



DIGITAL MATCH PROGRAMME



Kent vs. Hampshire

21 - 24 April

Match starts at 11.00

LV= INSURANCE COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP
The Spitfire Ground, St Lawrence, Canterbury



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By Matt Walker
Men's Head Coach



Hello everyone and welcome back to Canterbury - welcome too to the players, staff and supporters of Hampshire to The Spitfire Ground, St Lawrence.

The Lancashire result has hurt us, as it should do, but I can't begin this without mentioning Ben Compton's start here at Kent. Three centuries in your first three innings is something that he should be incredibly proud of, as we all are of him, and it gives him a very strong platform to continue to impress.

Compo has fitted really well into our Championship side, not just because he's a left hander, but he has shown the grit and

determination that every red-ball opener needs to have in order to succeed.

Hampshire provide tough opposition for us as we look to grind out results in Division One this season. Like Lancashire, they possess a strong and varied bowling attack, and are capable of beating the very best sides. We need to not only match up with them, but show that we're able to compete against anyone. I know we can, we just need to show it.

I hope you enjoy the match and continue to get behind the lads.

Walks

LAST TIME OUT

Ben Compton made Kentish cricketing history with a third century in as many innings, but celebrations were dampened by defeat to Lancashire at The Spitfire Ground, St Lawrence.

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Lancashire beat Kent by ten wickets in their LV=Insurance County Championship match, but only after the hosts frustrated them deep into the final day.

Matt Parkinson finished with match figures of seven for 158, while Hasan Ali took three for 36 in Kent's second innings, but the visitors were held up by a defiant rearguard action from Ben Compton, who stayed on the field for every minute of play across all four days – a feat last achieved by Matt Walker against Somerset in 1995.

When he was finally out for 115, Compton had faced 629 balls and batted for 856 minutes.

Compton and Hamid Qadri put on a stand of 139 for the eight wicket but Lancashire eventually clinched victory when they chased down a modest target of 33 to finish on 36 for nought.

The visitors had reduced Kent 81 for six overnight and home optimism was thin on the ground when a sparse crowd saw Parkinson remove Matt Milnes lbw with the sixth ball of the morning, without adding to his overnight score of eight.

Qadri, however, batted with discipline while also displaying flashes of style as he punished the looser deliveries. It frustrated Lancashire to the extent that Parkinson was switched from the Pavilion End to the Nackington Road and back again, to little avail.

Compton stole a single from him to bring up his 50 shortly before lunch and Qadri passed his previous high-score of 30, against Sussex at Canterbury last



year, before racking up his maiden first class fifty when he elegantly cut George Balderson for four through backward point.

He was subsequently dropped on 53 by Steven Croft at second slip, after Hasan Ali found his edge, but his innings finally came to an end for 77, after 177 balls and 198 minutes, when Ali clipped his bail, the bowler howling with relief.

Nathan Gilchrist survived just 13 balls before Ali hit the top of his off stump, bowling him for a duck, but when Compton cut Parkinson for a single to level the scores it at least forced the visitors to bat again. He then conjured a reverse sweep off Luke Wells to bring up his history-making hundred.

The visitors' frustration deepened when Compton survived a stumping chance off Parkinson, but he narrowly missed out on becoming the first Kent player ever to carry his bat in both innings when he was the last man out.

His last-wicket stand of 54 with Jackson Bird (17 not out) took the game into an unexpected final session, but he was lbw to Balderson just as home supporters were starting to calculate how many overs they needed to survive to make things interesting.

Balderson and Wells eased to the target in 7.1 overs, finishing unbeaten on 23 and 13 respectively, the latter hitting the winning runs when he clipped Qadri for four.

KENT VS. HAMPSHIRE- THE HISTORY

Kent first played Hampshire in 1867. To date there have been 210 first-class contests between the two counties of which Kent have won 86, Hampshire 44 with 79 matches drawn and one tied. In Kent for very many years Hampshire were a permanent visitor to Canterbury for the Week over the early August Bank Holiday. As such the 66 games here represent the most for any match in Kent. Of these games Kent have won 24, Hampshire 10 with 32 drawn. One oddity is that Hampshire have only beaten Kent by an innings on three occasions, none of which have been in Kent.

Highest Innings Total	Kent:	610	Bournemouth	1906
	Hampshire:	671	Canterbury	2002

Lowest Innings Total	Kent:	32	Southampton†	1952
	Hampshire:	31	Maidstone	1967

Highest Individual Score	Kent:	257	M.R.Benson	Southampton†	1991
		257	A.E.Fagg	Southampton†	1936
	Hampshire:	272	J.P.Crawley	Canterbury	2002

Best Bowling Analysis (Innings)	Kent:	9-30	C.Blythe	Tonbridge	1904
	Hampshire:	8-41	R.J.Maru	Southampton†	1989

Best Bowling Analysis (Match)	Kent:	15-76	C.Blythe	Tonbridge	1904
	Hampshire:	14-146	G.Hill	Tonbridge	1935

Highest Wicket Partnerships - Kent:-

1st	281*	D.P.Fulton (134*) & R.W.T.Key (136*)	Canterbury	2006
2nd	231	H.T.W.Hardinge (168) & J.Seymour (124)	Portsmouth	1913
4th	297	H.T.W.Hardinge (160) & A.P.F.Chapman (159)	Southampton†	1926
5th	185	J.Seymour (204) & K.L.Hutchings (101)	Tonbridge	1907
6th	142	A.Hearne (35) & P.C.Baker (108)	Tonbridge	1901
7th	180	F.G.H.Chalk (88) & B.H.Valentine (104)	Canterbury	1937
8th	104	J.G.W.Davies (83) & E.Crush (78)	Canterbury	1948
9th	108	R.M.Ellison (55*) & D.L.Underwood (50)	Canterbury	1981
10th	125	P.A.Nixon (134*) & D.D.Masters (21)	Canterbury	2000

Highest Wicket Partnerships - Hampshire:-

1st	241*	B.A.Richards (143*) & C.G.Greenidge (118)	Southampton†	1973
2nd	204	R.E.Marshall (131) & A.C.D.Ingleby-Mackenzie (107)	Southampton†	1958
3rd	246	C.P.Mead (106) & C.B.Fry (143)	Southampton†	1912
4th	254	M.A.Carberry (148) & N.D.McKenzie (113)	Southampton††	2010
5th	219	C.P.Mead (152) & H.L.V.Day (91)	Southampton†	1927
6th	174	N.Pothas (52) & A.D.Mascarenhas (131)	Canterbury	2006
7th	270	C.P.Mead (175*) & J.P.Parker (156)	Canterbury	1926
8th	146	M.D.Marshall (112) & T.M.Tremlett (39*)	Bournemouth	1983
9th	113	S.D.Udal (91) & S.J.Renshaw (35*)	Portsmouth	1997
10th	99	W.H.Livsey (109*) & H.R.J.Sprinks (40)	Dover	1928

† Northlands Road †† Rose Bowl

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