

6 and out



As the sun sets on the Vitality Blast campaign we turn our attention back to the Championship. There are 7 weeks of the season remaining and we have to cram 6 games into that period. It will be tough going with 3 away fixtures. Still there is all to play for. With only 17 points separating the top 4 and the 3 sides above us still to play, we could well control our own destiny.

In what has been a fantastic summer lets hope the weather is kind to players and supporters alike and we can look forward to the remainder of the season, rather than wishing it would 'just finish' as in recent years.

	Team	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Batting	Bowling	Points
1	Warwickshire	8	5	2	1	19	24	128
2	Sussex	8	4	1	3	20	22	121
3	Kent	8	5	2	1	6	24	115
4	Leicestershire	8	4	2	2	18	22	111
5	Middlesex	8	3	3	2	8	21	87
6	Derbyshire	8	2	3	3	18	21	86
7	Gloucestershire	8	2	3	3	10	19	76
8	Durham	8	2	4	2	9	17	68
9	Northamptonshire	8	2	5	1	9	20	66
10	Glamorgan	8	1	5	2	8	22	55

REMINDER

As we get into the final games of the season don't forget the Championship matches in September will all start at 10.30 with the toss (if required) at 10.00

Past Meetings

The foxes record against visitors Kent is not a great one. This will be the 164 meeting of which 78 have been lost. Kent being the opponents when Leicestershire recorded their 2 lowest totals in 1st class cricket. 25 & 26 respectively, albeit that was back in 1911 & the following year 1912. Even before my time ! (just)

So if things go in pairs can we expect a repeat of the demolition inflicted by the Foxes in a 2 day victory at Canterbury. Perhaps we got the rub of the green on that occasion. With the home sides 2 overseas bowlers having returned home and some dampness on the first morning making idea bowling conditions.

Nevertheless the lads bowled splendidly with Ben Raine & Zak Chappell both picking up 3 wickets and Neil Dexter 2. A determined innings of 74 from Ned Eckersley saw a vital lead on first innings.

I would expect a bit more grit from the batters this time round but if Pakistan player of the year Mo Abbas is refreshed from his recent rest it won't be easy

Congratulations Ben Mike

The 19 year old all rounder who spent some time in Perth last winter has been a key member of the 2nd XI this summer. Producing some stand out performances as well as a 1st class debut against Pakistan. Ben has been rewarded with his first professional contact. A 2 year deal will see him continue to develop with the Foxes



Leicestershire

v Kent

Matches 1st Played in 1906

Total 163 Leicestershire Won 30 Lost 78 Drawn 55 Abandoned 0

Highest total by Leicestershire			
612-8 Dec	V.J Wells 138 B.F.Smith 110	Canterbury	2001
Highest total by Kent			
575 a/o	M.Benson 192 N.R.Taylor 127	Canterbury	1995
Lowest Total by Leicestershire			
25	A.E Kinght & A.Lord both scored 7	Aylestone Rd	1912
Lowest Total by Kent			
56	Smith 5-25 Geary 4-22	Oakham	1935
Highest individual score for Leicestershire			
226	A W Shipman	Tonbridge	1928
Highest individual score for Kent			
249 no	H.T.W.Hardinge	Aylestone Rd	1922
Best Bowling in innings for Leicestershire			
9-70	J.Agnew	Grace Rd	1985
Best bowling innings for Kent			
9-42	C.Blythe	Aylestone Rd	1909
Best bowling in Match for Leicestershire			
14-107	J.E.Walsh	Grace Rd	1946
Best bowling in Match for Kent			
16-102	C.Blythe	Aylestone Rd	1909
Highest Partnerships for Leicestershire v Kent			
1 st Wkt - 204	P.A.Nixon 173* M.A.G.Boyce 98	Canterbury	2009
2 nd Wkt - 190	I.J.Sutcliffe 64 B.F.Smith 110	Canterbury	2001
3 rd Wkt - 217	N.J.Dexter 131 M.J.Cosgrove 122	Grace Rd	2016
4 th Wkt - 218	M.J.Cosgrove 119 M.L.Pettini 97	Canterbury	2016
5 th Wkt - 225*	N.C.Johnson 117* B.F.Smith 121*	Canterbury	1997
6 th Wkt - 181	M.A.G.Boyce 135 S.J.Thakor 114	Grace Rd	2013
7 th Wkt - 206	B.Dudleston 171* J.Birkenshaw 74	Canterbury	1969
8 th Wkt - 149	P.Whitticase 41* P.A.J.Defreitas 106	Canterbury	1986
9 th Wkts - 136*	N.M.McVicker 83* G.D.Mckenzie 50*	Tunbridge Wells	1975
10 th Wkt - 122	L.J.Hill 85* C.J.Parkinson 75	Canterbury	2017

The record 1st wicket stand of 204 in 2009 saw current head coach Paul Nixon opening the batting and score his highest 1st class score of 173*. He batted for 364 balls hitting 18x4 & 5x6 in the second innings total of 350-2 in a game that was ultimately drawn

The record last wicket stand of 122 was as recent as last seasons game at the St.Lawrence ground. Having won the toss and decided to bat foxes were reduced to 88-5 at lunch but managed to continue batting for the remainder of the day and finished on 326-9 at the close. Callum Parkinson was last out on the 2nd morning for a career best 75.