

## Let's hope for a 'Good Friday'

**Cricket at Easter** is not as uncommon as it at first might seem unlikely. At the start of the new Millennium by the time Easter Sunday arrived on 23<sup>rd</sup> April the Foxes had already played 4 rounds of the B&H cup group stages. I say played but 2 were abandoned with no result. The last time the County had a match on a Good Friday was as recent as 2017 when a 4 day Championship match with Gloucs at Bristol Started on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April. This years Holiday day out is to The Riverside at Chester le Street where we can hope that the temperature has increased by at least 10 degrees from an artic Grace Rd last weekend.



As we travelled up to Headingley for the game on Wednesday, there was speculation as to the make up of the squad for the white ball campaign. It was assumed that Arron Lilley would make his competitive debut for the Foxes as indeed he did. A lack of variation amongst the bowlers was cruelly exposed and a fit again Callum Parkinson who had some of his best cricket with the white ball last term, should provide a different option. As worrying is the lack of a genuinely fast scoring batsmen to support Cozzie.

Where's Bassy ? we have seen splendid and well deserved pictures of his ICC Test team of 2018 cap but his appearance in the flesh in the UK rather than in Lahore with Wasim Khan would be more comforting to all Foxes fans



For all the focus on white ball cricket this winter a very strong Yorkshire line up put us to the sword. A wonderful innings by Gary Balance, was worth the entrance money alone. However, there is a clear separation between the 'haves' and the 'have nots' in the group and I can see that the top spots will be fought out between the test match counties, Notts, Yorks, Lancs with the likely challenge of Worcester Rapids. This game against Durham looks a more even contest or did until Cameron Bancroft hit 151\* supported by a century from Richardson to put Northants to the sword. The weather in the North East today has been pleasantly mild, lets hope for a sunny Good Friday and a better egg chase

**Foxes return to the FCG on Sunday for another visit from Worcs, Mitchell, Rutherford et al when play is due to commence at 11 am**

# Leicestershire

## v Durham



Records for List A matches include all 1 day competitions in the various formats from 1963 including Gillette Cup, B&H Cup, Sunday League, 40 Over comp and the current RL50

**Matches** 1<sup>st</sup> Played in 1992 (Sunday League)

Total 31 Leicestershire Won 14 Lost 15 No result/ Abandoned 2

<b>Highest total by Leicestershire</b>			
344-4 (40 Over)	P.Simmons 115 D.Maddy 106*	Riverside	1996
<b>Highest total by Durham</b>			
349-7 (RL 50)	M.Stoneman 98 S.Borthwick 87	Grace Rd	2015
<b>Lowest Total by Leicestershire</b>			
113 (45 Over)	D.Robinson 30	Riverside	2005
<b>Lowest Total by Durham</b>			
146	D.Maddy 3-11	Grace Rd	1997
<b>Highest individual score for Leicestershire</b>			
127 (50 Over)	T.Ward	Grace Rd	2002
<b>Highest individual score for Durham</b>			
145 (50 Over)	J.Morris	Grace Rd	1996
<b>Best Bowling in innings for Leicestershire</b>			
4-18 (40 Overs)	V.Wells	Darlington	1998
<b>Best bowling innings for Durham</b>			
5-38	S.Borthwick	Grace Rd	2015
<b>Highest Partnerships for Leicestershire</b>			
1 <sup>st</sup> Wkt - 93	P.Horton & C.Delport	Grace Rd	2018
2 <sup>nd</sup> Wkt – 202	T.Ward & M.Bevan	Grace Rd	2002
3 <sup>rd</sup> Wkt – 221	A.Habib & V.Wells	Riverside	1997
4 <sup>th</sup> Wkt – 99	L.Hill & N.O'Brien	Grace Rd	2015
5 <sup>th</sup> Wkt – 153	J.Dakin & D.Maddy	Grace Rd	1996
6 <sup>th</sup> Wkt – 47	N.Burns & D.Maddy	Grace Rd	2002
7 <sup>th</sup> Wkt – 40*	P.Nixon & C.Henderson	Riverside	2006
8 <sup>th</sup> Wkt – 51*	B.Smith & G.Parson	Grace Rd	1993
9 <sup>th</sup> Wkts – 73	Z.Chappell & D.Klien	Gosforth	2017
10 <sup>th</sup> Wkt – 47	J.Ormond & C.Lewis	Grace Rd	2002

Having scored 87 in a record total for Durham against the Foxes of 349-7 Scott Borthwick came on 6<sup>th</sup> change and took 5-38. These remain his Highest Score and best bowling in List A cricket

Last season's opening partnership of 93 between Paul Horton & Cameron Delport is the best 1<sup>st</sup> wkt partnership for the Foxes against Durham