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PRESIDENT'S WELCOME:



Welcome everybody to the 170th Canterbury Cricket Week at The Spitfire Ground, St Lawrence – a tradition that pre-dates our Club itself, and is considered to be the oldest cricket festival in the world that is still in existence.

I'd also like to extend a very warm welcome to the players, support staff and supporters of Northamptonshire – our opponents in this LV= Insurance County Championship match.

I am honoured and touched to have the opportunity to be the President of Kent Cricket for 2022, and I am proud to have been in attendance for as many Kent matches as I have been able to so far this season. This match, however, takes on extra significance for both me and my family.

There has been a very close bond between the Neame family and Kent Cricket for many years, and long may this continue. I am delighted to be the second female President of the Club, but of course, I am not the first Neame. I hope that in the future, the Neame name will be mentioned more and more alongside the history of this great Club.

Throughout my Presidency I have been heartened to see the development of women's and girls' cricket across our sport. Young girls now have achievable aspirations of being professional cricketers, something that they have not had the opportunity to be until now, and I am delighted to see that our long history of success in women's cricket has shone through into the new regional South East Stars setup, as well as bringing more silverware to The Spitfire Ground, St Lawrence. The 'double' that Kent Women achieved in 2021 was an outstanding achievement, and with a squad that is full of homegrown talent, I look forward to overseeing more successes this season.

I hope you enjoy this Men's First XI match against Northamptonshire, and I hope you are looking forward to this week as much as I am.

As well as an opportunity for cricket fans to come together for a week of cricket in high Summer, it is an opportunity for us to celebrate the contribution the Club makes to the community here in Kent and to say thank you to the many people and partners that support Kent Cricket.

Yvonne Neame
Club President

LAST TIME OUT

Daniel Bell-Drummond added another fighting 107 not out to his first innings 102 as Kent battled to a draw against LV= Insurance County Championship leaders Surrey.

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It is the first time the 28-year-old Bell-Drummond has scored two hundreds in a first-class match.

The loss of 14 overs to bad weather at the start of the final day was frustrating for Surrey, but the Kia Oval pitch remained a good one for batting throughout and hands were shaken at 5.48pm when Kent had taken their overnight second innings 121 for no wicket to 361 for 4.

Surrey took 16 points from this match, and Kent 12.

Bell-Drummond batted for a total of almost nine hours in the game, resisting in Kent's second innings for 195 balls and 284 minutes after coming in when opener Ben Compton was leg-before to Sam Curran in the final day's second over.

Play should have started at 11:50, following early morning rain, but just as the players

reached the middle another shower meant a further five-minute delay. Amusingly, the Surrey team remained on the field as the umpires ordered the pitch to be covered and liaised with Oval ground staff, while Kent's openers Compton and Joe Denly marched off back into their dressing room.

With a minimum of 82 overs now scheduled from 11:55, Denly – who resumed on 63 – was soon flashing Dan Worrall's pacy outswing away through the gully area for four but Compton, on 47 overnight, had only added a single to his score when Curran skidded one into the left-hander's pads through an attempted work to leg.

Denly, on 69, was then beaten by a full, in-slanting ball from Worrall that flicked the inside of his front pad before hammering into his back pad to make another upraised umpire's finger a formality.

At 128 for two, Kent were suddenly under severe pressure, with the serene progress of Denly and Compton the evening before, when the openers had added 121 in 44 overs, seeming a distant memory.

Bell-Drummond, however, was joined by Jack Leaning in a stand of 107 either side of lunch that did much to guide Kent to safety. The pair, who had also added 161 together in Kent's first innings, were largely untroubled although Bell-Drummond, on 54, did edge Curran just short of second slip – the ball flying away for one of the batsman's 14 fours.

Surrey tried seven bowlers in all, but although Leaning was bowled off stump for 43 by a perfect inswinger by Curran, soon after the second new ball was taken at 219 for two, they could not dislodge Bell-Drummond.

Jordan Cox, on 27, fell for a trap set by Gus Atkinson when he pulled high to

LAST TIME OUT (CONTINUED)

deep square leg but Surrey's last chance of forcing a victory probably came on 301 for four – with Kent's overall deficit still 41 and with more than 22 overs remaining – when Ollie Robinson, on 12, fended a short ball from Conor McKerr just short of Ben Geddes diving forward at a deepish short leg.

Geddes was then moved a couple of yards forward but no other opportunity came his way and, fittingly, the game ended soon after Bell-Drummond had completed his hundred, with Robinson finishing unbeaten on 39.

