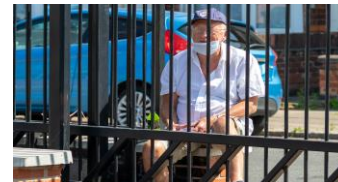




Focus on consistency



There is no doubt that all the staff at Leicestershire have done a fantastic job in making the environment safe and as secure as possible for the return of cricket to the FCG. The indoor school and Bennett End Hospitality boxes have been turned into the away dressing rooms and dining area; while the Foxes change in the upstairs of the meet and dine in the Charles Palmer. The pavilion is reserved for the Umpires and match officials, and us media types have access to our usual facilities. Protocols are strict. Everyone entering the ground must have completed a Health Assessment and have a gun (of the temperature type) pointed at them before being allowed to enter. Once in there is no exit and return. Hand washing and sanitation stations are positioned around the ground. All of this created a surreal atmosphere for the visit of Derbyshire, including one eager fan who took up residence on the wall on Grace Rd to try and get a sight of the play !!



Following the success in Rnd 1 and all the work put in at the FCG it was particularly disappointing to see an on field performance that fell well short of the previous game at Worcester. Highlights were few & far between but Harry Dearden's 70 in the first innings before being 'sawn off' by a dubious decision and Harry Swindell's unbeaten 41 in the 2nd innings were noteworthy. Outside of that the bowlers lacked control on a flat pitch with short boundary.

This weekend sees the visit of Durham who have lost both their games so far. But captained by Foxes favourite Ned Eckersley and with Ben Raine in the side we can expect another tough test

It's a warm Foxes welcome to James Weighell who joins us from Durham on a season long loan. With injury to Chris Wright it looks odds on he will make his debut against his current employers in the game starting on Saturday.



HOME		AWAY	
LANCASHIRE	SATURDAY, AUG 29	DERBYSHIRE*	THURSDAY, AUG 27
DURHAM*	MONDAY, AUG 31	YORKSHIRE	WEDNESDAY, SEP 02
YORKSHIRE	FRIDAY, SEP 11	NOTTINGHAMSHIRE	FRIDAY, SEP 04
DERBYSHIRE	TUESDAY, SEP 15	DURHAM	SUNDAY, SEP 13
NOTTINGHAMSHIRE	FRIDAY, SEP 18	LANCASHIRE	SUNDAY, SEP 20

VITALITY BLAST

The T20 Blast fixtures were issued this week. The Foxes play in the same group as the Bob Willis Trophy. There are 5 games at the FCG although 1 of the games against Derbyshire is an away match and out home game against Durham will be played at Headingley which has been designated at the ground where all televised North group games take place

Leicestershire

v Durham



Matches 1st Played in 1992

Total 20 Leicestershire Won 12 Lost 3 Drawn 5 Abandoned 0

Highest total by Leicestershire			
634-9 135 Overs	B.Hodge 262 D.Stevens 84	Grace Road	2004
Highest total by Durham			
525-8 142 Overs	C.Steel 224 T.Latham 124	Grace Rd	2017
Lowest Total by Leicestershire			
101 a/o 29 Overs	M.Carberry	Riverside	2018
Lowest Total by Durham			
61 a/o 28 Overs	A.Lees 16 M.Abbas 5-23	Grace Road	2018
Highest individual score for Leicestershire			
262	B.Hodge	Grace Road	2004
Highest individual score for Durham			
253	M.Hussey	Grace Rd	2005
Best Bowling in innings for Leicestershire			
7-49	P.Simmons	Darlington	1998
Best bowling innings for Durham			
7-32	W.Weighell	Riverside	2018
Best bowling in Match for Leicestershire			
10-52	M.Abbas	Grace Road	2018
Best bowling in Match for Durham			
10-141	S.Brown	Grace Road	1997
Highest Partnerships for Leicestershire			
1 st Wkt - 146	M.Carberry & P.Horton	Riverside	2018
2 nd Wkt - 148	D.Maddy & B.Smith	Riverside	1996
3 rd Wkt - 150	J.Maunders & D.Stevens	Riverside	2004
4 th Wkt - 223	B.Hodge & D.Stevens	Grace Road	2004
5 th Wkt - 209	D.Maddy & A.Habib	Darlington	1998
6 th Wkt - 284	P.Simmons & P.Nixon	Riverside	1996
7 th Wkt - 52	B.Smith & N.Burns	Grace Road	2000
8 th Wkt - 98	G.Parsons & D.Millns	Grace Road	1995
9 th Wkts - 89	W.benjamin & G.Parsons	Grace Road	1993
10 th Wkt - 84	P.DeFreitas & C.Crowe	Riverside	2000

The match at Grace Rd September 2018 saw Foxes inflicting the 2 lowest totals on Durham bowling them out for 61 & 66 in 50 overs on day 2. Mo Abbas taking 10-52 in the match These being the record lowest scores by Durham against any opposition in Championship Cricket

Mark Cosgrove batted for 377 minutes facing 269 balls and scoring 107* to save the last match against Durham at The Riverside in August. Following on 308 behind The Foxes finished on 363 -8 in the second innings Cozzie having come in when Azad was out on Day 3 and stayed at the crease for 99 overs