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Kent v Yorkshire

Thursday 15 – Sunday 18 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



Firstly, I hope you and your friends and family are all keeping well during these times.

Normally we'd be welcoming you all in person to The Spitfire Ground, St Lawrence for this match, but we will all have to wait a little bit longer for the return of our Members and supporters to see the lads in person.

Whilst it won't quite be the same, we're all looking forward to our first home Championship match of the season, and it's great to be welcoming a side like Yorkshire to Canterbury again.

As I've mentioned before, I've been really impressed with how our squad has handled pre-season this year despite numerous circumstances that could've affected us. Despite having to train in 'bubbles' and having less practice outside than we'd have normally had, the players have all shown the grit and determination required to overcome these challenges and produce some good performances across pre-season.

Although our first match of this year's County Championship ended in a draw, it was good

to see a bit of the limelight and praise from our supporters shared amongst the team during the four days. Darren Stevens once again showed his class with his hundred, and some great performances from Jordan Cox, Jack Leaning and Ollie Robinson with the bat shows that we are building a fantastic young, talented core to this Kent side.

Harry Podmore also bowled really well in the final two days. Even though all of our bowlers found it tough, especially earlier on in the match, 'Podders' especially came back to finish with figures of 4/77, something that I'm sure will build his confidence going into two tough matches.

The next two home games with Yorkshire and Lancashire are stern tests for us, but to improve as a side you need to be competitive against anyone - that's certainly where we want to be as a squad.

I hope you enjoy the game, and we all hope to see you soon.

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LAST TIME OUT



Kent secured fourteen points from their first LV= Insurance County Championship match of the season as snow bought an end to Day Four in Northamptonshire.

A good fightback after the Lunch interval with the bat on Day One of Kent's Championship opener saw the visitors reach 309/7 at stumps.

Cox and Leaning resumed after the interval with a clear intent to attack and showing signs of the form and timing that brought them a record-breaking stand of 423 against Sussex in Canterbury last Summer.

On this occasion, their partnership had reached 89 when Cox fell to a leaping catch on the midwicket boundary by Emilio Gay. Leaning found a new willing partner in Ollie Robinson who quickly found his touch and the pair compiled a 50-run stand by the Tea interval.

If 'big hitters' in Bell-Drummond, Crawley and Denly found the going difficult, Kent supporters will be heartened to see half century scores from a newer breed in Cox, Leaning and Robinson.

Darren Stevens starred with an unbeaten century to put Kent in the driving seat on a rain-affected second day his 35th first-class hundred and 35th official century across all formats for Kent – and became the oldest player since 1986 to register three figures in a County Championship fixture.

He shared partnerships of 74 with Harry Podmore and 63 with Miguel Cummins for the last two wickets, shepherding Kent to a first-innings total of 455.

After big performances from Northants' Vasconcelos and Keogh, a draw seemed inevitable on Day Four, before the weather put an end to all hopes of a result.

KENT V YORKSHIRE – THE HISTORY

Kent first played Yorkshire in a first-class match in 1849. Since then they have met 203 times with Kent winning 41 and Yorkshire 85. 77 matches have been drawn. Four matches have been abandoned including one declared void when the pitch was reported tampered with (1904). Kent has played Yorkshire 29 times at Canterbury with Kent winning 6 and Yorkshire 11, with 12 drawn. Their last meeting was the now famous match at Headingley in 2019 when Darren Stevens scored 237 and Kent recorded their biggest ever runs win, 433.

Highest Innings Total	Kent:	580-9d	Maidstone	1998
	Yorkshire:	559	Canterbury	1887

Lowest Innings Total	Kent:	39	Sheffield†	1882
		39	Sheffield†	1936
	Yorkshire:	30	Sheffield†	1865

Highest Individual Score	Kent:	237	D.I.Stevens	Leeds	2019
	Yorkshire:	248	W.Barber	Leeds	1934

Best Bowling Analysis (Innings)	Kent:	8-35	A.Hearne	Sheffield†	1885
	Yorkshire:	9-12	H.Verity	Sheffield†	1936

Best Bowling Analysis (Match)	Kent:	13-48	A.Hearne	Sheffield†	1885
	Yorkshire:	15-38	H.Verity	Sheffield†	1936

