

Over 70s Match Report v Wilts:

Devon kept up their winning run with a 3 wicket win over Wiltshire at Instow.

Jeff Baxter won the toss and asked the visitors to bat. Devon got the start they wished with a wicket in the first over David Gambie had Richard Guy very well caught by Peter Whitby at backward square leg, a further wicket by the same bowler left the visitors 27 for 2. The Wiltshire middle order all scored runs, Sanders 19 very well run out by Tom Stanton, Chillin 22 retired hurt Blake 26, Bennett 22 retired hurt and the mainstay of their batting Robinson 67 not out.

Wiltshire finished on a respectable 201 for 4.

Devon openers Andy Rose and Gerry Keen were both in good form with a partnership of 101 before Rose was stumped for 48, Keen following soon after bowled for 48.

Peter Whitby and Jeff Baxter took the total to 148 before Baxter was bowled for 12, Tom Stanton joined Whitby who was unfortunately to be run out for 29, Norman Botton and Peter Shepard made little progress and were out for 0 and 6 respectively leaving Devon 167 for 7 needing 35 off the last 5 overs. Stanton and Alastair Ashworth at the wicket and the latter made the difference with 3 boundaries before being adjudged LBW leaving Stanton 18no and Roy Page 2no to see Devon to victory with an over and 2 balls to spare, 203 for 7.

A pleasing win but we should not have been chasing 201. 165 would have been about right but our fielding was well below par.