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#### Somerset's Overton Brothers Help out at the Ho!

Somerset's and North Devon's Overton brothers helped out recently at an under 9s trial match just hours after playing for Somerset against Surrey at the Oval.



Craig and Jamie with Andy Davies and the young hopefuls at Westward Ho!

**Somerset players Craig and Jamie Overton spent Saturday afternoon trying to bowl out the Surrey middle order at the Oval - and less than 24 hours later were umpiring an Under 9's match at Westward Ho!**

The Bideford-based brothers answered the SOS call of Andy Davies, Bideford Colts Manager and the North Devon District Under 9's team manager, in his hour of need, for umpires in his Under 9's North Devon District Trial Match.

Andy held a trial for the squad at Bideford's Westward Ho! ground on Sunday May 20th. Boys from Bideford, North Devon, Braunton and Filleigh had a try-out for the team. Trouble was, Andy's usual umpires and helpers were all either playing themselves or were busy, so he called Mark Overton asking if he knew anyone who could help. Mark offered the services of Craig and Jamie to umpire the match.

So less than 24 hours after the twins were playing first class cricket for Somerset, doing their best to bowl out the Surrey tail-enders at the Oval, they were umpiring the North Devon District Under 9s trial match at Westward Ho! They only had a single day off as they are both in the squad for Tuesday's LV= Championship match against Durham at Taunton, and in fact both made the final 11, so Andy was delighted they agreed to help out.

Andy said, "I'm delighted that Craig and Jamie answered my SOS call for umpires and agreed to help me out with this Under 9s trial match. It was a very exciting surprise and inspirational for the youngsters to meet genuine first class cricketers and have them umpire their own match, especially as they themselves were North Devon colts until only recently. It's a day the Under 9s will probably never forget and I thank Jamie and Craig for giving up their Sunday afternoon at such short notice!"

The trial match was in preparation for the Under 9's District Festival being held at Westward Ho! on Bank Holiday Monday 4th June. Teams representing North Devon, South Devon, West Devon and East Devon will be taking part.