

Season so far Pld 7 W 1 L 2 D 4

Half Term Report....










With 7 of the 14 games in the Championship now completed what can we glean at the half way point ? The splendid victory to kick things off at Hove in early April is now something of a distant memory. There have been some solid performances, combined with some naive ones but success in 4 day cricket is tough to achieve. Every game is a battle and individual sessions hard won.

I take 2 things from the first half of the season, Resilience & Consistency. There is no doubt that the signs of improving resilience are evident, we are becoming harder to beat. The Liverpool performance was the best example as was the match at Sussex. In previous years I suspect we would have lost both those games. Worcestershire looked a class above but the Derby game showed our lack of consistency.

At no stage have we really had Batters & Bowlers firing in the same games. There have been periods in matches where we have won sessions but not been able to maintain that momentum throughout. Supporters and Members talk wistfully of 3up and promotion as a possibility, but I don't hear mention of that from the coaches & the management group. Unlike promises made in the past I think Nico and his team are much more understanding of the strengths & weaknesses of the squad and the targets for this season. It's a constant learning curve for players and supporters alike.

So what of the next 7 games, my hope that the rain goes away, the sun shines and we can continue to develop that hard to beat mentality. If we can find some consistency from session to session and game to game, then we can expect at least a couple more wins.

County Championship Division Two

TEAM	M	W	L	I	D	N/R	PT
1  Lancashire	7	4	0	0	3	0	113
2  Glamorgan	7	2	0	0	5	0	93
3  Sussex	7	2	1	0	4	0	93
4  Derbyshire	7	2	3	0	2	0	75
5  Gloucestershire	6	1	0	0	5	0	74
6  Worcestershire	6	2	2	0	2	0	71
7  Leicestershire	7	1	2	0	4	0	63
8  Middlesex	7	1	2	0	4	0	63
9  Northamptonshire	6	0	2	0	4	0	51



Tom Taylor



Hasan Azad

Two of the emerging success stories of the season so far

2 Hundred's in Match

Has Azad's 137 & 100* in the match against Gloucestershire last week was the 14th time in Foxes history this had been achieved. Hasan was the 11th player to do this, Maurice Hallam on 3 occasions & Ned Eckersley twice. Ned was the last person to do this in 2016 v Derbyshire also at Grace Road

Congratulations

To Foxes scorer Paul Rodgers who has been chosen to score in a number of CWC19 matches during the tournament. Paul is seen here in action at Headingley for the recent England v Sri Lanka game





Leicestershire

v Northamptonshire

Matches 1st Played in 1905

Total 190 Leicestershire Won 50 Lost 44 Drawn 95 Abandoned 1

Highest total by Leicestershire			
557 a/o 144 Overs	J.Dakin 190 D.Millns 121	Northampton	1997
Highest total by Northamptonshire			
600 – 8 116 Overs	R.White 193 A.Hall 159 N.Boje 90*	Northampton	2009
Lowest Total by Leicestershire			
43 a/o 26 Overs	P.Marner 10	Peterborough	1968
Lowest Total by Northamptonshire			
35 a/o 37 Overs	Astill 5-17 Odell 4-9	Northampton	1907
Highest individual score for Leicestershire			
261	P.Simmons	Grace Road	1994
Highest individual score for Northamptonshire			
232	M.Hussey	Northampton	2001
Best Bowling in innings for Leicestershire			
8-44	H.Smith	Northampton	1935
Best bowling innings for Northamptonshire			
8-40	W.Wells	Aylestone Rd	1920
Best bowling in Match for Leicestershire			
14-99	J.Savage	Northampton	1958
Best bowling in Match for Northamptonshire			
15-167	G.Thompson	Northampton	1906
Highest Partnerships for Leicestershire			
1 st Wkt - 233	I.Sutcliffe & Shahid Afridi	Northampton	2001
2 nd Wkt – 243*	G.Berry & N.Armstrong	Aylestone Rd	1937
3 rd Wkt – 212*	M.Tompkin & C.Palmer	Grace Road	1953
4 th Wkt – 249	J.King & S.Coe	Northampton	1908
5 th Wkt – 211	H.Ackerman & P.Nixon	Northampton	2006
6 th Wkt – 253	P.Simmons & P.Nixon	Grace Road	1994
7 th Wkt – 205	J.Dakin & D.Millns	Northampton	1997
8 th Wkt – 114	S.Coe & T.Sidwell	Aylestone Rd	1914
9 th Wkts – 123	E.Eckersley & B.Raine	Northampton	2016
10 th Wkt – 228	R.Illingworth & K.Higgs	Grace Rd	1977

The 10th wicket partnership of 228 v Northants in 1977 is the highest 10th Wkt partnership against any opposition by the Foxes. Batting second Leics were reduced to 45-9 (Northants having made 172) when Ken Higgs joined Ray Illingworth. Higgs was Run Out on 98 leaving Illy on 119* and a lead on 101 on 1st innings