



DIGITAL MATCH PROGRAMME



Kent vs. Gloucestershire

12 – 15 June

Match starts at 11.00



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

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A photograph of two men in blue cricket attire, likely coaches, smiling and looking towards the right. The man on the left is wearing a blue t-shirt with a logo, and the man on the right is wearing a blue long-sleeved shirt and a blue cap. They are standing on a cricket field with a blurred background.

WALKS' WELCOME

By Matt Walker
Men's Head Coach

Hello everyone and welcome back to The Spitfire Ground, St Lawrence. Welcome too to the players, coaches, staff and supporters of Gloucestershire.

After a bit of a break, Championship cricket is back at Canterbury and we're looking forward to welcoming you all back to support us as every game takes on more and more importance for us as we progress through the season.

I'd like to extend a warm welcome to Jacob Duffy who has joined us for this match and our away trip to Surrey in a couple of weeks. Whilst we manage playing time and the fitness of our players, securing Jacob's services will help us remain competitive across all formats.

Across the board, there have been moments where we've been really good individually; there's been a lot of runs in the dressing room, individually there's been some good spells of bowling but to get to where you want to get to in a four-day game, it's got to be over the whole piece really.

All of the players want to get us into winning situations whatever the format, and it's important that we all continue to work together and to grind out positive results.

I hope you enjoy the match.

Walks

LAST TIME OUT

Northamptonshire & Kent played out a draw on the final day of their LV= Insurance County Championship match at Northampton.

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England opener Zak Crawley scored a second half-century of this Championship season, providing a much-needed boost ahead of the first Test against New Zealand.

While the intensity and pace of the bowling did not match what Crawley can expect to face at Lord's next month, Crawley's form will still be welcome news for the new England management.

With little riding on the day as the game drifted towards a draw, Crawley settled for some time in the middle, sharing a 149-run opening stand with Ben Compton. He struck the ball cleanly and crisply and accumulated seven boundaries and a six on his way to 84. It followed his first innings of 62 and marks a return to form for the opener after a string of low scores saw many questioning his England selection.

Finally the two sides shook hands on the draw with Kent at 170 for one.

Northamptonshire started the day needing 23 more runs to avoid the threat of the follow-on. Matt Quinn and Darren Stevens kept things tight early on during a tense opening 20 minutes which saw Tom Taylor fall, caught at second slip, without a run being added in five overs.

Gareth Berg opted for the attacking option, taking the Steelbacks to the brink of safety by smothering George Linde for six over long-on while Lewis McManus, batting with an injured finger, posted a hugely valuable undefeated fifty, his second since joining Northamptonshire on loan this season.

Ben Sanderson freed his arms, unfurling a string of crunching cover drives in a last wicket stand with McManus worth 54 before Daniel Bell-Drummond ended the



fun by knocking back Sanderson's off-stump just before Lunch.

After the interval, Crawley showed intent from the outset with a straight driven boundary off Sanderson. Northamptonshire's opening bowlers though kept things tight and Crawley and Curran were content to play the ball on merit and leave well alone outside off.

Northamptonshire fluffed the chance of an early wicket when there was a mix-up between the batters, leaving Compton scrabbling to regain his ground, but both Luke Procter's throw in from mid-on and sub keeper Harry Gouldstone's shy at the stumps were both slightly wide.

Crawley got into the groove with two late cuts off Sanderson and Taylor and played some pleasant cover drives for three. He also displayed some aggression with a clubbed four over mid-off to Rob Keogh and a crunching extra cover drive off Emilio Gay. He used his feet to come down the track and hit Ben Curran's slow bowling over long-on for six. One rare miss-hit came via an inside edge down to fine leg off Procter on 40 but he otherwise located the middle of the bat with ease and timed the ball sweetly.

At the other end Compton continued in the typically sedate fashion that has proved so productive for him this season before accelerating on his way to 68. He cut and drove handsomely, surviving one moment of danger when a thick outside edge off a ball from Keogh flew away for four.

