
DEVON OVER 50s 2s V DORSET

WIMBORNE CC

JULY 29TH 2021

The trip to the lovely Wimborne CC was long and hot, with the summer holiday traffic mounting by the minute.

Several players stayed the night in nearby Dorchester, where Thai curries and large amounts of lager were consumed..

Dorset won the toss and batted first. Short of seam bowling, skipper Ian Hayter opened up, with Rob Lambert at the other end, and although both bowled tidily enough neither could get the breakthrough. Gareth Hart took the first wicket (his first for the 50s and finished with a very creditable 3-60) with the score on 99, and there were 2 for Keith Wakeham and a couple also for Paul Hamilton as Dorset finished on 258-7. A decent enough score, but on that wicket we always thought we were in with a chance, despite our recent record.

The early loss of Simon Tapley in the first over brought Richard Pyle in with Jeff Heath, and together they slowly but surely batted Devon to victory. Dorset's bowlers had no answer, and although a few dropped catches went our way, the partnership of 159 (the 3rd highest ever for the Over 50s 2s) took the outcome almost beyond doubt. With Jeff out for a well made 72 off 76 (1 x 6, 9 x 4s) Richard just carried on, putting on 44 with Jason Degg and an unbeaten 51 with Martin Goff, ending on 132* off 135 balls (15 x 4, 2 x 6). A mammoth effort, especially given that we had lost all our league games until this - the final match.

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

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RICHARD PYLE



JEFF HEATH