



DIGITAL MATCH PROGRAMME



Kent vs. Hampshire

11 – 14 May

11:00 starts



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

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WALKS' WELCOME

By Matt Walker
Men's Head Coach

Welcome back everybody to The Spitfire Ground, St Lawrence for another LV= Insurance County Championship match. Welcome too to the players, staff & supporters of Hampshire to Canterbury.

To say that our start to the season has been a 'mixed bag' has been a bit of an understatement. Our brilliant opening weekend victory against Northamptonshire has now been overshadowed to some by our defeats at Warwickshire & Middlesex, and our draw here against Essex.

I have said elsewhere that we need to get back to basics in regaining our momentum and that's exactly what I have told the players. It's up to them to get us back to winning ways, and although Hampshire present another stern test for us with a fabulous bowling attack, I'd like to see everyone step up to the challenge over the next four days.

There is, however, no need to panic quite yet in terms of our position in Division One. As we have seen over the past two years, a strong end to a season can propel us right up the

table, and that's exactly what I've tasked the lads with before we head into the start of the Vitality Blast.

On the subject of the Blast, it seems not so long ago that we were in the depths of Winter, but we're now two weeks away from the return of T20 cricket to Canterbury. I hope to see as many of you there to support us in the shorter form of the game as well as in the Championship. Don't forget that Members get a 10% discount on up to four tickets to each of our scheduled Blast home matches this year, and the T20s are the perfect opportunity to introduce someone you know to live cricket.

I'm looking forward to your support over the next few weeks as we look to build some more momentum.

Enjoy the game,

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LAST TIME OUT



Middlesex took the victory at Lord's after Tim Murtagh recorded a ten-wicket haul in the match to see the end of Kentish defence in the LV= Insurance County Championship.

Ben Compton and Jack Leaning had dragged Kent back into contention with their solid 87-run partnership before seven wickets tumbled for o22, leaving Middlesex to chase a modest target of 86.

Trailing by just three runs at 40 for two overnight, Kent moved into the lead when Compton nudged Ethan Bamber to the boundary, but overall the morning session proved a tough slog for the batting side, who were restricted to less than two an over.

Tom Helm also induced a sharp edge from Leaning on 33, but Robson, flinging himself to his right at second slip, was unable to complete what would have been a stunning one-handed catch.

However, Robson gobbled up the next chance that came his way to remove Leaning, two short of his half-century, off Ryan Higgins' bowling and Middlesex seized on that opening by picking up two more wickets before lunch.

The normally free-scoring Jordan Cox was restricted to six from 36 balls before Bamber had him caught at slip and Murtagh struck with the penultimate

delivery of the session, pinning Kent captain Sam Billings lbw for a duck.

Compton, who dropped anchor to play a typically obdurate innings of 38 in more than three and a half hours, paid the price for an uncharacteristic lapse just after the interval, dabbing Murtagh straight to gully.

The seamer claimed a five-fer – the 39th of his first-class career – in his next over, knocking back Joey Evison's off stump and followed that up with his landmark wicket four balls later as Matt Quinn was leg before swinging across the line.

Those sandwiched a second for Bamber, who had Grant Stewart caught behind and last pair Wes Agar and Michael Hogan threw the bat, both depositing Murtagh into the stand to pad out Kent's paltry total by 19 before Helm belatedly collected his solitary wicket to wrap up the innings.

Robson, having survived a scare when Agar's first delivery zipped through him and away for byes, gradually settled into the groove with a sweetly-struck cover boundary off Hogan and four more off Quinn.

Although Mark Stoneman perished for 13, slapping Quinn's half-volley to mid-off, Malan joined forces with Robson for an unbroken partnership of 57 that sealed their side's win shortly after tea.