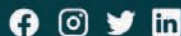
Highest Wicket Partnerships - Kent:-

1st	198	D.P.Fulton (71) & R.W.T.Key (114)	Canterbury	2002
2nd	239	H.T.W.Hardinge (137) & F.E.Woolley (131)	Tonbridge	1929
3rd	215	G.G.Hearne (117) & C.Wilson (127)	Canterbury	1886
4th	160	F.E.Woolley (81) & L.P.Hedges (130)	Maidstone	1920
5th	228	C.S.Cowdrey (113) & E.A.E.Baptiste (136*)	Sheffield†	1983
6th	346	S.W.Billings (138) & D.I.Stevens (237)	Leeds	2019
7th	140*	J.C.Tredwell (116*) & A.J.Hall (63*)	Tunbridge Wells	2007
8th	109	A.G.E.Ealham (99) & J.N.Shepherd (63)	Folkestone	1977
9th	153	M.T.Coles (103*) & M.Davies (58)	Leeds	2012
10th	95	W.Wright (37) & W.M.Bradley (67)	Canterbury	1897

Highest Wicket Partnerships - Yorkshire:-

1st	267	W.Barber (248) & L.Hutton (70)	Leeds	1934
2nd	258	H.Sutcliffe (230) & E.Oldroyd (93)	Folkestone	1931
3rd	217	A.McGrath (144) & J.A.Rudolph (129)	Canterbury	2008
4th	258	P.E.Robinson (147) & D.Byas (117)	Scarborough	1989
5th	229	D.S.Lehmann (193) & C.White (79)	Canterbury	2006
6th	174	D.S.Lehmann (136) & G.M.Hamilton (73)	Maidstone	1998
7th	162	R.J.Blakey (90) & R.K.J.Dawson (87)	Canterbury	2002
8th	138	E.Wainwright (100) & 7th Baron Hawke (81)	Tonbridge	1899
9th	99	H.Verity (48*) & T.F.Smailes (50)	Dover	1936
10th	148	7th Baron Hawke (107*) & D.Hunter (47)	Sheffield†	1898

† matches played at Bramall Lane, Sheffield † match played at Abbeydale Park, Sheffield.
 Statistics Courtesy of Howard Milton



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IN CONVERSATION WITH: JACK LEANING



As Jack Leaning gears up to go against his former county for the first time in a Kent shirt, we caught up with him as he digests our first game of the season and looks ahead to the next challenge.

"It's awesome to get some runs in our first match. I've put quite a lot of hard work in over the Winter changing a couple of things technically and for it to all go well nicely in the first game, going nice and balanced at the crease, it's quite a nice place to be in, to be honest. Hopefully it's a decent start and it's a good sign of things to come for the season.

"I've really enjoyed working with Mike Yardy this Winter – he's a fantastic coach and he's challenged me in different way than I've had before. He's made me understand my own game more and has helped me be able to get the best out of my game. The things we've worked on over the Winter has helped me keep things simple and basic in the middle, and hopefully that'll help me out over the year."

Leaning also built another partnership with Jordan Cox against Northants, after the pair broke records together in 2020.

"Coxy and I enjoy batting together quite a lot, to be honest! We've become decent

friends on and off the field. I think we complement each other quite well out in the field, we're both pretty chilled out characters, and we go about our business in the same way.

"We both like to keep our cricket simple and we both like to enjoy ourselves whilst we're doing it!"

And how is Jack feeling, as he prepares to face his former side?

"I'm definitely looking forward to it. Hopefully it'll be another good week for me and the team, and we can put a massive score on the board again, to try to get a positive result. For me personally, I'd love to hopefully get a big score against my mates from back in Yorkshire. It'll be a tough test and they've got a good side, but I'm feeling in good nick and hopefully that bodes well for the game."

"I was quite fortunate to be in a really successful side when I won the two Championships with Yorkshire. There's a really similar feeling to the team I'm in now at Kent – we've got a really good squad with a good mix of young and experienced players. I think with the more we play together as a team, there's no reason why we can't go on and win some silverware over the next few years."



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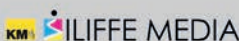
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