



DIGITAL MATCH PROGRAMME



Kent vs. Essex

5 - 8 September

Match starts at 10:30

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



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A photograph of two men in blue cricket attire, smiling and looking to the right. The man on the left is wearing a blue polo shirt with a logo on the chest. The man on the right is wearing a blue long-sleeved shirt and a blue baseball cap. The background is a blurred cricket field.

WALKS' WELCOME

By Matt Walker
Men's Head Coach

Hello everyone and welcome back to The Spitfire Ground, St Lawrence - welcome too to all associated with Essex Cricket that will be joining us for this match.

The return of the LV= Insurance County Championship sees us take on three very good sides as we look to secure our status in this Division going into 2022.

I've felt that we have perhaps deserved a little more from our matches this season - we have bossed sessions and even days in some of the matches we haven't come away with wins from, and it's been especially tough to take with the manner of some of our defeats this

year. That being said, our win at Edgbaston against the defending champions really shows what we're capable of when we get things right - and my challenge to the lads out on the field now is to continue to try and be as ruthless as we were in Birmingham.

We know that we don't have to rely on others for us to finish strongly this season, it's down to us, and I know the team will be buoyed by your support in our final two home matches.

Enjoy the match

Walks

LAST TIME OUT



Lancashire completed an extraordinary comeback 20 minutes after Tea on the final day at Emirates Old Trafford as Kent were bowled out for 127 to hand the hosts victory.

[View full scorecard](#)

George Lavelle came out swinging at the start of Day Four, scoring a quick-fire 30 from 30 balls before gloving one from Nathan Gilchrist to Ollie Robinson.

From that point it was something of a procession with Matt Henry dispatching Luke Wood, Bailey and Williams cheaply with just 21 runs added to total as the New Zealander finished with 4-82 and Jones was left unbeaten on 65.

With Lancashire declaring on 436/9, Kent were left requiring a target of 312 runs to win from a minimum of 82 overs.

But Zak Crawley tried to leave a rising delivery from Bailey only to nick one through to Lavelle for four and leave Kent 6/1 in the third over.

It was then 6/2 as Ben Compton edged a good delivery from Williams to Lavelle for two before the same bowler trapped Joe Denly in front for 0.

At 10/3 it was hard to see how Kent would recover despite Daniel Bell-Drummond's defiance at the other end giving them something to cling to as they made it to Lunch on 28/3.

It took until after Lunch for stand-in skipper Steven Croft to turn to spin but it proved a wide decision with Sundar immediately getting turn and bounce on the day four pitch.

It was this combination that would do for Kent's own temporary skipper Jack Leaning when he was adjudged to have feathered a Sundar delivery to Lavelle.

Jordan Cox then fell to a turning delivery from Sundar that bowled the batter through the gate for one to leave Kent 74/5.

Ollie Robinson showed some determination as 41 was added for the sixth wicket before he was lbw to Bailey for 21.

Stewart then edged Baily to Lavelle without scoring to leave Lancashire needing three wickets after Tea.

Henry was stumped charging Sundar for three before Bailey bowled both Gilchrist and Navdeep Saini for 0.

KENT VS. ESSEX – THE HISTORY

The “Battle of the Bridge” has a history long before there was a bridge or a tunnel connecting the two counties. The linking ferry is another matter. The first match was played in 1898 and overall Kent has had better of the contest winning 66 of the 191 matches, with 52 to Essex, 73 drawn and one abandoned. The same applies in Kent – 96-39-30-17. Essex lead by 32 wins to 27 on home territory. At Canterbury Kent have won ten of the 25 matches with 11 drawn. Essex have actually won on only four occasions, but on their last visit for a county match bowled Kent out for just 40, the lowest Kent score on the ground. On the other hand, the greatest of all Kent record-breaking matches was at Brentwood in 1934, with the county scored 803 for four declared with Bill Ashdown making 332. It has long been assumed that these Kent records would stand forever. But after the high scoring season like 2022, can this assumption continue?

Highest Innings Total	Kent: 803-4d Brentwood 1934 Essex: 616 Chelmsford 1988
Lowest Innings Total	Kent: 40 Canterbury 2019 Essex: 34 Brentwood 1969
Highest Individual Score	Kent: 332 W.H.Ashdown Brentwood 1934 Essex: 275 G.A.Gooch Chelmsford 1988
Best Bowling Analysis (Innings)	Kent: 10-53 A.P.Freeman Southend 1930 Essex: 9-108 T.P.B.Smith Maidstone 1948
Best Bowling Analysis (Match)	Kent: 16-94 A.P.Freeman Southend 1930 Essex: 13-155 J.W.T.Douglas Leyton 1907

Highest Wicket Partnerships - Kent:-

1st	283	A.E.Fagg (202*) & P.R.Sunnucks (82)	Colchester	1938
2nd	352	W.H.Ashdown (332) & F.E.Woolley (172)	Brentwood	1934
3rd	268	M.R.Benson (159) & G.R.Cowdrey (116)	Maidstone	1990
4th	242	M.C.Cowdrey (250) & J.F.Pretlove (102)	Blackheath	1959
5th	211	S.E.Leary (116) & P.H.Jones (117)	Gravesend	1960
6th	256*	C.J.Tavaré (168*) & A.P.E.Knott (115*)	Chelmsford	1982
7th	222	G.R.Cowdrey (145) & S.A.Marsh (120)	Chelmsford	1988
8th	222	S.A.Northeast (166*) & J.C.Tredwell (124)	Chelmsford	2016
9th	115	R.M.Ellison (68*) & R.P.Davis (52)	Chelmsford	1990
10th	102	J.Seymour (218*) & A.Fielder (61)	Leyton	1911

Highest Wicket Partnerships - Gloucestershire:-

1st	316	G.A.Gooch (236) & P.J.Prichard (109)	Chelmsford	1994
2nd	243	T.Westley (116) & R.S.Bopara (162)	Canterbury	2014
3rd	343	P.A.Gibb (141) & R.Horsfall (206)	Blackheath	1951
4th	259	G.A.Gooch (275) & D.R.Pringle (128)	Chelmsford	1988
5th	194	M.J.Walker (98) & J.S.Foster (99)	Chelmsford	2009
6th	205	P.A.Perrin (101) & C.P.McGahey (101)	Tunbridge Wells	1906
7th	152	N.Shahid (132) & D.R.Pringle (80)	Chelmsford	1992
8th	184	M.S.Nichols (155*) & T.P.B.Smith (105)	Gravesend	1938
9th	131	T.N.Pearce (107*) & R.Smith (37)	Colchester	1938
10th	106	F.W.Gilligan (63*) & M.S.Nichols (57)	Canterbury	1926

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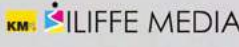
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