



DIGITAL MATCH PROGRAMME



Kent Spitfires vs Essex

Sunday 20 August
Match starts at 11:00

METRO BANK ONE DAY CUP
The Spitfire Ground, St Lawrence, Canterbury

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Hello everyone and welcome back to The Spitfire Ground, St Lawrence for our final group home match of the Metro Bank One Day Cup against Essex. We extend this welcome too to today's opponents.

Like last year, this group stage has been a real rollercoaster. After a disappointing start overall but with flashes of individual performances, we have once again rallied together and have looked to turn this competition around. I thought especially the win at Surrey, against a good side stacked with international talent, showed how good we can be as a collective unit.

'The Battle of the Bridge' needs no introduction to you or to the players and we all know how big the 'bragging rights' are between friends and family that support the two sides either side of the Thames. Hopefully, it'll be us Kent followers that will gain the upper hand in this next chapter of our rivalry.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you all for getting behind us as much as you have this August - it remains a huge motivator to us when we know we have a partisan crowd backing the team.

It's been fantastic to see players such as Jas Singh & Jaydn Denly step up to make big contributions this tournament, but every player has made a mark in their own way. I hope this produces better, more rounded cricketers looking ahead to the end of the Championship season, and looking ahead to the coming years.

A win today & a win away on the Isle of Wight on Tuesday would be a fitting end to our Group A campaign. Then, who knows?

Get behind the boys, and I hope you enjoy the match.

Simon

KENT SPITFIRES VS. NOTTS OUTLAW



Kent Spitfires vs. Notts Outlaws went down to the final over as the visitors picked up the victory by just one wicket in the Metro Bank One Day Cup at The Spitfire Ground, St Lawrence.

Matt Montgomery hit an unbeaten 92 as the Outlaws overhauled Kent's 259 for nine with only one ball to spare to close on 263 for nine, after a gritty last-wicket stand by Montgomery and his final partner Dane Paterson, who needed 35 when they came together with five overs remaining.

Hamid Qadri took four for 47 but the hosts were left to rue their failure to build on a first-wicket stand of 138. Lyndon James took four for 45, as Kent fell away after openers Daniel Bell-Drummond and Ben Compton made over half their total, with 79 and 59 respectively.

Montgomery, fittingly, scored the winning runs when he reverse-swept Grant Stewart for four to conclude a stomach-clenchingly tense run chase.

It was a “four-pointer” at The Spitfire Ground, with Kent third in Group A and Notts needing to win both their remaining fixtures to stand any chance of qualifying, having lost their previous three.

The Spitfires chose to bat in front of a crowd of over 3,000 on the Club's Community Day and their openers were unmolested during a stand of 138, but for a second consecutive game they failed to really push on once that partnership was broken.

Compton was the first man to go, victim of a sharp caught and bowled by Liam Patterson-White in the 27th over. Bell-Drummond soon followed, caught behind off Tom Loten.

It wasn't technically a collapse as the next pair of Jack Leaning and Alex Blake put on 33, but the flow of boundaries dried up and the latter was out for 11 when he cut James to Ben Martindale.

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James then bowled Leaning for 24 and Harry Finch was run out for nine by Haseeb Hameed chasing a non-existent single after being sent back by his partner Jaydn Denly. Denly at least broke a spell of exactly ten overs without a boundary, but he in turn was stumped for 11 after he came down the wicket to Calvin Harrison.

The first six of the match didn't arrive till the 46th over, when Grant Stewart creamed Loten over cow corner and as Kent tried a late charge James Bazley was caught and bowled by James for 15.

By the time Stewart was lbw for 25 to Dane Paterson any hopes of a 300 plus score had long since been abandoned. Hamid Qadri was caught by King for three after skying James and it was left to the last wicket pair to milk what they could off the last two overs.

Scoring didn't seem any easier when Notts were chasing. They were 66 without loss in the 16th when Ben Slater was bowled by Qadri, during a spell when they went 11.5 overs without finding the rope.

In Qadri's next over he bowled James for eight and Martindale was then run out for 38. He seemed to flinch while anticipating

Compton's throw and couldn't ground his bat before Nathan Gilchrist broke his wicket.

After a campaign dogged by injury, Gilchrist roared with joy when he bowled Hameed's middle stump for 27 for only his second wicket of the season, in any format, and his first at Canterbury.

Patterson-White was out for six after he thick-edged Qadri to Blake for six and Sam King was stumped off Parkinson for 12.

When Denly bowled Dane Schadendorf for nine Notts were seven down with 79 needed but Harrison and Montgomery eroded the target with some clever running, only for the former to cut Qadri straight to Compton at backward point.

Loten was then caught behind off Parkinson but Paterson played sensibly and with an over to go the target was down to seven off Stewart's 50th over.

Montgomery just blocked the first for a single and Paterson drove the second for four. A single off the third tied the scores. The fourth was a dot and Montgomery then executed a classy reverse-swept four to clinch the win.





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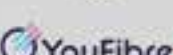
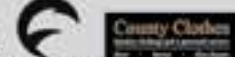
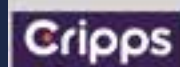


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