

Match report for Collingbourne vs Devizes 2nds on 8/8/09

On Saturday 8th August Collingbourne CC travelled to Devizes 2nds in their 15th Wilts League Division 3 match. After a rained off weekend the week before in which none of the teams played Collingbourne were looking to increase their lead at the top of the table. Collingbourne Captain Owen Sheppard started well by winning the toss and asking Devizes to bat first on a soft wicket. His Decision paid dividend as Ollie Scott (12 overs 2 wickets for 23 runs) and Tom Grant (12 overs 3 wickets for 27 runs) bowled a good pace with consistent line and length forcing Devizes to lose 5 wickets before scoring their first 50 runs. Scott and Grant continued to impress helped out by catches from Sheppard and John Aitken as both bowlers saw through their 12 overs each. As the game continued the wicket dried with Devizes finding much needed runs in their number 7 bat Mitchell who continued to defy the Collingbourne bowlers. In an attempt to finish the innings Sheppard used 6 bowlers in all, but it was himself and pace bowler Ian Kiy who made the biggest impact on the tail with Kiy claiming 2 wickets in his 6 overs and Sheppard taking 3 in his 4 including Mitchell who went for an aggressive 41. Thanks to catches from Scott and Will Eden Devizes were finally all out for 126 from 38 overs.

In reply Collingbourne's opening pair of Tom Grant and Graham Chandler took the attack to the Devizes bowlers. Both rode their luck with a couple of drops from the Devizes fielders. But this didn't deter the pair as Grant scored 65 not out and Chandler 51 not out to take the score to 128 for no loss. This gave Collingbourne a victory by 10 wickets and maximum points from the game to keep them at the top of division 3 with 3 games to go.