

Season Record Plyd 6 W1 L2 D3

## Rain Heros ..

Spare a thought for Andy Ward and his hard working team who struggled with the elements all last week. Nothing short of miraculous to get the FCG fit for some play on Wednesday before the rain returned to thwart things.



To Messers Ward, Brown, Skinner, Lewin, Sketchley & French a big Thank You.



All the poor weather of the last 2 weeks had me scouring the records. The last complete washout the Foxes suffered in a Championship match was in July 2007 v Glamorgan at Abergavenny. The last instance of a Grace Road abandonment was in June 1997 v Warwks. There have been several games where the first 2 days have been washed out. The most recent in April last year when Derbys were the visitors but I cant find any example of a match where less than 11 overs were possible over the 4 days



Gavin Griffiths came in 1<sup>st</sup> wicket down at 10-1 as night watchman in Foxes 1st innings at Bristol last year and finished on 36\* as Leics were bowled out for 111

## Next Up Gloucs

It seems that every opposition we play at the moment are all within 2 or 3 points of us. There are quite a group of sides in mid table with similar records. Gloucester are yet to lose although like us have won 1 and played a game less.

They had the delight of playing at Arundel last week and while they were also affected by the Rain there were some confidence building performances. Both sides scored 350+ with wicket keeper Gareth Roderick hitting a big hundred. Last Seasons double centurion at Bristol Chris Dent has struggled so far with his 59 at Arundel being his highest score.

As for the Foxes, we can hope that the extra week's recovery time sees the return of Tom Taylor, other than that I can't see any change to the 11 that were named for Middlesex. The weather is against Callum Parkinson getting a game.

With the rain continuing to fall and only 11 overs in the last week, expect the same wicket which, when the covers were removed looked in remarkably good shape. That said don't expect to see a toss and with Leicestershire batting first, the need to retain Sam Evans as the extra batter is probably sensible

# Leicestershire

## v Gloucestershire

**Matches** 1<sup>st</sup> Played in 1919

Total 132 Leicestershire Won 37 Lost 58 Drawn 35 Abandoned 2

<b>Highest total by Leicestershire</b>			
565 a/o 149 Overs	E.Eckersley 119, N.O'Brien 119 G.Smith 103	Bristol	2014
<b>Highest total by Gloucestershire</b>			
650-8 161 Overs	K.Ali 140 H.Marshall 123 C.Spearman 110	Grace Rd	2007
<b>Lowest Total by Leicestershire</b>			
49 a/o 24 Overs	K.Shuttleworth 13	Gloucester	1977
<b>Lowest Total by Gloucestershire</b>			
57 a/o	Astill 6-27 G.Geary 4-25	Gloucester	1925
<b>Highest individual score for Leicestershire</b>			
181*	C.Balderstone	Grace Road	1984
<b>Highest individual score for Gloucestershire</b>			
264	A.Gidman	Bristol	2014
<b>Best Bowling in innings for Leicestershire</b>			
8-40	H.A.Smith	Bristol	1938
<b>Best bowling innings for Gloucestershire</b>			
9-35	C.Parker	Cheltenham	1920
<b>Best bowling in Match for Leicestershire</b>			
12-110	H.A.Smith	Bristol	1938
<b>Best bowling in Match for Gloucestershire</b>			
15-134	T.Goddard	Gloucester	1947
<b>Highest Partnerships for Leicestershire</b>			
1 <sup>st</sup> Wkt - 206	G.Smith & A.Robson	Bristol	2014
2 <sup>nd</sup> Wkt - 153	B.Dudlestone & J.C.Balderstone	Bristol	1979
3 <sup>rd</sup> Wkt - 268	N.Armstrong & C.S.Dempster	Gloucester	1937
4 <sup>th</sup> Wkt - 233	J.Maunders & P.Nixon	Cheltenham	2006
5 <sup>th</sup> Wkt - 193	A.Habib & J.Dakin	Grace Road	1999
6 <sup>th</sup> Wkt - 125	M.Boyce & S.Thakor	Grace Road	2013
7 <sup>th</sup> Wkt - 132	C.Taylor & J.Bradshaw	Gloucester	1925
8 <sup>th</sup> Wkt - 119	J.Birkenshaw & G.Lock	Cheltenham	1967
9 <sup>th</sup> Wkts - 85	A.Ali & B.Raine	Grace Road	2015
10 <sup>th</sup> Wkt - 157	W.Astill & W.Marlow	Cheltenham	1933

Chris Balderstone's made the highest individual score by a Leics batsman against Gloucs. His 181\* was made out of a total of 456 all out. He opening the innings and carried his bat

Stewie Dempster scored 154\* was made in the 2<sup>nd</sup> innings having scored 133 in the 1<sup>st</sup>. A New Zealander who played for the foxes for 4 seasons between 1935 & 1939. His total of 287 runs in the match is 5<sup>th</sup> in the list of most runs in a championship match for Leics

The last Hat Trick by a Leics player in the Championship was against Gloucs at Bristol in 2014 by Atif Sheikh when he dismissed Gidman (264) Miles (0) and Norwell (0)