

## Over 60's First Eleven – Season 2024

The first eleven continues to make good progress and this year for the first time in a few years managed to get through to the second round of the cup proper finishing second behind Wales

Although the team achieved good victories against Kent, Sussex and Oxford ( Twice ) we came unstuck on our travels with significant losses to Kent and Sussex, an amazing tie against Northants kept us in with a shout of the semis but unfortunately the team just failed at the last fence

Before I go into some stats, I would like to thank all the players that turned out for me this year, you all deserve a pat on the back and you did our county proud  
Hopefully we are all looking after our highly tuned athletic bodies ( or helping them to heal ) and we can achieve more success next season

Interesting to note that our top 4 batters scored over 2000 runs between them and I think I'm right in saying no other county managed to achieve this

Leading performers

From an allrounder perspective Chris Cook with 296 runs and 20 wickets continues to impress

Paul Bates was our leading wicket taker with 25 wickets and as I always say, cricket is a game of angles and with his left arm around the wicket he certainly had the measure of quite a few right handers

However after due consideration and it was a tight call this year, my player of the season goes to Steve Luffman with 669 runs at an average of 51.46, this included 2 centuries and 3 fifties. On top of all this when Derick Solomon got badly injured playing bowls, ( Sorry Del ) Luffers stepped up to the plate and took over the gloves

One game that will always remain in my thoughts was played at Braunton where Luffers destroyed the oppositions bowling hitting 13 sixes and keeping some of our players busy in the adjoining field – amazing !!!!

It appears that next season yet again will be a very busy one with a potential 22 games plus a fixture against an Australian XI and some friendlies

As always, my sincere thanks to our scorer Alan Webster and our umpires Dave Hawke and John Gadie

Roger Wensley  
Devon Seniors Over 60's First Eleven Captain

