



DIGITAL MATCH PROGRAMME



Kent vs. Lancashire

26 – 29 September

10:30 starts

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



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WALKS' WELCOME

By Matt Walker
Men's Head Coach

Good morning everyone and welcome, for the final time this season, to The Spitfire Ground, St Lawrence. A warm welcome too to the players, staff and supporters of Lancashire.

We find ourselves in a position where we have Division One survival in our own hands, and it's up to us to get a positive result here and stay in the division. We have shown flashes of what we're capable of this season, but we have to now perform when it really matters.

Last time out at Somerset I thought we showed some grit on the final day to bat out a draw after a disappointing start - the sort of character needed in any situation we may find ourselves this week. My message to the playing squad is simple - do the basics well, and don't let the intensity slip at any point. If we're able to keep pressure on the opposition as much as we can, we can put ourselves in a good position in the match.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all of you, our Members and supporters, for your support this season. It hasn't gone the way we had planned, but you've been with us through it all. Hopefully we can end this Summer on a high together. I'd also like to thank Paul Downton for all he has done for me personally and also the Club during his six years here. He has taken us up a level in all aspects and that's shone through with a promotion to this division in 2018 and two white ball trophies in two years.

I'll be working closely with Simon Cook this Winter as our new Director of Cricket to get our squad in the best possible shape to improve across all formats this year.

Get behind the boys.

Walks

LAST TIME OUT



Kent took six LV= Insurance County Championship points back to Canterbury after drawing with Somerset at Taunton.

The visitors were bowled out for 235 after Somerset had declared their first innings total on an overnight 404 for four, Joe Denly making a priceless 73 to guide his side from a perilous 31 for four. Skipper Tom Abell was the pick of the home bowling attack with four for 52, while Lewis Gregory claimed three for 49.

Trailing by 169 and faced with a possible 41 overs in their second innings, Kent made a better fist of things and were 44 for two when the players shook hands at 16:30. They took six points from the game and Somerset 12.

But the declaration also offered the hosts their only chance of winning the game. And it soon looked more than an outside bet as Kent lost four wickets in the first 10.3 overs of the day, Gregory claiming three of them from the Marcus Trescothick Pavilion End.

The experienced all-rounder had Ben Compton caught behind pushing forward, Daniel Bell-Drummond pouched at mid-wicket off a full toss and Jack Leaning leg-before in a seven-over opening spell of three for 30 that included four no-balls.

Jack Brooks, on his final Somerset appearance, weighed in with the wicket of Tawanda Muyeye, well caught low down by Andy Umeed at second slip and

there was clear evidence of help for the seamers in a pitch that retained a tinge of greenness.

The visitors' need for batting points saw them bat positively in adversity, aided by an unusually wayward three overs from Neil Wagner, which cost 32 runs, mainly due to over-pitching. Denly and Harry Finch added 54 in 10.1 overs before the latter nicked a drive off seamer Abell through to wicketkeeper James Rew.

Denly was severe on anything around half-volley length, producing a string of well-timed straight and cover drives to move to 40 by lunch, which was taken at 110 for five.

The afternoon session began well for Kent with Marcus O'Riordan providing good support for Denly, who went to a precious half-century off 74 balls, with 8 fours. The pair built on the score with increasing confidence and had added 71 in 17.2 overs when O'Riordan fell lbw moving across his stumps to a delivery from Abell.

Still it seemed Kent might avoid the follow-on and perhaps notch a batting point until a clatter of wickets with the total on 200 saw Abell gain another leg-before decision to remove Denly before striking again four balls later, bowling Jas Singh for a duck.

With no addition to the score, Joey Evison, who had batted well for his 23, pulled a short ball from Wagner to Tom Banton at square-leg. Michael Hogan, injured bowling on the first day, walked out with a runner and contributed 19 to a last-wicket stand of 35 with Arafat Bhuiyan before having his stumps scattered by Abell, who had been prevented from bowling by a side problem for much of the season.

Tea was taken before Compton and Muyeye launched the Kent follow-on, knowing their side had garnered only one bonus point from the match and desperate to ensure five for the draw.

There was greater assurance to their batting in bright sunshine, but with the total on 34 in the 11th over Davey had Muyeye well caught by the diving Abell at third slip for 24. Compton edged a ball from Wagner that left him through to Rew, but by then the draw was inevitable and after one over from occasional spinner Banton the players shook hands.

