

The Fixtures Blog ...well some of them



To be putting together a blog about the eagerly awaited Fixture schedule in late July is bizarre to say the least but then nothing about the 'season' to date has been normal. Whilst we have known for a while that there will be Red Ball and T20 competitions starting in August, the arrival of the schedule a week before the first game points to a degree of normality for Cricket Fans. However so far we have only seen the fixtures for the red ball schedule. The Vitality Blast schedule remains work in progress. Whilst all of the games are scheduled 'behind closed doors' the fact that cricket is piloting a couple of pre-season matches this week where limited crowds are being let in suggests a possible relaxing of the rules before the season is out.

Bob Willis Trophy

This impromptu 4 day competition will see 3 groups of 6 teams play 5 games each followed by some sort of play off final between the Counties topping their groups with the most points at Lords in the final. With Derbyshire's ground being used by the ECB as a bio secure environment for internationals, Derbys will play all 5 games away. Foxes will start against Lancashire but presumably with the Leicester Lockdown still active there is some uncertainty if this will be at the FCG or elsewhere

Rnd	Date	Opposition	Venue
1	Sat 1 August	Lancashire	Home - TBA
2	Sat 8 th August	Derbyshire	Home - TBA
3	Sat 15 th August	Durham	Chester le Street
4	Sat 22 nd August	Notts	Grace Rd
5	Sun 6 Sept	Yorkshire	Headingley
7		FINAL	Lords



The lads will be sporting the new kit launched recently in a warm up match against Notts at Trent Bridge next week on 28th & 29th July before the big 'kick off' on Saturday 1st

Vitality Blast T20

The fixtures for the blast will be announced next month. What we know so far is that there will be similar groups to the red ball competition and 3 groups of 6 teams will play 10 matches each in the group stage.

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Finals			Edgbaston



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