

**Devon Cricket League A Division**  
**Season 2019**  
**Match No. 1 v Cornwood at Home**

*Revenge is best served cold (believed to derive from the French Novel Les Liaisons dangereux)*

For those (or that) Quill follower who has read the Preseason report, you will recall that I mentioned the match against Cornwood at the end of last season which stopped Cornwood being promoted and ensured that Bideford were not relegated.

Wee, I am pretty sure that Cornwood's visit to the Ho! This afternoon was always going to be revengeful on Cornwood's part – and indeed in that they were successful beyond their wildest imagination.

Losing the toss was possibly pivotal but a quick glance of the scorecard shows that after the first 10 overs of power play Bideford were 29-5, and in the next 10 over scored 16 more runs for the loss of the remaining wickets (two run outs included) says everything. Jack Ford with a few drives in the air, but a brave determination scored 20 – the only player (apart from extras) for Bideford who got into double figures and Bideford were all out for 45 in just over one hour.

Cornwood knocked the runs off in quick time for the loss of no wickets. A sad start to the season, but we all know that the batsmen can bat, so next time that is what they have to do.

I meant to say in my earlier report that it was unlikely this season – at least for a lot of the time that my reports won't be up until Monday – but then I didn't expect to be home at this time.

I was considering offering a Walker Brothers Song, 'The Sun ain't goin' to shine anymore' but on reflection that did sound a bit terminal – so next week batters, go out and bat and 'Make it easy on yourselves' (Another Walker Brothers Hit)

Really there is nothing more to be said other than I note that the captain has started following my text offerings by heading the selection of the team for this match *Here we go again*' (The Hollies) a song I have referred to on many occasions.

So off to Bradninch, demoted from the Premier last year, and a new start.

The Quill