

MATCH REPORT
TIVERTON & BICKLEIGH v. IVYBRIDGE (DEVON LEAGUE C DIVISION)
SATURDAY 14th JUNE 2008 AT BICKLEIGH

Ivybridge almost came away with an unlikely victory at Tiverton & Bickleigh last Saturday. The East Devon side normally play their first team home games at Blundell's School, but the ground there was unavailable at the game was switched to their usual second XI ground at Bickleigh. Ivybridge skipper Andy Johnson called correctly and opted to field first to give his bowlers first use of what looked to be a surface which would have some uneven bounce and assistance for the seam bowlers.

Ivybridge started well with Paul Veale and Mike Anderson both bowling a good line and length. It was Anderson who made the first breakthrough, having John Hall caught behind by Andy Coker. Coker juggled the catch but eventually held on. In his next over, Anderson had the second breakthrough, with Robinson edging him to Kelvin Trent at first slip.

Ivybridge seemed well on top at this stage with remaining opener Andy Blake and new batsman Hudson finding runsoring difficult. They had nudged their way to 37 for 2 before Anderson made the next breakthrough trapping the left handed Hudson lbw for 8.

James Bullock had replaced Paul Veale in the attack and he too found the pitch to his liking and continued to keep the pressure on. Blake looked to be getting himself set having made 17 from 51 balls, but Bullock responded well, knocking back his middle stump with his next delivery to leave Tiverton & Bickleigh in trouble at 53 for 4 at the halfway stage of their innings.

Bullock soon picked up another wicket with Turner caught at mid wicket to a slightly short ball which was on him quicker than he expected.. Gareth Andrews safely held the catch.

Tiverton skipper Chris Reed and Andy Pengelly took their time to get going adding only another 30 runs in the next 10 overs so that with 10 overs remaining Tiverton were still in a tricky position at 95 for 6. However, the two batsman had taken their time to get set and were then able to push on in the last 10 overs. Paul Veale's second spell was despatched for 37 in four overs and Kelvin Trent's four overs were hammered for 44 as Reed and Pengelly cut loose. Veale did manage to pick up Pengelly (33 in 49 balls), well stumped by Andy Coker, but the pair added 110 for the sixth wicket to turn the tables.

Richard Pugsley made a quickfire 11 in support of his captain and by the end of their 46 overs, Tiverton had reached 193 for 6.

After tea, Ivybridge had an early setback losing Gareth Andrews cleaned bowled in the second over. Andy Johnson and Nick Dunn negotiated the next 10 overs and were looking to move things along when Johnson tried to work the ball through the legside, but succeeded in spooning the ball to extra cover off a leading edge.

Dunn and new batsman Derek Solomon quickly moved the score past fifty inside 15 overs, and Ivybridge's position looked promising. The loss of Dunn again proved to be a turning point as he picked out a solitary looking square leg fielder as he tried to hit a full toss from Hudson for 4.

Kelvin Trent came and went quickly, continuing a poor run of form as he was trapped lbw by Pengelly. Chris Greenhouse and Solomon dug in, but a succession of maidens from Pengelly put Ivybridge behind the required rate.

However, they kept the scoreboard moving and Tiverton skipper Reed tried a range of bowlers to try and break the partnership. Just as the pair had looked to put Ivybridge in a position where a victory was a possibility, left armer Heard got Solomon to nick a widish delivery to the keeper. Andy Coker followed first ball, again caught behind, this time from a delivery which bounced from a length and caught the glove.

Josh Coker and Greenhouse again put Ivybridge back in the game with a stand of 46 in 8 overs. Coker's bright innings of 16, included a huge six over long-off.

Mike Anderson continued where Coker had left off and suddenly the equation looked favourable to Ivybridge. However, Turner enticed him to chip one back to the bowler and with Paul Veale following in the same over, suddenly Ivybridge were on the brink of defeat at 163 for 9 with 4 overs left.

Tiverton kept the field back in fear of the visitors still sneaking victory which made things easier for Greenhouse and last man Bullock to play out the final overs. The gaps meant that Ivybridge were able to pass 175 and claim a fourth batting point but finished 13 short of their target.

The points from the drawn game were enough to move Ivybridge out of the bottom two. This week the side host Chagford at Erme Valley.

SCORECARD

			Runs	Balls
TIVERTON & BICKLEIGH				
A Blake		b Bullock	17	(51)
J Hall	c A. Coker	b Anderson	11	(31)
J Robinson	c Trent	b Anderson	0	(7)
S Hudson	lbw	b Anderson	8	(24)
G Turner	c Andrews	b Bullock	6	(31)
C Reed (capt)		not out	69	(74)
A Pengelly	st A. Coker	b Veale	33	(49)
R Pugsley		not out	11	(8)
Did not bat: -				
J Parr				
P Hubbard				
T Heard				
Extras		(11b, 11lb, 16w)	38	
TOTAL		(for 6 wickets)	193	

Bowling:

	O	M	R	W
M Anderson	13	4	22	3
P Veale	11	3	54	1
J Bullock	13	4	31	2
J Coker	5	0	20	0
K Trent	4	0	44	0

IVYBRIDGE

A Johnson (capt)	c Hubbard	b Hudson	8	(34)
G Andrews		b Pugsley	0	(1)
N Dunn	c Parr	b Hudson	29	(39)
D Solomon	c Reed	b Heard	31	(64)
K Trent	lbw	b Pengelly	2	(14)
C Greenhouse		not out	26	(80)
A Coker	c Reed	b Heard	0	(1)
J Coker		b Turner	16	(25)
M Anderson	c &	b Turner	7	(4)
P Veale		b Turner	2	(4)
J Bullock		not out	4	(9)
Extras		(2b, 5lb, 48w)	55	
TOTAL		(for 9 wickets)	180	

Bowling:

	O	M	R	W
S Hudson	10	3	26	2
R Pugsley	10	1	35	1
A Pengelly	7	4	5	1
J Hall	4	0	23	0
J Parr	3	0	9	0
T Heard	5	0	29	2
P Hubbard	2	0	18	0
G Turner	4	0	19	3
J Robinson	1	0	9	0

MATCH DRAWN

Points: Tiverton & Bickleigh 14, Ivybridge 9