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Kent v Lancashire

Thu 22 – Sun 25 April 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



I hope that you are all safe and well.

I'd like to welcome the players and support staff of Lancashire back to The Spitfire Ground, St Lawrence for our first LV= Insurance County Championship meeting here since 2015.

There have been some enthralling matches between us over the years, including a meeting in 2013 that saw Darren Stevens' 203 secure us an unlikely win, and personally, my 197 against this week's visitors back in 2006.

Last week's defeat to Yorkshire wasn't the start that any team would want back on home turf. We were unable to recover from what was frankly a first day that was well below the high standards we have set ourselves as a team, and despite some good batting on Day Four, the damage had already been done.

I have full confidence in this side to 'bounce-back' and to show why we have been seeded third in this tournament during this match.

Although our top order may not have scored the runs they are usually expected to against Yorkshire, nobody can deny their talent and their individual records show that they are all top, top batters.

Morale in the dressing room remains high and there was no questions about the effort and drive of the players during the first game. As we have all been saying over the Winter, this is a hungry squad that all have the drive and determination to become a top side.

This week's opponents are another stern test for us but it's a challenge that we are all looking forward to as a team.

I hope you enjoy the match, and hopefully this week is one week closer to you all coming to see us play 'in the flesh' at The Spitfire Ground, St Lawrence.

Walks

LAST TIME OUT



Kent suffered a 200-run defeat in their LV= Insurance County Championship match at Canterbury, but Yorkshire were frustrated for much of Day Four by nightwatchman Matt Milnes, who hit a career-best 78.

Milnes batted for over four and half hours and faced 210 balls, including an 89-minute partnership with Darren Stevens, who was Kent's next highest scorer in the innings with 47.

The hosts were reduced to 33/2 at stumps on Day Three, and trailed by 411 in the Group Three fixture - the visitors had made 379 in their first innings.

Darren Stevens' good form with the bat continued with two scores over 40, also taking four wickets in Yorkshire's first innings. Milnes finished the match with five wickets.

England batters past and present starred for the visitors, with former opener Adam Lyth hitting 116 and current skipper Root making 101 in their second innings. Kent's Joe Denly took two for 61, while Matt Milnes claimed two for 68.

On Day One, Kent all-rounder Darren Stevens celebrated being named as one of Wisden's Cricketers of the Year

by taking three for 52 and Matt Milnes claimed two for 63, including the prize scalp of England captain Joe Root for 11, while wicketkeeper Ollie Robinson took five catches.

The visitors had regained control by the close of play in the Group Three fixture thanks to Steven Patterson and David Willey, who were unbeaten on 34 and 25 respectively.

Yorkshire resumed on 358/8 on Day Two, but lost Steven Patterson to the fifth ball of the morning when he was caught by sub Fred Klaassen at cover, off Matt Milnes. Stevens then bowled Duanne Olivier for 5 to conclude Yorkshire's first innings.

They led Kent by 120 in the second innings of their LV= Insurance County Championship game at Canterbury, reaching 6/0 at stumps on Day Two, having bowled the hosts out for 265.

The visitors had made 379 in their first innings, Steven Patterson adding 38 before claiming three for 43. Duanne Olivier also took three wickets for 55 to leave Kent in danger of following on in the Group Three match, but they recovered from 156/6, as Darren Stevens, who had earlier taken 4-60, top-scored with 52 and Ollie Robinson made 44.

KENT V LANCASHIRE – THE HISTORY

Kent first played Lancashire in 1871 at Gravesend in what was actually the very first match of the newly unified Kent County Cricket formed the previous winter. They have now met 225 times with Kent winning 56, Lancashire 90. with 79 matches drawn and three matches abandoned and one cancelled (1885) when Lord Harris refused to let Kent play in an argument over throwing. The match has been played at Canterbury on 31 occasions with Kent winning 12, Lancashire 8, with 11 drawn.

