

Blast BLOG 1



FALCONS EDITION

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This year's Blast takes on a different format with 10 games instead of the usual 14. 5 at Home and 5 away but with Derby Falcons playing all their games away this first match actually constitutes an away game for the Foxes

Last year's game at Derby was in front of the TV cameras and a fine performance saw Foxes triumph by 55 runs. Chasing a modest 149 Derbys were reduced to 24-6 with Griffiths & Ackermann taking 3 wickets each.



It will be interesting to see what side Paul Nixon picks for the first game. With the news that Janneman Malan will not join the squad & the signing of Gareth Delany options are limited particularly up from with big hitting batters to open the innings. James Weighell another on loan signing picked up an injury in the game against Notts, it is to be hoped he will be fit. With Lewis Hill still recovering from his hand injury resources are stretched to the limit. All eyes will be once again on skipper & record holder Colin Ackermann

LOOK OUT FOR BIG PHIL.. Many will know that Phil Wright a stalwart of the dressing room for many years at the FCG has been very poorly with spells in Hospital earlier in the year. In a gesture of support a number of regular supporters have contributed to getting a face in the crowd cut out of Phil which we hope to see in the ground for Thursday's match. Watch out for a photo in our next blog of the great man at the FCG once again

Foxes

v Derby Falcons

Matches 1st Played in 2003

Total 32 Leicestershire Won 18 Lost 10 Abandoned/ No result 4

Highest total by Leicestershire			
212 – 5	W.Jefferson 83	Chesterfield	2010
Highest total by Derbyshire Falcons			
196 – 8	P.Jones 40 J.Sadler 39	Chesterfield	2010
Lowest Total by Leicestershire			
104 – 9	C.Ackermann 24 C.Delport 21	Derby	2017
Lowest Total by Derbyshire Falcons			
72 all out	A.Ireland 4-11	Derby	2013
Highest individual score for Leicestershire			
83	W.Jefferson	Chesterfield	2010
Highest individual score for Derbyshire Falcons			
90	M.North	Grace Rd	2014
Best Bowling in innings for Leicestershire			
5-27	J.Allenby	Grace Rd	2008
Best bowling innings for Derbyshire Falcons			
5-27	T.Lungley	Grace Rd	2009
Highest Partnerships for Leicestershire			
1 st Wkt - 106	M.Pettini & M.Cosgrove	Grace Rd	2016
2 nd Wkt – 69	J.Cobb & G.Smith	Grace Rd	2014
3 rd Wkt – 121	H.D.Ackerman & P.Nixon	Derby	2007
4 th Wkt – 69*	G.Elliott & N.O'Brien	Grace Rd	2015
5 th Wkt – 59*	S.Styris & T.Wells	Grace Rd	2014
6 th Wkt – 29	J.Snape & J.Sadler	Derby	2006
7 th Wkt – 45	J.Taylor & J.du Toit	Grace Rd	2011
8 th Wkt – 26*	T.Wells & R.Taylor	Derby	2015
9 th Wkts – 22	N.Dexter & C.McKay	Derby	2016
10 th Wkt – 11	C.McKay & J.Naik	Derby	2016

In 2019 Derby Falcons progressed to finals day for the first time losing out to eventual winners Essex in the semi final. Foxes hold the upper hand in matches won over the years.

The first meeting between the sides in 2003 was probably the closest with Foxes winning by 1 run Chasing 172 to win Derbys were reduced to 158-9 but finished 1 run short on 170-9

In 2014 a packed Queens Park Chesterfield saw Anthony Ireland take 5-22 off 3.5 overs his best T20 return as Leics chased down 143 to win by 5 wickets. Greg Smith top scored with 65* a match in which Kiwi Scott Styris turned out for the Foxes

