



FLYING START in the Virtual world

With all cricket on hold and what should have been the start of the County Championship season last Sunday, we have been restricted to seeing games in the virtual world. There are 2 publications who are keeping our interest with virtual competitions. Cricketworld.com have enlisted Wes Durston & James Latham to utilise their Dice Cricket app to run the planned schedule of matches in the virtual world.

Meanwhile The Cricketer magazine have created a new tournament, The Quarantine Cup pitting players from different counties against each other on the PS4. Hassan Azad is the nominated Foxes man with his hands on the controller for Leicestershire

Victory against Notts in the CC opener



A fine victory by 4 wickets in the opening match of the Championship against Notts at Trent Bridge sees the home sides search for an elusive win stretch to 23 matches

Here are the match details

Match Summary

Nottinghamshire 212 (Ben Slater 64; Dieter Klein 5/44) & 275 (Samit Patel 60, Tom Moores 49; Chris Wright 5/107, Colin Ackerman 4/27)

Leicestershire 276 (Mark Cosgrove 107; Stuart Broad 4/86) & 214-6 (Hassan Azad 52, Paul Horton 46, Lewis Hill 63; Luke Fletcher 3-58, Samit Patel 3-54)

Going into the final day's play, Leicestershire needed just 54 with only 4 wickets remaining to win this exciting encounter. They managed to get over the line, without losing any further wickets, beating Notts by 4 wickets just before lunch.

Cricket Match Prediction: Result and Top Performers

Virtual County Championship County Championship: Cricket Match Predictions Competition (1 point scored for each correct prediction)

Top Bowler - Chris Wright (Leicestershire) - aggregate 8 Wickets

Top Batsman - Mark Cosgrove (Leicestershire) - aggregate 115 Runs

Result - Leicestershire won by 4 wickets

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Nottinghamshire - Ben Slater, Ben Duckett, Chris Nash, Joe Clarke, Steven Mullany, Samit Patel, Tom Moores, Peter Trego, Stuart Broad, Luke Fletcher, Jake Ball

Leicestershire - Hassan Azad, Paul Horton, Harry Dearden, Mark Cosgrove, Colin Ackerman, Lewis Hill, Tom Taylor, Ben Mike, Dieter Klein, Chris Wright, Will Davis



In the first round of the Quarantine Cup our man Hass Azad took control of the PS4 and destroyed Sophia Dunkley in the match up with Surrey just proving that those years at Loughborough were not all about nets and engineering. Debutant Janneman Malan opening the batting but didn't face a ball in the Foxes demolition of Surrey finishing 0*



Next up for the Foxes in the Championship is a trip to local rivals Derbyshire starting on Sunday. While in the Quarantine Cup the next match is back at the FCG for the visit of Glamorgan on Saturday 18th April at 2.00pm

v Derbyshire

Matches 1st Played in 1895

Total 214 Leicestershire Won 64 Lost 61 Drawn 88 Abandoned 1

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

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

The match last year saw Tom Lace play in 2 consecutive Championship matches against the Foxes. Having turned out for Middlesex at Lords in the previous match before returning on loan to Derbyshire for the game at Grace Rd