

Welcome to the new CEO

I had the pleasure of visiting Grace Road on a scorching hot day this week to take some pictures of the new CEO on his first day in post. Even the briefest of looks on social media will show how well respected and liked our new man was in his time at Huddersfield Town FC. Given the fickle nature of football, I can't recall ever seeing such an outpouring of good will toward a departing club official.

So history suggests we have a good 'un and there is no doubt the club needs one. If things weren't difficult enough before the current pandemic they are hugely challenging and will so for the foreseeable future. Faced with an almost total loss of the 2020 seasons revenue would stretch even the best organisations, so Sean has his hands full.

He is a personable and charismatic individual, who also takes a dam good picture by the way. Sean arrives under no illusions and with a wealth of experience and ideas that I suspect will be a breath of fresh air at the FCG. The immediate challenge is of course to get us back playing some cricket and steer us through the storm that is Covid. His initial comments to the media on his first day were both positive and encouraging. We stand ready to start playing as soon as we are allowed. We wish him and the board all the best in the challenges ahead. You have our support Sean



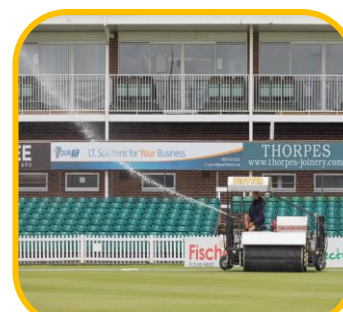
There was a little bit more life around Graceland this week than the last couple of visits to the ground. Not least a brief appearance by our top run scorer last season Hasan Azad, seen here collecting a delivery of new bats with which to hopefully get a chance for some more 100's later this summer

As more relaxation of lockdown is announced it is hoped that we can look forward to some sort of announcement about a county schedule in the next week or two. Some counties have already scheduled practice matches against each other and with the Test Matches due to start in early July we can hope for some good news soon

Middlesex the visitors

Last Seasons visit by Middlesex saw Andy Ward and his team take centre stage, as the rains fell, the storm brought down trees. Days 2 & 4 were completely washed out and the game was limited to 11 overs in total over the 4 days.

Invited to bat the hapless Foxes captain was run out for 0 and Sam Evans and Mark Cosgrove also fell as Foxes made 36-3 before the umpires put us out our misery. With storms forecast this weekend to bring the brief hot spell to an end we may well have been in for a repeat this time around





Leicestershire

v Middlesex

Matches 1st Played in 1898

Total 96 Leicestershire Won 20 Lost 39 Drawn 35 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