

Bio Secure Sadness



Whilst the return to 1st class action this weekend is to be applauded there is a tinge of sadness that this will be behind closed doors. Professional sport is entertainment and without the fans it is missing the greatest element of the whole. The ECB, Counties & Players should be congratulated on the massive effort that has gone into making these games possible,

There is a splendid irony in the Lancashire side being reluctant to come to Leicester, now find their own home subject to increasing lockdown. I hope that both sides enjoy Worcester, stay safe and produce some enthralling cricket



The Bob Willis Trophy

Here are the main things to be aware of

- 5 Group matches & a possible final at Lords
- Max 90 overs in a day down from 96
- Each sides 1st innings limited to 120 overs
- New Ball after 90 overs not 80
- Follow on increased from 150 to 200 behind
- Points for a draw increased from 5 to 8
- All other points scoring the same

You can watch the action by Live Streaming from the Leicestershire CCC website

FOND FAREWELLS

News came this week that 2 former captains have played their last games for the Club

Paul Horton joined from Lancashire in 2016 He played 54 1st class 18 List A & 1 T20 for the Foxes in his time at Grace Rd

Mark Cosgrove joined in 2015 as a prolific hard hitting batter and bowler he played 72 1st Class, 34 List A & 65 T20 Scoring 7331 runs in all competitions and taking 9 wickets

Best wishes and thanks to both men



Leicestershire

v Lancashire



Matches 1st Played in 1894

Total 163 Leicestershire Won 20 Lost 80 Drawn 63 Abandoned 2

Highest total by Leicestershire			
493 a/o 126 Overs	S.Coe 156* H.Whitehead 97	Aylestone Rd	1910
Highest total by Lancashire			
590 a/o 174 Overs	J.Tyldesley 249	Grace Road	1899
Lowest Total by Leicestershire			
33 a/o 22 Overs	H.Smith	Aylestone Rd	1925
Lowest Total by Lancashire			
72 a/o 34 Overs	Geary 9-33	Ashby	1926
Highest individual score for Leicestershire			
158	W.Watson	Grace Road	1961
Highest individual score for Lancashire			
249	J.Tyldesley	Grace Rd	1899
Best Bowling in innings for Leicestershire			
9-33	G.Geary	Ashby	1926
Best bowling innings for Lancashire			
9-32	C.Parkin	Ashby	1924
Best bowling in Match for Leicestershire			
14-98	G.Geary	Ashby	1926
Best bowling in Match for Lancashire			
15-108	B.Statham	Grace Road	1964
Highest Partnerships for Leicestershire			
1 st Wkt - 174	E.Dawson & A.Shipman	Aylestone Rd	1929
2 nd Wkt - 287	W.Watson & A.Wharton	Grace Rd	1961
3 rd Wkt - 163	J.Bradshaw & N.Armstrong	Aylestone Rd	1929
4 th Wkt - 156	J.Balderstone & R.Tolchard	Liverpool	1973
5 th Wkt - 180	D.Gower & J.Whitaker	Old Trafford	1986
6 th Wkt - 199	N.Johnson & P.Nixon	Grace Road	1997
7 th Wkt - 116	W.Astill & C.Coleman	Aylestone Rd	1928
8 th Wkt - 172	P.Nixon & D.Millns	Old Trafford	1996
9 th Wkts - 119	P.Nixon & A.Pierson	Grace Road	1933
10 th Wkt - 123	C.Lewis & M.Brimson	Grace Road	1999

Whilst the majority of the matches between the 2 sides have taken place at either Old Trafford or Grace Rd, there is a long history of games at Outgrounds. Lancashire have hosted games against the Foxes at Liverpool, Southport, Blackpool & Nelson whilst Leicestershire have visited Aylestone Rd, Ashby, Barwell, Melton & Hinckley when hosting the red rose county

Never has a game between the sides been played outside of the counties of Lancashire & Leicestershire. The game at Worcester will be a first