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Worcester wizardry.....

A run chase worthy of a T20 match saw the Foxes triumph by 8 wickets with 8 balls to spare in an enthralling contest against Lancs at New Road in round 1.

Whilst there were stellar performances by Ben Slater & Colin Ackermann this was an all round team performance and Head Coach Paul Nixon was rightly all smiles at the end.

The bowlers put in the hard yards on a very flat pitch. To take 20 Lancs wickets was a huge effort and built the platform for the victory



The New #RunningFoxes

Set aside the result for a moment, this was a very different team to that of last year. There may be the same personnel but something has changed. The positive attitude, belief and enthusiasm were evident from ball 1. For a side so used to losing over recent seasons the desire & belief that they could win this game was remarkable. The coaches have clearly worked hard in those dark months of winter and lockdown. The choice of Colin Ackermann (my man of the match) as captain could be an inspired one. He is full of ideas, not afraid to try things and above all values the different skills of his team mates.

There were moments, not many, in the Lancs game when Foxes were under pressure. The start of our 1st innings with Lancashire having posted 300 + was one. Most of the last day when wickets had to be chiselled out was another but they came through both with flying colours. It will be interesting to see how they respond when under the cosh.

We move on to the Bio Secure FCG for this weekends clash with Derbyshire who themselves are on cloud 9 from a stunning victory against Notts. It will be interesting to see how both sides go. Not least Ben Slater who will be up against his spiritual home town club



Leicestershire

v Derbyshire



Matches 1st Played in 1895

Total 216 Leicestershire Won 64 Lost 61 Drawn 88 Abandoned 3

Highest total by Leicestershire			
619 a/o 144 Overs	M.Cosgrove 188, E.Eckersley 158, C.Ackermann 118	Derby	217
Highest total by Derbyshire			
533 a/o 142 Overs	B.Godleman 141, S.Thakor 132	Derby	2017
Lowest Total by Leicestershire			
36	B.Booth 12, J.Birkenshaw 10	Loughboro	1965
Lowest Total by Derbyshire			
36	Odell 6-15, Jayes 4-17	Chesterfield	1905
Highest individual score for Leicestershire			
221	B.Hodge	Oakham	2004
Highest individual score for Derbyshire			
239*	K.Barnett	Grace Road	1988
Best Bowling in innings for Leicestershire			
9-37	D.Millns	Derby	1991
Best bowling innings for Derbyshire			
10-64	T.Mitchell	Aylestone Rd	1935
Best bowling in Match for Leicestershire			
13-102	F.Geeson	Grace Road	1898
13-102	J.H.King	Aylestone Rd	1920
Best bowling in Match for Derbyshire			
13-73	H.Jackson	Derby	1962
Highest Partnerships for Leicestershire			
1 st Wkt - 390	B.Dudleston & J.Steel	Grace Road	1979
2 nd Wkt – 217	D.Robinson & T.New	Grace Road	2005
3 rd Wkt – 259*	C.Balderstone & T.Boon	Grace Road	1984
4 th Wkt – 239	M.Cosgrove & E.Eckersley	Derby	2017
5 th Wkt – 226*	R.MacDonald & F.Geeson	Glossop	1901
6 th Wkt – 262	A.Sharp & G.Fowke	Chesterfield	1911
7 th Wkt – 150	R.Tolchard & P.Booth	Derby	1974
8 th Wkt – 195	J.Tayloe & J.Naik	Grace Road	2009
9 th Wkts – 96	C.Henderson & M.Hoggard	Derby	2011
10 th Wkt – 96	M.Gidley & J.Maguire	Grace Road	1991

Ben Slater's 172 on debut for the Foxes last weekend saw him become the 11th Leicestershire player to score 100 on first appearance. It was Ben's career best 1st class score and was the 2nd highest total on debut behind Phil Simmons 261 against Northants in 1994

Leicestershire have played Derbyshire in Championship cricket more times than any other opposition (211) The same is also true for Derbyshire