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Kent vs Middlesex

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WELCOME

By Matt Walker
Head Coach

Good morning everyone, and welcome back to our home in East Kent, The Spitfire Ground, St Lawrence. Welcome also to the players and coaches of Middlesex.

Firstly, I'd like to say a few words about this past weekend. Saturday was a truly special occasion, and so richly deserved for everyone involved at Kent Cricket, including the players, coaches, support staff, ground staff office staff, and everyone that has a role in the family we call Kent Cricket.

Kent Cricket is an extraordinary place to be and like all good organisations it always about the people. We have a 'team' of

brilliant people and hopefully we can all keep moving forward to keep improving and having more days like Saturday.

Now, we take on Middlesex for the chance to top this Division and end what already has been a memorable season on another high.

Enjoy the match,

Walks

LAST TIME OUT

Kent completed a hat-trick of LV=Insurance County Championship victories when they beat Derbyshire by 130 runs in the Division Three match at Derby.

After Kent declared on 211 for 2, setting Derbyshire an unlikely 341 for victory, the home side were bowled out for 210.

Nathan Gilchrist took 4 for 30 after Grant Stewart claimed the first two wickets to start another feeble Derbyshire collapse.

Only an eighth wicket stand of 70 between Anuj Dal, 58 not out, and Ben Aitchison, 36, spared Derbyshire from complete humiliation

Kent batted on for nine overs in the morning, adding 64 with Jordan Cox falling for 81 attempting a big shot against Matt Critchley.

Daniel Bell-Drummond dispatched Critchley for six on his way to an unbeaten 51 and the declaration set Derbyshire a target that was purely notional given their batting woes this season.

A more realistic target was to bat out the day but once again, the top order crumbled and by lunch, Derbyshire were facing defeat.

Harry Came was the first to go when he followed one from Stewart that moved away and Leus du Plooy bagged a pair when he was pinned in front first ball by a full delivery.

Billy Godleman denied Stewart a hat-trick but after a brief recovery, two more wickets fell before the interval.

Wayne Madsen played across a swinging delivery from Harry Podmore and was lbw for 13 and Godleman followed him to the pavilion in the next over.

The Derbyshire captain miscued a pull at Nathan Gilchrist and was caught at square leg for 27 to leave his side in disarray on 67 for 4 at the interval.

It was now just a question of how long Derbyshire could delay Kent but the visitors were soon back in business.

Tom Wood lost his off stump as he played forward to Jas Singh and Gilchrist claimed his second wicket in the next over when Critchley edged to second slip.

Gilchrist found late movement to have Brooke Guest caught behind but Dal and Aitchison finally offered some resistance along with a few muscular blows before the latter miscued to mid off.

Sam Conners, batting with a runner after turning an ankle, helped Dal take the game to tea but Gilchrist sealed victory with the fifth ball of the final session.





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KENT V MIDDLESEX

Kent first played Middlesex as far back as 1859, since when they have met 219 times, Kent winning 79, Middlesex 72, with 68 drawn and four matches abandoned (three by the weather, one cancelled through the outbreak of World War II). Just one of the abandonments was in Kent - in 1908 at Tunbridge Wells. This was the last occasion in the home county that a match was completely given up to the weather - a record not even remotely approached by any other county. Middlesex have appeared on eleven grounds in Kent, 46 times at Canterbury where the record is Kent 15, Middlesex 13 and 18 drawn. Overall down the years matches between these two counties have been, in terms of wins, the closest of all Kent's fixtures. In the 1923 Canterbury Week match, Woolley set the then Kent record innings of 270. Somehow, Kent contrived to lose the match by a decisive margin of seven wickets. In the 1963 encounter at Tunbridge Wells, most of the Middlesex side returning to Tunbridge Wells after the Sunday break, got stuck in traffic and the umpires were forced to declare their ongoing innings closed, Kent went out to bat in a field populated by Kent players making up the numbers. Brian Luckhurst was dismissed "caught substitute (John Prodger)".

Highest Innings Total	Kent: 652-7d	Uxbridge	2009
	Middlesex: 550-9d	Lord's	2005
Lowest Innings Total	Kent: 43	Lord's	1953
	43	Dover	1957
	Middlesex: 44	Lord's	1891
Highest Match Aggregate:	1370-30 wkts	Uxbridge	2009
Lowest Match Aggregate:	232-30 wkts	Lord's	1891
Highest Individual Score:	Kent: 270	F.E.Woolley	Canterbury 1923
	Middlesex: 277*	E.H.Hendren	Lord's 1925
Best Bowling Analysis (Innings):	Kent: 8-30	D.V.P.Wright	Maidstone 1956
	Middlesex: 9-65	J.J.Warr	Lord's 1956
Best Bowling Analysis (Match):	Kent: 15-122	A.P.Freeman	Lord's 1933
	Middlesex: 14-89	J.S.E.Price	Lord's 1970

