

Woulda, Coulda, Shoulda



So we moved on from Lords and a game we 'woulda' won but for the weather to a home match with local rivals Derbyshire. Shortly into the afternoon of Day 1 and the away side all out for 139 we were starting to think this was a game we 'coulda' win and by the conclusion of a 65 run defeat were left ruing that we 'shoulda' won.

There is no doubt the bowlers had the edge all game but at 82-2 requiring another 150 the foxes looked in the box seat. The fact that we lost 8 for 86 from that point on and lost by 65 runs where the highest score of the game was 214 suggests a bit of a stuffing

No doubt Tony Palladino was the pick of the bowlers but in all honesty with few exceptions shot selection was poor and most of the batters contributed to their own downfall rather than being undone.

With this being the first of 5 back to back matches there is no time to dwell and the Foxes must take a long hard look at the balance of the batting for the trip to Liverpool. The relative luxury of 4 seamers seems somewhat dubious when the side are struggling for runs. It would be nice to think Neil Dexter could return to the side and the batting of Callum Parkinson would definitely strengthen the lower middle order

Liverpool Next

With the World Cup in full swing and Old Trafford now in use as that particular circus rolls into town, Leicestershire must travel to Liverpool CC's Aigburth ground.

The record here is not great having played there 10 times previously in 1st Class matches we have Won 1 Lost 5 and drawn 4

An in form and unbeaten Lancs with Messers Anderson, Gleeson & Mahmood charging in will be the next big test for the batters



Your correspondent will be taking a break from Championship cricket this week having the opportunity to cover 2 CWC19 matches at Trent Bridge. I am looking forward to getting to photograph my mate Jofra Archer in an England shirt. For those interested you can see my efforts at www.outsideoff.com/cwc19_world_cup.html



With the boys away Grace Road will welcome the England Women's team this Thursday 6th June in the first of 3 visits. West Indies are the visitors first up. Anyone not going to Liverpool and who has not seen a women's game before I would urge you to try and get along. The skill levels and entertainment are excellent and England are a very fine team

Leicestershire

v Lancashire



Matches 1st Played in 1895

Total 163 Leicestershire Won 20 Lost 80 Drawn 61 Abandoned 2

Highest total by Leicestershire			
493 a/o 126 Overs	S.Coe 156* H.Whitehead 97	Aylestone Rd	1910
Highest total by Lancashire			
590 a/o 174 Overs	J.Tyldesley 249	Grace Road	1899
Lowest Total by Leicestershire			
33 a/o 22 Overs	H.Smith	Aylestone Rd	1925
Lowest Total by Lancashire			
72 a/o 34 Overs	Geary 9-33	Ashby	1926
Highest individual score for Leicestershire			
158	W.Watson	Grace Road	1961
Highest individual score for Lancashire			
249	J.Tyldesley	Grace Rd	1899
Best Bowling in innings for Leicestershire			
9-33	G.Geary	Ashby	1926
Best bowling innings for Lancashire			
9-32	C.Parkin	Ashby	1924
Best bowling in Match for Leicestershire			
14-98	G.Geary	Ashby	1926
Best bowling in Match for Lancashire			
15-108	B.Statham	Grace Road	1964
Highest Partnerships for Leicestershire			
1 st Wkt - 174	E.Dawson & A.Shipman	Aylestone Rd	1929
2 nd Wkt - 287	W.Watson & A.Wharton	Grace Rd	1961
3 rd Wkt - 163	J.Bradshaw & N.Armstrong	Aylestone Rd	1929
4 th Wkt - 156	J.Balderstone & R.Tolchard	Liverpool	1973
5 th Wkt - 180	D.Gower & J.Whitaker	Old Trafford	1986
6 th Wkt - 199	N.Johnson & P.Nixon	Grace Road	1997
7 th Wkt - 116	W.Astill & C.Coleman	Aylestone Rd	1928
8 th Wkt - 172	P.Nixon & D.Millns	Old Trafford	1996
9 th Wkts - 119	P.Nixon & A.Pierson	Grace Road	1933
10 th Wkt - 123	C.Lewis & M.Brimson	Grace Road	1999

Leicestershire first played at Liverpool in 1896 in all 10 first class matches have been played at Aigburth last in 2003, however The Foxes did play their first T20 match of 2017 at the Aigburth ground, winning off the last ball !