After Tea, Northamptonshire turned to their part-time bowlers to see out the remaining overs. Crawley's innings ended finally after 138 balls when he hit Curran straight to long-on.

KENT VS. GLOUCESTERSHIRE – THE HISTORY

Kent first played Gloucestershire in 1887. From then they have met 185 times with Kent winning 76, Gloucestershire 53, with 56 drawn and one match abandoned. On the Spitfire Ground, as now is, there have been 26 contests with Gloucestershire edging the wins by eight to seven. 11 matches have been drawn. The teams have met at least twice on all the Kent grounds, with after Canterbury, Gravesend with 11 and Maidstone 14 the most popular venues. Kent had one of their successful run of victories against any county, with Gloucestershire the sufferers – 12 between 1913 and 1924. Given being the county of the Graces, W G had one of his more remarkable matches for them in 1895. In the month he scored a thousand runs before the end of May, he scored 257 and 73 not out, being on the pitch at Gravesend for every ball bowled.

Highest Innings Total	Kent:	607-6d	Cheltenham	1910
	Gloucestershire:	563	Tunbridge Wells	1934

Lowest Innings Total	Kent:	28	Moreton-in-Marsh	1888
	Gloucestershire:	31	Tonbridge	1903

Highest Individual Score	Kent:	295	L.E.G.Ames	Folkestone	1933
	Gloucestershire:	290	W.R.Hammond	Tunbridge Wells	1934

Best Bowling Analysis (Innings)	Kent:	9-47	D.V.P.Wright	Bristol	1939
	Gloucestershire:	9-38	T.W.J.Goddard	Bristol	1939

Best Bowling Analysis (Match)	Kent:	14-84	C.Blythe	Cheltenham	1911
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Highest Wicket Partnerships - Kent:-

1st	209	T.R.Ward (98) & M.R.Benson (159)	Cheltenham	1994
2nd	224	E.Humphreys (208) & J.Seymour (86)	Catford	1909
3rd	259	L.E.G.Ames (295) & L.J.Todd (121)	Folkestone	1933
4th	233*	M.C.Cowdrey (148*) & B.W.Luckhurst (86*)	Bristol	1962
5th	258	S.W.Billings (171) & D.I.Stevens (140)	Bristol	2016
6th	139	B.W.Harmison (125) & S.W.Billings (67)	Bristol	2014
7th	151*	A.L.Dixon (105*) & D.G.Ufton (52*)	Maidstone	1960
8th	119	C.J.Haggett (54) & M.T.Coles (66)	Bristol	2015
9th	76*	M.C.Cowdrey (116*) & A.Brown (20*)	Tunbridge Wells	1958
10th	87	R.McLaren (42) & S.J.Cook (40*)	Beckenham	2009

Highest Wicket Partnerships - Gloucestershire:-

1st	236	A.J.Wright (118) & I.P.Butcher (105*)	Maidstone	1989
2nd	229	Sadiq Mohammad (71) & Zaheer Abbas (230*)	Canterbury	1976
3rd	318	T.W.Graveney (211) & J.F.Crapp (131)	Gillingham	1953
4th	221	P.W.Romaines (135) & J.N.Shepherd (112)	Bristol	1983
5th	223	K.J.Barnett (125) & I.J.Harvey (123)	Canterbury	1999
6th	146	W.G.Grace (257) & S.A.P.Kitcat (52)	Gravesend	1895
7th	195	W.R.Hammond (290) & C.C.R.Dacre (53)	Tunbridge Wells	1934
8th	127	M.W.Alleyne (80) & C.A.Walsh (66)	Cheltenham	1994
9th	117	L.D.Brownlee (97) & J.H.Huggins (33*)	Bristol	1904
10th	111	C.T.Bancroft (206*) & M.D.Taylor (36)	Bristol	2017

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