Highest Wicket Partnerships - Kent:-

1st	283	D.P.Fulton (110) & R.W.T.Key (142)	Canterbury	2005
2nd	366	S.G.Hinks (234) & N.R.Taylor (152*)	Canterbury	1990
3rd	196	R.C.Wilson (131) & M.C.Cowdrey (95)	Canterbury	1954
	196	D.P.Fulton (196) & M.J.Walker (104)	Canterbury	2006
4th	193	M.van Jaarsveld (86) & D.I.Stevens (208)	Uxbridge	2009
5th	228	D.I.Stevens (208) & J.M.Kemp (138*)	Uxbridge	2009
6th	158	J.Seymour (193) & C.V.L.Hoorman (54)	Canterbury	1910
7th	148	J.Pettiford (95*) & A.L.Dixon (83)	Gravesend	1959
8th	120	L.E.G.Ames (130*) & T.A.Pearce (48)	Tunbridge Wells	1932
9th	105	K.L.Hutchings (125) & F.H.Huish (17*)	Tonbridge	1906
10th	135	J.M.Kemp (102) & A.Khan (58*)	Lord's	2005

Highest Wicket Partnerships - Middlesex:-

1st	367*	G.D.Barlow (174*) & W.N.Slack (181*)	Lord's	1981
2nd	282	B.L.Hutton (152) & O.A.Shah (128)	Lord's	2005
3rd	198	M.W.Gatting (101) & M.R.Ramprakash (125)	Canterbury	1990
4th	202	D.J.Malan (80) & N.J.Dexter (118)	Uxbridge	2009
5th	161	D.C.S.Compton (168) & F.G.Mann (57)	Lord's	1947
6th	219	M.R.Ramprakash (87) & M.W.Gatting (174)	Canterbury	1991
7th	169	J.W.Hearne (156) & N.E.Haig (63)	Folkestone	1930
8th	136	J.M.Sims (69*) & B.L.Muncer (80)	Folkestone	1934
9th	138	A.J.Webbe (89*) & J.T.Hearne (65)	Lord's	1895
10th	230	R.W.Nicholls (154) & W.Roche (74*)	Lord's	1899

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VITALITY BLAST CHAMPIONS



Kent Spitfires ended their 14-year wait for a piece of silverware as they beat Somerset by 25 runs to win the Vitality Blast 2021.

Homegrown 20-year-old Jordan Cox smashed 58 in 28 balls to fire the Spitfires over par with 167 for seven.

Cox's outstanding fielding and spin twins Joe Denly and Qais Ahmed's shared five for 50 stopped Somerset short and handed Kent their first Blast trophy since 2007.

The Spitfires looked in control throughout the Powerplay, having been stuck in, before Daniel Bell-Drummond and Joe Denly both fell to Roelof van der Merwe in consecutive deliveries.

Bell-Drummond's pull to midwicket was a regulation catch but Tom Abell's sprint back off the ring 20 yards towards the

boundary before pulling out a full stretch over the shoulder dive was mind-blowing.

A slowing Edgbaston pitch made going tough for the batters as a large total looking almost out the question when Jack Leaning clubbed a slower ball to square leg to leave the Spitfires 111 for five with four overs to spare.

But Cox, who had fallen first ball in the semi-final, flared up in sensational style.

Having been 20 off his first 17 balls, before cutting Craig Overton to the boundary, he reached his half-century in 26 balls following a swivelled and then flicked sixes.

He rounded off the innings with pyrotechnics going six-four-four off Josh Davey to lift 56 in the last four overs, and Kent to just one fewer than their 168 vs Sussex earlier in the day.

Blast

The chase couldn't have started much worse for Somerset as Tom Banton was stumped second ball and Lewis Goldsworthy skied to point - leaving them three for two.

Tom Abell and Will Smeed rebuilt with a risk-free 58-run stand and although the former was snared at backward point.

The latter continued but earned a life in bizarre circumstances; Cox completed a catch on the boundary but slide tackled by Bell-Drummond, who had slid into the boundary cushion. Third umpire Neil Bainton adjudged it not out and a six, although three balls later Cox caught Sneed for 43 without controversy.

Cox was back at it with an outrageous scurry around the raucous Eric Hollies Stand boundary, leap and palm off to Matt Milnes to affect the wicket of Lewis Gregory before van der Merwe pinged to cover - Somerset losing five wickets for 34 in the middle overs.

Somerset, for the 24th time in all competitions and fourth time in the Blast, were confirmed as runners-up when they failed to knock off an impossible 48 in the last over.





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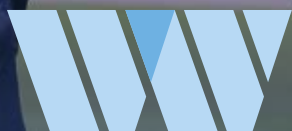


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