't always go our way, there were some notable individual achievements this season: Steve Broad (in his first season with the 50s) and Ian Hayter recorded the highest ever partnership in Over 50s 2s cricket: 167 v Somerset. Richard Pyle & Jeff Heath hit the 3rd highest ever: 159 against Dorset; and in that match Richard hit the 2nd highest individual score ever, 132*.

There was only one other centurion in 2021 - Steve Broad with 109 (84 of which came from 15x4s and 4x6s).

There were seven half centuries recorded: Ian Hayter hit four in consecutive innings, with Steve Broad, Jeff Heath, and Jason Degg all hitting one each.

But it's true we lacked depth in our batting. Normally we would expect around 16-18 partnerships of 50 or more in a season, this year there were just ten, and two of over a hundred. This is reflected in the fact that only three players scored more than 200 runs: Ian Hayter (283 @ 40.43), Richard Pyle (273 @ 39.00), and Steve Broad (217 @ 54.25).

Bowling wise, Keith Wakeham took over a quarter of our wickets, 11 @ 21.45, with a best of 4-45. He took almost twice as many scalps as the next bowler. Keith is now the 2nd highest wicket taker ever in Over 50s 2s cricket. Neal Peach was as accurate and miserly as ever, but only three bowlers conceded less than 4 runs per over throughout the season: Neal, Paul Nott (who was very quickly promoted to the 1s) & Ian Hayter.

Jason Degg, in his first season with us, made an impact not only with the bat (177 @ 29.50), but also in the field where traditionally, we are not great!

We lacked a regular scorer, but Chris Dove and Chris Dean stepped in when they could - many thanks gentlemen. And Tim Chapman umpired the majority of our games with Graham Munday also officiating once or twice. Thank you both.

Chudleigh, Whimble, Bradninch and Kilminster cricket clubs all hosted us in 2021 and did a great job - thank you all.

Player of the Season: **Keith Wakeham**

AVERAGES

Batting:

Player	GAMES	INNS	NOT OUTS	RUNS	HIGH SCORE	AVG	50s	100s	STRIKE RATE
1 Ian Hayter	8	7	0	283	90	40.43	4	0	68.79
2 Richard Pyle	8	8	1	273	132	39.00	0	1	72.99
3 Steve Broad	6	6	2	217	109	54.25	1	1	101.4
4 Jeff Heath	8	8	0	187	72	23.38	1	0	81.19
5 Jason Degg	8	8	2	177	59	29.50	1	0	57.65
6 Martin Goff	6	6	1	92	32	18.40	0	0	50
7 Neal Peach	5	4	1	62	33	20.67	0	0	70.73
8 Steve Moore	1	1	1	32	32	-	0	0	-
9 Joel Murphy	2	2	1	30	27	30.00	0	0	43.48
10 Paul Bates	2	2	0	20	16	10.00	0	0	55.56

Bowling:

Player	OVERS	MAIDENS	RUNS	WICKETS	BEST BOWLING	ECO	STRIKE RATE	AVERAGE
1 Keith Wakeham	52	3	236	11	4/47	4.54	28.36	21.45
2 Neal Peach	40	10	121	6	3/27	3.03	40.00	20.17
3 Paul Hamilton	9	0	72	3	2/39	8.00	18.00	24.00
4 Gareth Hart	11	0	78	3	3/60	7.09	22.00	26.00
5 Jason Degg	14	0	106	3	1/9	7.57	28.00	35.33
6 Robin Lambert	41.2	2	206	3	1/29	4.98	82.67	68.67
7 James Ford	7	0	49	2	2/49	7.00	21.00	24.50
8 Mike Lang	13	0	112	2	1/25	8.62	39.00	56.00
9 Paul Nott	18	3	44	2	2/19	2.44	54.00	22.00
10 Paul Thomas	9	1	38	1	1/38	4.22	54.00	38.00

RESULTS

5 May Chudleigh CC

Devon 187-6 (Richard Pyle 41, Jason Degg 40)

Cornwall 191-5 (Neal Peach 2-25, James Ford 2-49)

Lost by 5 wkts

<https://devoncb.play-cricket.com/website/results/4541193>

26 May Kilmington CC

Devon 164ao (Richard Pyle 38, Martin Goff 32, Jeff Heath 31)

Hants 165-7 (Neal Peach 3-27, Paul Nott 2-19)

Lost by 3 wkts

<https://devoncb.play-cricket.com/website/results/4541200>

10 June Penzance CC

Devon 155-7 (Jason Degg 59, Steve Broad 50*)

Cornwall 156-4

Lost by 6 wkts

<https://devoncb.play-cricket.com/website/results/4541203>

16 June Whimble CC

Somerset 328-5

Devon 230ao (Steve Broad 109, Ian Hayter 51)

Lost by 98 runs

<https://devoncb.play-cricket.com/website/results/4541206>

23 June Bradninch CC

Devon 180-7 (Ian Hayter 90, Joel Murphy 27*)

Dorset 184-1

Lost by 9 wkts

<https://devoncb.play-cricket.com/website/results/4541207>

15 July North Curry CC

Devon 179-5 (Ian Hayter 56, Neal Peach 33, Steve Moore 32*)

Somerset 181-5 (Keith Wakeham 4-47)

Lost by 5 wkts

<https://devoncb.play-cricket.com/website/results/4541196>

29 July Wimborne CC

Dorset 258-7 (Gareth Hart 3-60, Paul Hammlton 2-39, Keith Wakeham 2-44)

Devon 262-3 (Richard Pyle 132*, Jeff Heath 72)

Won by 7 wkts

<https://devoncb.play-cricket.com/website/results/4541197>

Plate Quarter Final - 12 Aug - Avebury CC (reduced to 35 overs)

Devon 177-9 (Ian Hayter 53, Neal Peach 25)

Wilts 168-6 (Keith Wakeham 2-37, Neal Peach 7-3-10-0)

Won by 9 runs

<https://devoncb.play-cricket.com/website/results/4952319>

Plate Semi Final - 19 Aug - Shillingstone CC

Devon 160-9 (Jeff Heath 33, Jason Degg, 32*)

Dorset 161-3 (Keith Wakeham 2-23)

Lost by 7 wkts

<https://devoncb.play-cricket.com/website/results/4954972>

DEVON OVER 50S 2s V WILTS @ AVEBURY CC 12 AUG 2021



Back l to r: Graham Moore+ (Newton Tracey), Paul Bates (Babbacombe), Richard Pyle (Shobrooke Park), Steve Broad (Babbacombe), Keith Wakeham (Ipplepen), Rob Lambert (Ashburton)

Front l to r: Jeff Heath (Ipplepen), Jason Degg (Plymouth), Ian Hayter (Bideford), Neal Peach (Kingsbridge), Martin Goff (Yelverton)*