CC Round 2 BLOG



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Flying start

All those Foxes fans who travelled to Hove for the start of the season last Friday could not possibly have dreamt of such a perfect start. Game won, 21 points and top of the league. Granted there have only been 3 matches so far but with highly fancied Sussex at being first up and no win at Hove for 24

Years one could be forgiven for expecting an uphill battle. The news that 'Bassy' was still stuck somewhere between Dubai Lahore & Grace Rd left all but the most optimistic fearing the worst.

Make no mistake this is a very competent Sussex side but at every turn when put under pressure the lads delivered. That mental toughness and steel that the coaches have talked about was to the fore at key stages. The partnership of Dearden & Hill when 59-5 in the first innings was critical. When Tom Taylor who was excellent throughout, with Ball & bat, combined with Colin Ackermann on the 3rd morning to take the last 8 Sussex wkts for 97 it was no more than both deserved. Even so we have seen 230 prove more than a challenge in recent years. So when Captain Paul Horton lead by example and Hass Azad showed maturity well beyond a Championship debutant, the resolve was clear. Combine that with a diligent Cozzie who played with a confidence & freedom we rarely saw last year the victory was achieved without alarm.

One swallow doesn't a summer make, as the saying goes but the resolve and composure of the lads suggests much has changed in the mindset over the winter.

Many Congratulations to Tom Taylor & Colin Ackermann For achieving career best Bowling figures at Hove in the Win against Sussex. Taylor with a 1st match figures of 10-122 and Ackermann with 5 -69



Player	Matches	Runs	HS	Avg	100/50	Wkt	ВВ	Avg	5w/10w	Ct/St
Colin Ackermann	112	7,213	196*	40.98	17/41	53	5-69	37.24	1/0	94/0
Aadil Ali	15	639	80	26.62	0/3	1	1-10	86.00	0/0	6/0
Mark Cosgrove	209	14,343	233	40.74	35/82	52	3-3	45.32	0/0	130/0
Harry Dearden	25	934	87	21.72	0/5	2	1-0	47.50	0/0	22/0
Sam Evans	8	248	114	22.54	1/0	0	0-3	N/A	0/0	2/0
Paul Horton	205	11,651	209	35.95	23/65	2	2-6	40.00	0/0	191/1
Neil Dexter	154	7,957	163*	34.89	17/38	166	6-63	32.45	6/0	97/0
Ateeq Javid	40	1,408	143	24.27	3/4	5	1-1	86.60	0/0	18/0
Arron Lilley	15	426	63	32.76	0/2	40	5-23	35.17	2/0	4/0
Ben Mike	4	96	39	13.71	0/0	19	5-37	20.26	1/0	2/0
Lewis Hill	35	1,330	126	25.09	1/5	0	0-6	N/A	0/0	78/2
Harry Swindells		Yet to ma	ake 1st Class	s Debut						
Mohammad Abbas	90	593	40	7.05	0/0	413	8-46	19.92	34/10	24/0
Will Davis	15	130	25	10.00	0/0	46	7-146	30.86	1/0	2/0
Gavin Griffiths	20	263	40	16.43	0/0	47	6-49	31.04	1/1	3/0
Dieter Klein	58	1,268	94	18.92	0/5	196	8-72	28.43	10/1	19/0
Callum Parkinson	21	435	75	17.40	0/1	41	8-148	46.60	1/1	4/0
Tom Taylor	28	661	80	18.36	0/2	86	6-47	30.40	3/1	7/0
Chris Wright	148	2,717	77	18.60	0/11	414	6-22	33.23	11/0	25/0
Hassan Azad	11	535	139	41.15	1/3	0	0-2	N/A	0/0	6/0

1st Class playing record including Sussex match last week

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Leicestershire v Worcestershire

Matches 1st Played in 1899

Total 145 Leicestershire Won 39 Lost 48 Drawn 58 Abandoned 0

Highest total by Leicest	tershire						
701-4	C.Wood 225 H.Whitehead 174 V.Crawford	New Rd	1904				
	102*						
Highest total by Worcestershire							
561 all out	F.Bowley 134 W.Lowe 154	Aylestone Rd	1901				
Lowest Total by Leicest							
43 in 25 overs	N.O'Brien 17 C.McKay 6 Extras 6	Grace Rd	2016				
Lowest Total by Worce	stershire						
40 in 17.3 overs	G.McKenzie 5-16 R.Matthews 3-21	New Rd	1971				
Highest individual scor	e for Leicestershire						
229*	A.E.Knight	New Rd	1906				
Highest individual scor	e for Worcestershire						
253*	D.Kenyon	New Rd	1954				
Best Bowling in innings for Leicestershire							
8-20	G.Geary	Aylestone Rd	1931				
Best bowling innings for							
8-85	N.Gifford	Grace Rd	1969				
Best bowling in Match for Leicestershire							
13-120	F.W.Stocks	Grace Rd	1899				
Best bowling in Match for Worcestershire							
13-107	C.F.Root	Aylestone Rd	1931				
Highest Partnerships for Leicestershire							
1 st Wkt - 380	C.Wood & H.Whitehead	New Rd	1904				
2 nd Wkt – 209	J.C.Balderstone & N.E.Briers	Grace Rd	1981				
3 rd Wkt – 264	P.Horton & M.Cosgrove	New Road	2016				
4 th Wkt – 173	J.C.Balderstone & R.Illingworth	Grace Rd	1975				
5 th Wkt – 320	J.J.Whitaker & A Habib	Grace Rd	1996				
6 th Wkt – 146	V.Jackson & J.Walsh	Grace Rd	1946				
7 th Wkt – 123	N.Armstrong & G.Geary	Kidderminster	1929				
8 th Wkt – 120	W.Astill & H.Smith	New Rd	1937				
9 th Wkts – 160	R.Crawford & W.Odell	Aylestone Rd	1902				
10 th Wkt – 122	N.Briers & A.Pierson	New Rd	1995				

Ned Eckersley scored a hundred in each innings (106 & 119) v Worcs in the match at Grace Rd in 2013 this matched Maurice Hallam who did similar (107 & 149) at Grace Rd in 1965

The last time the side met in the Championship in Sept 2017 Callum Parkinson achieved his career best bowling of 8-148 in the 1st Innings & finished the match with 10-185

Current 2nd Team coach Tom Smith made his first class debut for the Foxes in the match at Grace Rd in 2008

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