

Results so far Pld 2 W1 L1 D0

Championship returns with trip to HQ

When the fixtures were released last season it was a great disappointment to find that we were not to play Middlesex away and my fear was that this season would see us at Uxbridge or another outground. So I for one am eagerly looking forward to the visit to HQ. It is actually 8 years since the Foxes last played at Lords and some 39 years since we last won a



It will come as no surprise then to learn that not a single member of that team from 8 years ago is still on the books. In fact of the likely squad for this game only Chris Wright has played more than twice at HQ and for 6 of the starting line up it will be their first experience of a first class match, so getting used to the slope will be an immediate requirement.



I am sure everyone is delighted to see Mohammad Abbas return to the fold for this game. With his exploits for Pakistan at Lords last year fresh in the mind and a depleted Middlesex batting line up due to international duties this could be the opportunity to grab a 5 wicket haul at HQ. Welcome back Mo.

Middlesex go into the game minus several regular 1st choice batters & bowlers. The Foxes are taking a squad of 13 and will decide the final line up in the morning.

The wicket looks to be well over towards the mound stand so a short boundary one side

Travelling to Lords

Whether it's first time or your umpteenth visit here are some useful notes:-

- Nearest Tube station is St John's Wood on Jubilee Line
- There is no car parking at the ground
- Gates open at 9:30
- Admission is £20 per day
- Leicestershire CCC members can access the Lord's pavillion on production of your membership card
- There is a strict dress code to access the pavillion
- The Grandstand will not be used during this match

Foxes at HQ

Chris Wright leads the way with the most experience at Lords having played their 9 times. Of the LCCC squad Horton & Cosgrove have played twice, Javid & Abbas once. Wich leaves 8 of the 13 in the squad to make their first appearance at the Home of cricket.

In the last 50 years 3 Foxes batsmen have made their maiden 1st class 100 at HQ.

Paul Haywood in 1972, David Gower in 1976 and most recently Josh Cobb in 2008

There is no record of similar success for any of the bowlers. The last Fox to take 5 wickets was Matthew Hoggard in 2010 with 6-63



Leicestershire

v Middlesex

Matches 1st Played in 1898

Total 92 Leicestershire Won 20 Lost 39 Drawn 33 Abandoned 1

Highest total by Leicestershire			
533 a/o 182.3 overs	HD Ackerman 194, JJ Cobb 148 no	Lords	2008
Highest total by Middlesex			
637 – 4 dec 136 overs	WJ Edrich 257 DCS Compton 151	Grace Rd	1947
Lowest Total by Leicestershire			
65 28.2 overs	B Dudleston 22 J Birkenshaw 11	Lords	1971
Lowest Total by Middlesex			
41 19 overs	NM McVicker 6-19 GD McKenzie 4-22	Lords	1974
Highest individual score for Leicestershire			
224	VJ Wells	Lords	1997
Highest individual score for Middlesex			
257	WJ Edrich	Grace Rd	1947
Best Bowling in innings for Leicestershire			
7-44	K Higgs	Lords	1978
Best bowling innings for Middlesex			
7-34	PH Edmonds	Lords	1978
Best bowling in Match for Leicestershire			
9-40	NM McVicker	Lords	1976
Best bowling in Match for Middlesex			
13-125	AE Trott	Lords	1899
Highest Partnerships for Leicestershire			
1 st Wkt – 199	AW Shipman & GLBerry	Aylestone Rd	1931
2 nd Wkt – 156	VJ Wells & IJ Sutcliffe	Grace Rd	1998
3 rd Wkt – 236*	DI Gower & BF Davison	Lords	1976
4 th Wkt – 360*	JWA Taylor & AB McDonald	Grace Rd	2010
5 th Wkt – 145	BF Davison & RW Tolchard	Lords	1980
6 th Wkt – 270	HD Ackerman & JJ Cobb	Lords	2008
7 th Wkt – 109	WE Astill & G Geary	Lords	1930
8 th Wkt – 102*	JM Dakin & MS Kasporiowicz (2 nd Inns)	Lords	1999
9 th Wkts – 90	JM Dakin & MS Kasporiowicz (1 st Inns)	Lords	1999
10 th Wkt – 112	PV Simmons & AD Mullally	Grace Rd	1996

There have been 3 instances of Leicestershire player scoring a hundred in both innings of matches against Middlesex.

M Tompkin (156 & 107*) at Leicester in 1952

A Wharton (129 & 108) at Leicester in 1961

BJ Booth (109 & 104) at Lord's in 1965

JJ Cobb was the youngest Leicestershire player to score a Championship 100 at 18Yrs 5 Days v Middlesex at Lord's in 2008