



DIGITAL MATCH PROGRAMME



Kent vs. Northamptonshire

6-9 April

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The Spitfire Ground, St Lawrence, Canterbury



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By Matt Walker
Men's Head Coach



Hello everyone and welcome back to The Spitfire Ground, St Lawrence as we begin another red-ball campaign in the LV= Insurance County Championship.

The start of a season always brings a renewed sense of optimism and after two successes in white-ball competition in the past two years, we're hoping for a strong start in red-ball cricket this year – something which has eluded us in the past 24 months.

Our new additions of Michael Hogan and Joey Evison add different dimensions to our already exciting bowling attack. I'm also delighted to have Sam Billings with us for the start of the season – not only will he add in extra firepower to our batting, but his skill behind the stumps and his leadership are invaluable assets to us if we want to start strongly in the Championship.

It'll be fantastic to get going again for 2023 and for us to see all of you back at The Spitfire Ground. Whether you are a Member that has been following us for years or if you've joined us for the first time this season, we're all looking forward to having you supporting us through thick and thin once more this year.

It'll also be great to see everyone that has taken up our 'Pay what you can' offer on Day Two, Good Friday. Bank Holiday weekends are the perfect times to come and watch live cricket, and for me the twists and turns of Championship cricket can be a real hook for anyone watching our game for the first time.

I hope you all enjoy the match, and get behind the lads.

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LAST TIME OUT

On the day after they secured Division One status for another season, Kent thrashed Somerset by an innings and 151 runs the LV= Insurance County Championship at Canterbury.

Hamid Qadri hit a career-high 87 as Kent made 492 in their first innings, a lead of 290. Although Kasey Aldridge recorded his best first class figures of six for 110, it was a day of pain for Somerset.

Runs flew off the bat during the first hour, but when it was the visitors turn to bat they collapsed to 139 all out, Matt Quinn taking three for 14 and Nathan Gilchrist, Daniel Bell-Drummond and Qadri all taking two wickets apiece.

The result means Kent leapfrog Somerset in the final standings and could finish as high as fifth, having been dogged by the fear of relegation for the second half of the season.

The atmosphere at the Spitfire Ground was the most relaxed it had been all year and although Conor McKerr was removed early on for six, caught at third slip by Tom Abell off Craig Overton, the bowler limped off with an injury soon afterwards and the runs began to flow.

Qadri might be considered as purely a spinner, but he averages over 43 in first class cricket and from his overnight score 27 not out, he raced past 50 with three boundaries off successive Jack Brooks deliveries, the third off which flew inches over the slip cordon.

Gilchrist joined Qadri and put on 48 for the ninth wicket before he was bowled by Aldridge for 14 but Qadri then hit Green for two successive sixes and a four and he eventually fell 13 short of a maiden first class ton when he edged Aldridge behind.

Somerset didn't even make it to the tea interval, subsiding in 40.4 overs. Ollie Robinson was allowed to lead Kent into the field to mark his final game before leaving for Durham and he caught Andrew



Umeed off Quinn for three in the third over.

Qadri then bowled Abell middle stump for five, leaving Somerset on 19 for two at lunch.

Quinn removed George Bartlett for four, caught by Tawanda Muyeye at short midwicket with the fifth ball of the afternoon session and Joey Evison took his maiden first class wicket for Kent when he drew an edge from James Rew, who fell for ten to a sharp catch by Daniel Bell-Drummond at third slip.

Green was then dropped by Jack Leaning off Gilchrist and at this point a West Country voice in the crowd yelled: "Come on Somurrrrset, you've kept them up now get on with it!" In the next over Green was caught behind off Bell-Drummond.

When Bell-Drummond then had Tom Lammonby caught by Zak Crawley at first slip for 23, Overton limped on without a runner immediately smacked a four, but he was clearly struggling and Nathan Gilchrist soon sent Aldridge's off stump cartwheeling for 15.

Gilchrist then had Overton caught by Crawley for a brave 12 and despite some entertaining swinging from Sajid Khan, who made 40 from 19 balls, the victory was confirmed when, having hit Qadri for successive sixes, he tried his luck for a third time and was caught on the boundary by Muyeye.

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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 143 times with Kent winning 60, Northamptonshire 35, 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 17 occasions with Kent winning 4, Northamptonshire 5, 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	1932
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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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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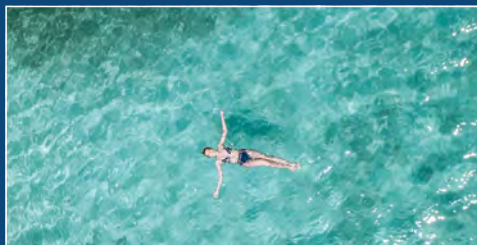


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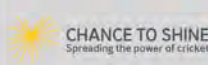
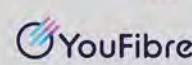
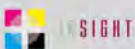
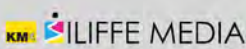
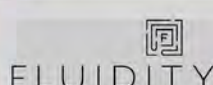
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