Kent head coach Matt Walker said: "It was a messy week for us really, with the weather and the disappointing performance on Day One, but in the end we have shown a good spirit.

"It's not an easy game to evaluate. I actually thought we batted pretty well today, even though we couldn't get beyond the follow-on mark.

"We saw some classic Joe Denly and his was a really important innings for us. He started the season like it was going to be a big one for him, but it hasn't worked out that way and it was great to see him playing as we know he can."

Looking forward to Kent's final match at home to Lancashire when the Division One relegation battle will be settled, Walker said: "We must approach it as a game we have to win, whether or not that proves the case..

"Michael Hogan will not be available after his injury here, but we have two spinners fresh to come into the side and whoever plays we will need two or three big performances, preferably more.

"Sam Billings will be available, but that doesn't mean he will be selected. Harry Finch has done really well for us and I don't foresee many changes to the batting line-up."

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KENT VS. LANCASHIRE: THE HISTORY

Kent first played Lancashire in 1871 at Gravesend in what was actually the very first match of the newly unified Kent County Cricket Club formed the previous winter. They have now met 229 times with Kent winning 56, Lancashire 93 with 80 matches drawn and three matches abandoned and one cancelled (1885) when Lord Harris refused to let Kent play in an argument over throwing. The match has been played at Canterbury on 33 occasions with Kent winning 12, Lancashire 10, with 11 drawn.

Highest Innings Total	Kent:	615	Tunbridge Wells	2004
	Lancashire:	531	Manchester	1906
Lowest Innings Total	Kent:	38	Maidstone	1881
	Lancashire:	61	Manchester	1884
Highest Individual Score	Kent:	260	A.P.F.Chapman Maidstone	1927
	Lancashire:	295*	J.T.Tyldesley Manchester	1906
Best Bowling Analysis (Innings)	Kent:	10-79	A.P.Freeman Manchester	1931
	Lancashire:	9-29	A.W.Mold Tonbridge	1892
Best Bowling Analysis (Match)	Kent:	15-114	W.Hearne Manchester	1893
	Lancashire:	16-111	A.W.Mold Manchester	1895

Highest Wicket Partnerships - Kent:-

1st	181	A.E.Fagg (138) & F.G.H.Chalk (94)	Dover	1939
2nd	229	R.W.T.Key (180) & E.T.Smith (116)	Tunbridge Wells	2004
3rd	288	R.W.T.Key (182) & M.J.Walker (157)	Canterbury	2007
4th	213	K.L.Hutchings (176) & J.R.Mason (88)	Canterbury	1906
5th	254	E.Humphreys (200*) & A.P.Day (109)	Tunbridge Wells	1910
6th	284	A.P.F.Chapman (260) & G.B.Legge (101)	Maidstone	1927
7th	159	C.S.Hurst (124) & J.C.Hubble (63)	Manchester	1922
8th	92	D.I.Stevens (101*) & M.T.Coles (33)	Manchester	2010
9th	121	M.J.Walker (197) & A.Khan (38)	Canterbury	2006
10th	61	D.W.Headley (72) & D.A.Scott (12*)	Manchester	1999

Highest Wicket Partnerships - Lancashire:-

1st	208	F.B.Watson (150) & J.L.Hopwood (96)	Manchester	1935
2nd	209	J.W.H.Makepeace (110) & J.T.Tyldesley (253)	Canterbury	1914
3rd	231	H.Pilling (66) & C.H.Lloyd (163)	Dartford	1970
4th	255	H.Pilling (120) & D.Bailey (136)	Manchester	1969
5th	148	K.J.Grieves (144) & P.T.Marner (62)	Gravesend	1953
6th	193	N.D.Howard (138*) & J.G.Lomax (78)	Maidstone	1952
7th	176	G.R.Baker (109) & G.Yates (74)	Tonbridge	1892
8th	187	L.Wood (119) & D.J.Lamb (125)	Canterbury	2021
9th	109	G.Chapple (55) & P.J.Martin (80*)	Liverpool	2002
10th	84	A.Wharton (62*) & D.H.Stone (46)	Folkestone	1949

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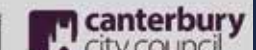
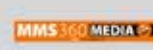
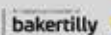
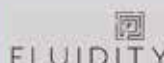


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