Kent Men Head Coach Matt Walker said: "I think it was an outstanding effort from us to draw this match.

"Even after Day One we knew we were not in a position to win it, and we were staring down the barrel from about three-quarters of the way through the first day to be honest, with them getting to 445 for 5 by the end of that opening day.

"It was also a difficult task for us when we followed on but I thought Ben Compton and Joe Denly's 121-run stand on the third evening was critical and, as for Daniel Bell-Drummond, he has batted superbly in both innings.

"He was frustrated to get out soon after reaching his hundred in the first innings but then to come out again second time around and bat like that just shows his strength of character and it's great to see him back to his best in red-ball cricket."

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KENT VS. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE - THE HISTORY

Kent first played Northamptonshire in 1907. The first match at Northampton is famed for Colin Blythe's taking 17-48 on the same day., That match analysis included 10-30 in an innings, both still Kent records, probably unlikely ever to be beaten., The two teams have now met 142 times with Kent winning 60, Northamptonshire 34. with 47 matches drawn and one tie. Northamptonshire have played on no less than 13 Kent grounds. They have played at least one match on all the grounds Kent have used since 1907, including probably forgotten grounds like Catford and the then Royal Navy ground on Chatham Lines. At Canterbury they have appeared on 16 occasions with Kent winning 4, Northamptonshire 4, with 8 drawn.

Highest Innings Total	Kent:	701-7d	Beckenham	2017
	Northamptonshire:	568	Beckenham	2017

Lowest Innings Total	Kent:	67	Gravesend	1924
	Northamptonshire:	39	Northampton	1907

Highest Individual Score	Kent:	318	S.R.Dickson	Beckenham	2017
	Northamptonshire:	208	B.M.Duckett	Beckenham	2016

Best Bowling Analysis (Innings)	Kent:	10-30	C.Blythe	Northampton	1907
	Northamptonshire:	10-127	V.W.C.Jupp	Tunbridge Wells	193

Best Bowling Analysis (Match)	Kent:	17-48	C.Blythe	Northampton	1907
	Northamptonshire:	13-196	W.Wells	Northampton	1921

Highest Wicket Partnerships - Kent:-

1st	230	L.J.Todd (87) & A.E.Fagg (167)	Tunbridge Wells	1948
2nd	382	S.R.Dickson (318) & J.L.Denly (182)	Beckenham	2017
3rd	283	R.C.Wilson (159*) & S.E.Leary (158)	Kettering	1963
4th	296	K.L.Hutchings (132) & F.E.Woolley (152)	Gravesend	1908
5th	227	M.C.Cowdrey (139) & R.C.Wilson (90)	Tunbridge Wells	1955
6th	219	D.P.Fulton (196) & M.A.Ealham (153*)	Canterbury	2001
7th	194	L.E.G.Ames (149) & T.A.Pearce (83)	Tunbridge Wells	1932
8th	122	G.C.Collins (80) & W.J.Fairservice (53)	Northampton	1912
9th	136	R.M.Ellison (71) & A.P.E.Knott (87*)	Northampton	1985
10th	63	D.I.Stevens (116*) & M.L.Cummins (24)	Northampton	2021

Highest Wicket Partnerships - Northamptonshire:-

1st	199	A.W.Snowden (84) & A.H.Bakewell (112)	Dover	1934
2nd	282	D.Brookes (138) & L.Livingston (200)	Maidstone	1954
3rd	179	D.S.Steele (130*) & Mushtaq Mohammad (86)	Northampton	1973
4th	167	R.J.Warren (104) & A.L.Penberthy (73)	Canterbury	2001
5th	239	M.D.E.Holden (153) & A.M.Rossington (112)	Beckenham	2017
6th	337	R.R.Montgomerie (192) & D.J.Capel (167)	Canterbury	1995
7th	150	G.A.T.Vials (93) & J.Seymour (83)	Tonbridge	1912
8th	127	A.J.Hall (146) & J.D.Middlebrook (74*)	Canterbury	2011
9th	123	D.W.Barrick (121*) & K.V.Andrew (39)	Rushden	1960
10th	54	L.D.McManus (58*) 7 B.W.Sanderson (33)	Northampton	2022

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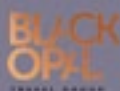
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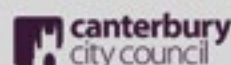
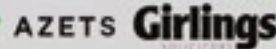
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