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Here come your T20 Foxes



We look forward to a new Vitality Blast campaign with a degree of trepidation. The specialist T20 players of previous years are no longer about. Cameron Delport a big hitter and scorer of lots of the Foxes runs in recent seasons has gone to Essex and Muhammad Nabi frsh from his CWC19 exploits with Afghanistan has signed for Kent. The financial position the club finds itself in currently means there are no funds available to bring in a specialist T20 player to bolster the squad. With recruitment rife amongst other Northern group sides the pressure will be on the Foxes limited squad to perform well.

It is a fact of life that match receipts from the 7 home T20 games exceed, receipts from all the other competitions put together, whilst the club are working hard to draw in the crowds, there is nothing as positive as a successful team to boost attendance. We can only hope that the First 3 matches against Lancs, Birmingham Bears & Yorkshire Vikings provide a measure of success and we don't find ourselves lookingg for a first win 4 games in



JOKERS IN THE PACK

So with no overseas specialists to call on what can we expect from the Foxes squad? Whilst we haven't seen much of either Arron Lilley or Callum Parkinson so far this season I would expect to see them both feature prominently in the 'Blast' campaign. Expect Neil Dexter to open the batting with either Cozzie or Harry Dearden or possibly Lilley. Its not clear yet if Muhammad Abbas will feature in this competition but I would expect Ben Mike who wasn't involved last year to play a part in 2019

GRACE RD GOES BIG

Expect the customary big boundaries at the home games at Grace Rd this year. Without any out & out big hitters in the squad, smaller boundaries tend to play to the opposition's big hitters so we are likely to see the ropes pushed out



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Foxes v Lightning T20 Stats

Matches 1st Played in 2003

Total 28 Leicestershire Won 8 Lost 17 Tied 2 Abandoned 1

Highest total by Leicestershire			
207 – 3	M.Pettini 76 C.Delport 68	Grace Road	2016
Highest total by Lancashire			
198 – 4	A.Petersen	Grace Road	2016
Lowest Total by Leicestershire			
105	P.Nixon 37	Grace Road	2008
Lowest Total by Lancashire			
127 – 9	M.Hoggard 3-19	Old Trafford	2010
Highest individual score for Leicestershire			
86*	M.Nabi (32 Balls)	Old Trafford	2018
Highest individual score for Lancashire			
103*	A.Petersen (52 Balls)	Grace Road	2016
Best Bowling in innings for Leicestershire			
5-21	J.Allenby (Econ Rate 7.0)	Old Trafford	2008
Best bowling innings for Lancashire			
4-17	L.Livingstone (Econ Rate 4.25)	Grace Road	2018
Highest Partnerships for Leicestershire			
1 st Wkt - 79	J.Cobb & A.McDonald	Grace Road	2011
2 nd Wkt – 140	M.Pettini & C.Delport	Grace Road	2016
3 rd Wkt – 93	HD.Ackerman & H.Dippenaar	Old Trafford	2008
4 th Wkt – 92	A.Razzaq & M.Boyce	Old Trafford	2012
5 th Wkt – 58	M.Boyce & W.White	Old Trafford	2012
6 th Wkt – 102*	A.Javid & M.Nabi	Old Trafford	2018
7 th Wkt – 66*	A.Razzaq & W.White	Old Trafford	2011
8 th Wkt – 34	E.Eckersley & R.Taylor	Grace Road	2013
9 th Wkts – 9*	E.Eckersley & C.Henderson	Grace Road	2012
10 th Wkt – 5*	P.DeFreitas & M.Cleary	Old Trafford	2004

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