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Your 2019 Foxes squad



Specsaver Championship

With the arrival of that new competition next season, many are viewing this as something of a landmark year for 'proper cricket'. The revised structure from 2020 gives 3 sides a chance of promotion from Div 2 this year. I am sure all Counties will be looking on this as an opportunity but can the Foxes continue their improvement of last season. With a smaller squad and (say this quietly) 4 matches back to back in June, it will be an all round test of character for the Squad and coaches.

Relegated last time both Lancs & Worcs must fancy a quick return but our opponents for the first game Sussex will be pushing and I expect Middlesex to feature as well



Last Seasons encounters saw the early season match end in a high scoring draw and in the reverse fixture at Hove in September Sussex were comfortable winners by 274 Runs. There were notable performances in both matches. Colin Ackermann made a very fine 184 in the Foxes first innings at Grace Road and in September making his championship debut Ben Mike took 5-37

With the home side deprived of Jofra Archer away in the IPL a repeat from these 2 in the opening match could give the foxes a sniff of a first championship victory at Hove since 1995

Don't forget the gates for all Championship matches at the FCG now open 1 hour before start of play not 90 minutes before

Leicestershire



v Sussex

Matches 1st Played in 1900

Total 146 Leicestershire Won 34 Lost 58 Drawn 54 Abandoned 0

Highest total by Leicestershire			
609-8 Dec	A.E.Knight 182 H.Whitehead 116	Grace Rd	1900
Highest total by Sussex			
686 - 8	K.Ranjitsinhji 275 C.B.Fry 135	Grace Rd	1900
Lowest Total by Leicestershire			
40	No batsman made double figures	Hove	1960
Lowest Total by Sussex			
66	G.Geary 5-24 H.Smith 4-32	Aylestone Rd	1935
Highest individual score for Leicestershire			
232	Les Berry	Aylestone Rd	1930
Highest individual score for Sussex			
335*	Murray Goodwin	Hove	2003
Best Bowling in innings for Leicestershire			
8-73	Jack Walsh	Hove	1948
Best bowling innings for Sussex			
8-41	A.Relf in 1912 & A.F.Wensley in 1933	Hove Eastbourne	1912 1933
Best bowling in Match for Leicestershire			
15-100	Jack Walsh	Hove	1948
Best bowling in Match for Sussex			
15-77	A.Relf	Hove	1912
Highest Partnerships for Leicestershire			
1 st Wkt - 153	B.Dudleston & I.Butcher	Grace Rd	1984
2 nd Wkt - 216	B.Dudleston & C.Balderstone	Grace Rd	1973
3 rd Wkt - 163	G.Watson & M.Tompkin	Hastings	1947
4 th Wkt - 256	A.Knight & H.Whitehead	Grace Rd	1900
5 th Wkt - 208	D.Masters & J.Sadler	Hove	2003
6 th Wkt - 169	N.Armstrong & W.Astill	Aylestone Rd	1931
7 th Wkt - 171	V.Crawford & W.Odell	Eastbourne	1908
8 th Wkt - 100	G.Watson & H.Bowley	Aylestone Rd	1937
9 th Wkts - 133	A.Knight & A.Davis	Hove	1905
10 th Wkt - 86	R.MacDonald & J.Whiteside	Hastings	1901

The record 5th wicket stand involved our current batting coach John Sadler who made a career best 145 in the partnership of 208 with David Masters who had been promoted to No 3 and made 119.

The same game saw Luke Wright make his championship debut for the Foxes

Paddy Clift made the fastest recorded Championship hundred for the Foxes against Sussex at Hove in 1983 hitting 100* off 58 balls in 50 minutes