



DIGITAL MATCH PROGRAMME



## Kent v Glamorgan

Thu 20 – Sun 23 May 2021

Match starts at 11.00am

LV= INSURANCE COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

The Spitfire Ground, St Lawrence, Canterbury



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# WELCOME

By Matt Walker  
Head Coach

Firstly, I hope you, your family and friends are all staying safe and keeping well. This match seems like a long time coming, but I'm really looking forward to having Members that have been successful in our Match Day Ticket Ballot back at The Spitfire Ground, St Lawrence.

The past 12 months have been difficult for everyone, and I hope that your return to live sport is a real milestone as we all work together to bring back some form of normality after a year of global pandemic.

I'd firstly like to thank the administrative staff that have worked tirelessly over the past few weeks to ensure that as many of you as possible are able to come back to The Spitfire Ground as safely as possible, and I'd also like to thank you for your patience and understanding - these are unique times we live in, with unique challenges, and we must all stick together as a Club from the supporters to the playing staff.

I'm not going to pretend that we have had the perfect start to the 2021 season, but last week's match at Sussex has shown that we are working hard every day to turn our on-field performances around. Jack Leaning deserved his Black Opal Kent Player of the Match award with his batting after a difficult start to the season for him, and I can't fault the effort and application from the players.

Glamorgan will be another stern test for us, especially with the form that their bowling attack is in currently, but with your continued support, our utmost goal now is to secure our first victory of the season in front of our supporters, playing the brand of cricket that we all want to see associated with Kent.

I hope you enjoy the match.

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# LAST TIME OUT



**Jack Leaning completed the sixth hundred of his first-class career as Sussex could not prevent Kent from securing a comfortable LV= Insurance County Championship draw on a rain-shortened final day at Hove.**

Leaning, the 27-year-old former Yorkshire batter, finished unbeaten on 127 when fists were bumped at 16:50 and he was joined in a 172-run fourth wicket stand by Ollie Robinson, who scored 85 in Kent's second innings' 387 for four declared.

Kent resumed their second innings on 220 for three on Day Four, an overnight lead of 109.

Leaning, who also top-scored with a defiant 63 in Kent's first innings slide to 145 all out, began the day on 61 while Robinson re-started on 11.

Play had got under way six hours behind schedule on the third day of the match. And when it did so the big talking point was the absence of England fast bowler Jofra Archer from the Sussex attack.

Kent resumed on 138 for 2, a lead of 27, at the 1st Central County Ground, with the overnight batters Zak Crawley and Jack Leaning unbeaten on 61 and 18 respectively, and in the 24 overs bowled



before the close they had moved on to 220 for 3, a lead of 109, with Leaning unbeaten on 61.

Zak Crawley passed 3,000 first-class runs in an unbeaten half-century as Kent fought back on Day Two, after Kent were dismissed for 145 on Day One, also taking wickets before the end of the day.

# KENT V GLAMORGAN – THE HISTORY

Kent first played Glamorgan in 1932. This despite the fact that Glamorgan had been a County Championship side since 1921. (Hence this year marks the centenary of their admittance.) The two teams have now met 106 times with Kent winning 40, Glamorgan 30, with 36 matches drawn. Glamorgan have played on no less than ten Kent grounds. They have yet to play a match at Beckenham, but they have played at least one match on all the grounds Kent have used regularly since 1932. At Canterbury they have appeared on 24 occasions with Kent winning 11, Glamorgan 5, with 8 drawn.

Highest Innings Total	Kent:	587	Canterbury	2005	
	Glamorgan:	544	Canterbury	1999	
Lowest Innings Total	Kent:	49	Swansea	1949	
	Glamorgan:	46	Cardiff	1979	
Highest Individual Score	Kent:	270*	R.W.T.Key	Cardiff	2009
	Glamorgan:	223	A.R.Lewis	Gravesend	1966
Best Bowling Analysis (Innings)	Kent:	9-39	D.J.Halfyard	Neath	1957
	Glamorgan:	8-61	J.S.Pressdee	Dover	1963
Best Bowling Analysis (Match)	Kent:	13-84	A.P.Freeman	Canterbury	1932
	Glamorgan:	11-81	W.Wooller	Cardiff <sup>1</sup>	1953