Highest Innings Total	Kent: 615	Tunbridge Wells 2004	
	Lancashire: 531	Manchester 1906	
Lowest Innings Total	Kent: 38	Maidstone 1881	
	Lancashire: 61	Manchester 1884	
Highest Individual Score	Kent: 260	A.P.F.Chapman Maidstone 1927	
	Lancashire: 295*	J.T.Tyldesley Manchester 1906	
Best Bowling Analysis (Innings)	Kent: 10-79	A.P.Freeman Manchester 1931	
	Lancashire: 9-29	A.W.Mold Tonbridge 1892	
Best Bowling Analysis (Match)	Kent: 15-114	W.Hearne Manchester 1893	
	Lancashire: 16-111	A.W.Mold Manchester 1895	

Highest Wicket Partnerships - Kent:-

1st	181	A.E.Fagg (138) & F.G.H.Chalk (94)	Dover	1939
2nd	229	R.W.T.Key (180) & E.T.Smith (116)	Tunbridge Wells	2004
3rd	288	R.W.T.Key (182) & M.J.Walker (157)	Canterbury	2007
4th	213	K.L.Hutchings (176) & J.R.Mason (88)	Canterbury	1906
5th	254	E.Humphreys (200*) & A.P.Day (109)	Tunbridge Wells	1910
6th	284	A.P.F.Chapman (260) & G.B.Legge (101)	Maidstone	1927
7th	159	C.S.Hurst (124) & J.C.Hubble (63)	Manchester	1922
8th	92	D.I.Stevens (101*) & M.T.Coles (33)	Manchester	2010
9th	121	M.J.Walker (197) & A.Khan (38)	Canterbury	2006
10th	61	D.W.Headley (72) & D.A.Scott (12*)	Manchester	1999

Highest Wicket Partnerships - Lancashire:-

1st	208	F.B.Watson (150) & J.L.Hopwood (96)	Manchester	1935
2nd	209	J.W.H.Makepeace (110) & J.T.Tyldesley (253)	Canterbury	1914
3rd	231	H.Pilling (66) & C.H.Lloyd (163)	Dartford	1970
4th	255	H.Pilling (120) & D.Bailey (136)	Manchester	1969
5th	148	K.J.Grieves (144) & P.T.Marner (62)	Gravesend	1953
6th	193	N.D.Howard (138*) & J.G.Lomax (78)	Maidstone	1952
7th	176	G.R.Baker (109) & G.Yates (74)	Tonbridge	1892
8th	115*	J.Abrahams (59*) & J.Simmons (65*)	Maidstone	1981
9th	109	G.Chapple (55) & P.J.Martin (80*)	Liverpool	2002

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IN CONVERSATION WITH: ZAK CRAWLEY

Last week saw the announcement that both Kent's Zak Crawley and Darren Stevens were named as Wisden Cricketers of the Year for 2021.

One of the most decorated individual honours in the game by the annual publication, selections are based primarily on a player's performances during the previous English Summer.

This is the first time two Kent stars have been in the same cohort of Wisden Cricketers of the Year since Douglas Carr and Arthur Day both earned the accolade in 1910.

We caught up with Kent and England's Zak Crawley for a chat about receiving the accolade alongside his Kent teammate.

Being named as Kent's first male Cricketer of the Year since 2005 (Rob Key) must be a great feeling?

"Yes, it's not something that you necessarily think about being awarded when you're playing but when you do get named as one of the five it's a great feeling and honour!"

"To be named alongside 'Stevo' [Darren Stevens] is just the icing on the cake really. He's thoroughly deserved this recognition after his performances over the last few years."

The Kent batter went into 2020 having just made his Test debut in November 2019, and over the course of twelve months has cemented his name as part of England's batting line-up, including an incredible 267 against Pakistan in Southampton.

Crawley and Stevens join 28 other cricketers to have been named Cricketers of the Year whilst playing for Kent, including great names such as: Frank Woolley, 'Tich' Freeman, Colin Cowdrey,



Les Ames, Derek Underwood and Alan Knott.

"Seeing some of the people who have won this award before me makes me feel very proud. To think that I've followed in some of their footsteps in some small way is a huge honour."



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