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KENT VS. HAMPSHIRE: THE HISTORY

Kent first played Hampshire in 1867. To date there have been 212 first-class contests between the two counties of which Kent have won 87, Hampshire 45 with 79 matches drawn and one tied. In Kent for very many years Hampshire were a permanent visitor to Canterbury for the Week over the early August Bank Holiday. As such the 67 games here represent the most for any match in Kent. Of these games Kent have won 24, Hampshire 11 with 32 drawn. Last year Hampshire beat Kent for the first time in a County Championship match in Kent.

Highest Innings Total	Kent:	610	Bournemouth	1906
	Hampshire:	671	Canterbury	2002

Lowest Innings Total	Kent:	32	Southampton†	1952
	Hampshire:	31	Maidstone	1967

Highest Individual Score	Kent:	257	M.R.Benson	Southampton†	1991
		257	A.E.Fagg	Southampton†	1936
	Hampshire:	272	J.P.Crawley	Canterbury	2002

Best Bowling Analysis (Innings)	Kent:	9-30	C.Blythe	Tonbridge	1904
	Hampshire:	8-41	R.J.Maru	Southampton†	1989

Best Bowling Analysis (Match)	Kent:	15-76	C.Blythe	Tonbridge	1904
	Hampshire:	14-146	G.Hill	Tonbridge	1935

Highest Wicket Partnerships - Kent:-

1st	281*	D.P.Fulton (134*) & R.W.T.Key (136*)	Canterbury	2006
2nd	231	H.T.W.Hardinge (168) & J.Seymour (124)	Portsmouth	1913
3rd	273	H.T.W.Hardinge (139) & F.E.Woolley (188)	Southampton†	1922
4th	297	H.T.W.Hardinge (160) & A.P.F.Chapman (159)	Southampton†	1926
5th	185	J.Seymour (204) & K.L.Hutchings (101)	Tonbridge	1907
6th	142	A.Hearne (35) & P.C.Baker (108)	Tonbridge	1901
7th	180	F.G.H.Chalk (88) & B.H.Valentine (104)	Canterbury	1937
8th	104	J.G.W.Davies (83) & E.Crush (78)	Canterbury	1948
9th	108	R.M.Ellison (55*) & D.L.Underwood (50)	Canterbury	1981
10th	125	P.A.Nixon (134*) & D.D.Masters (21)	Canterbury	2000

Highest Wicket Partnerships - Hampshire:-

1st	241*	B.A.Richards (143*) & C.G.Greenidge (118)	Southampton††	1973
2nd	204	R.E.Marshall (131) & A.C.D.Ingleby-Mackenzie (107)	Southampton††	1958
3rd	246	C.P.Mead (106) & C.B.Fry (143)	Southampton††	1912
4th	254	M.A.Carberry (148) & N.D.McKenzie (113)	Southampton	2010
5th	273	L.V.Dawson (171) & B.C.Brown (157)	Canterbury	2022
6th	174	N.Pothas (52) & A.D.Mascarenhas (131)	Canterbury	2006
7th	270	C.P.Mead (175*) & J.P.Parker (156)	Canterbury	1926
8th	146	M.D.Marshall (112) & T.M.Tremlett (39*)	Bournemouth	1983
9th	113	S.D.Udal (91) & S.J.Renshaw (35*)	Portsmouth	1997
10th	99	W.H.Livsey (109*) & H.R.J.Sprinks (40)	Dover	1928

† Northlands Road †† Rose Bowl

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But did you know Black Opal's luxury travel expertise extends way beyond the world of sport? Our well-travelled experts can tailor a whole range of luxury holidays for the most discerning clients. Whilst gearing up for the Pakistan tour, we got thinking about all the incredible destinations between London and Lahore, and the range of unforgettable experiences the team can design. Here are just a few of our favourites; which would you pick for your next trip?

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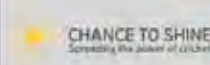
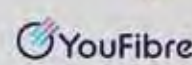
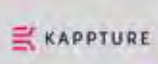
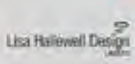
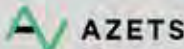
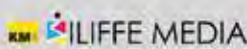
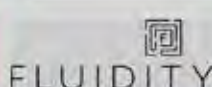
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