## Highest Wicket Partnerships - Kent:-

1st	190*	D.J.Bell-Drummond (86*) & T.W.M.Latham (79*)	Canterbury	2016
2nd	222	R.W.T.Key (158) & J.L.Denly (161*)	Cardiff	2015
3rd	309	G.O.Jones (133) & M.van Jaarsveld (182)	Canterbury	2009
4th	179	R.Mayes (94) & B.R.Edrich (104)	Swansea	1951
5th	215	R.W.T.Key (270*) & J.M.Kemp (90)	Cardiff	2009
6th	267	D.I.Stevens (208) & A.J.Hall (133)	Canterbury	2005
7th	151	J.C.Tredwell (59) & W.D.Parnell (90)	Canterbury	2009
8th	159	M.van Jaarsveld (262*) & M.M.Patel (87)	Cardiff	2005
9th	158	A.G.E.Ealham (94*) & A.Brown (81)	Folkestone	1968
10th	77	M.van Jaarsveld (262*) & M.J.Saggers (45)	Cardiff	2005

## Highest Wicket Partnerships - Glamorgan:-

1st	255*	A.R.Butcher (151*) & H.Morris (100*)	Swansea	1990
2nd	190	A.Jones (81) & A.R.Lewis (223)	Gravesend	1966
3rd	194	E.Davies (83) & M.J.Turnbull (115)	Cardiff <sup>1</sup>	1936
4th	151	M.J.L.Turnbull (122) & R.G.Duckfield (70)	Tunbridge Wells	1935
5th	204	C.B.Cooke (96) & J.Allenby (100)	Cardiff	2014
6th	215	D.L.Lloyd (107) & G.G.Wagg (106)	Canterbury	2016
7th	160	G.G.Wagg (83) & C.A.J.Meschede (78)	Cardiff	2016
8th	139	M.A.Wallace (107) & J.A.R.Harris (57)	Cardiff	2011
9th	128	J.Allenby (125*) & J.C.Glover (55)	Cardiff	2012
10th	118	D.L.Hemp (171*) & H.T.Waters (34)	Canterbury	2005

N.B. Cardiff<sup>1</sup> is Cardiff Arms Park. All the matches in that city were played at Sophia Gardens.  
Statistics compiled by Howard Milton

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# A STAGGERED RETURN?

**It is weird to be contemplating going to The Spitfire Ground, St Lawrence to watch live cricket after the last seventeen months everyone has had to endure.**

For many the pandemic has been an absolute tragic nightmare and I appreciate cricket is never as important as your physical health, but in terms of mental health those lucky enough to be part of the first 1,200 spectators should receive a boost to sagging morale, a fillip, a reminder of what “normality” used to be like.

I have to admit that when I ambled out of The Spitfire Ground on Monday 23rd September 2019 I never dreamt I wouldn't set foot in the place until now. Had I done so on Day One of a fixture against Hampshire ruined by rain I might have lingered longer. Kent Cricket has been a part of my life since 1979, when as an eleven year old I first set foot inside Canterbury and was immediately smitten. Cricket has often defined much of my summer since that pivotal moment but I didn't realise how much I would miss it until it was gone.

I found the summer of 2020 hard to take, to miss an entire cricket season was utterly depressing, I listened to TMS avidly to keep up my spirits and once the Bob Willis Trophy kicked in, I watched the live streams and followed the scores and appreciated the radio commentaries, but it wasn't the same.

I missed the cricket, but also the people. I usually sit at the Nackington Road End and have made friends with a loyal bunch of fellow Kent supporters that became the “Nackington Road Grumblers”. We all loved it when the cricket was going our way or course, especially against Essex or Surrey, but the social side meant on even a chill midweek afternoon with the opposition grinding their way to



300-3, we could still enjoy the simple joys of relaxing with friends watching the cricket unfold.

I appreciate that ‘normality’ will be impossible to begin with, ballots, social distancing, specific seating, reduced capacities and everything else, baby steps towards perhaps higher numbers later on in the Summer.

Everything though comes with a caveat nowadays, a new variant might scupper things or at least delay them, I'm almost at the point of not daring to plan or expect anything nice after so many long months of disappointment. So I will only believe it when I make it through the gates at some point soon! I know I will cry. I know I'll cry when I spot some of the “Grumblers” too. I'm welling up as I write this now.

Obviously on the pitch things haven't exactly gone to plan thus far, a combination of injuries and lack of form have seen us struggle, but in one sense that is incidental to me right now. All I want to do is see my friends and watch some live cricket at a special place for me that has basically been my second home since 1979. I bet it rains! Come on Super Kent!

Eddie Allcorn



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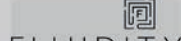
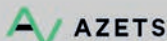
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