

2019 Season so far Plyd 5 W1 L2 D2

## Middlesex Take 2 time for another “Bum Clencher” ?

### It doesn't seem 5 minutes

since the weather unexpectedly closed in and prevented Foxes for securing a famous victory at Lords. So with a third of the Championship season now completed what have we learnt so far?

Lancashire look clear favourites for a quick return to Div 1. Glamorgan are clearly much improved on last season while Durham had started poorly until beating Derbys last time. Sussex & Worcs look to have depth to their squads. The rest, including the Foxes are struggling for any sort of consistency. There have been some sessions when they look right on top of their game followed by periods of anonymity. At the moment we don't seem to be able to get both the bowling & batting units firing together, good bowling displays have been followed by poor batting or visa versa.

Middlesex seem something of an enigma. Strengthened by the return of Malan and Murtagh they lost by an innings to Sussex and have now lost James Harris to a broken thumb. The pick of their bowlers at Lords, Ollie Raynor has moved to Kent on loan for the rest of the season.



After taking some stick for the manner of his dismissal in the Derbys game, it was good to see Cozzie answer his critics in the best possible way at Liverpool. Say what you like he is still one of those players that can empty the bar when he comes to the wicket. To Dieter Klien also a big well done for another enterprising innings to follow Cardiff last season. That 100 will come soon !



Last season's fixture against Middlesex turned out to be a real “bum clencher” Middlesex finally winning by just 1 wicket. Coming hot on the heels of the Foxes victory over Glamorgan by 1 run. Set 381 to win batting last Middlesex started the last day on 82-3 needing a further 299 which they managed when James Harris hit Mo Abbas for 4. Lets hope for a similarly exciting game but with a different result

### CHANGES AT THE TOP

During my 50 year + association with the Club, it has been overseen by a board of largely crusty old men in blazers. Now that I fall into that category myself it is pleasing to see that recent changes to the constitution are being followed through with an influx of new blood on the board.

The announcement this week that local Solicitor Mehmooda Duke has taken over as Chair and forms a dream team with new CEO Karen Rothery is to be applauded and I wish them well in the quest to keep the Club afloat.

One thing I hope we will see as a result is improved communication with the Members & supporters who are so keen to do their bit to see the Club thrive but so often have been left wondering what is going on.

# Leicestershire

## v Middlesex



Matches 1<sup>st</sup> Played in 1898

Total 94 Leicestershire Won 20 Lost 39 Drawn 34 Abandoned 1

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

Tom Lace was the first player to play against Leicestershire in successive County Championship matches for different opposition when he played at Lords for Middlesex in the match on 14<sup>th</sup> May and then on loan for Derbyshire in the Foxes next match on 27<sup>th</sup> May at Grace Rd.

The FoGR Tea & Cake will once again be available upstairs in the meet from 2.30pm. The Guest Cake this time being the splendidly named 'Super Pink Tottenham Cake'

