



DIGITAL MATCH PROGRAMME



Kent vs. Surrey

12-15 May

Match starts at 11.00

LV= INSURANCE COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

The County Ground, Beckenham



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By Matt Walker
Men's Head Coach



Good morning all and welcome to The County Ground, Beckenham for our first Men's First XI outing here of the 2022 season. Welcome too to Surrey's players, coaches, staff and supporters.

Rivalry matches are the ones that everyone first looks out for when fixture lists are released, and especially during my time as a player, seeing when we would take on Surrey was always one of the first thing we all did.

We have had a lot of great matches against Surrey over the years, and we know how much these matches mean to our Members

and supporters. It's part of what makes sport so great.

It's always fantastic to be able to play matches at two grounds at opposite ends of our county. I know the players enjoy our matches at Beckenham and The County Ground's proximity to this match's visitors means that there should be a fantastic Championship atmosphere for every day of this match.

I'd like to once again thank you all for your support, and I hope you enjoy the match.

Walks

LAST TIME OUT

Kent were denied the opportunity to take 10 wickets in the final 21 overs of a pulsating final day by bad light, with an LV= Insurance County Championship draw secured against Yorkshire at Headingley.

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Umpires Graham Lloyd and Steve O'Shaughnessy took the players off the field before a ball had been bowled in the Yorkshire chase following impressive innings from Kent trio Ben Compton (93), Grant Stewart (90) and Ollie Robinson (85 not out).

Yorkshire captain Steve Patterson was at the heart of a loss of four wickets for nine runs in 24 balls. He claimed three of them to finish with five for 54 in 29.3 overs.

Opener Compton and wicketkeeper Robinson played doughty innings, while injured all-rounder Stewart (hamstring) was far more aggressive as he struggled for mobility and required a runner.

Kent started the day on 118 for two, trailing by 162.

Compton is now the top division's leading run-scorer with 560 and fell before Lunch to leave the score at 182 for five.

Stewart and Robinson then shared 166 for the seventh wicket, a Kent record in matches versus Yorkshire, either side of tea having come together at 218 for six, a deficit of 62 with 56 overs still to bowl.

At that stage, Yorkshire were on top. The pair dug in initially before Stewart opened his shoulders.

His 58-ball fifty was almost twice as quick as his partner's. Kent reached Tea at 312 for six, leading by 32 with 35 overs remaining in the game.

They all but doubled the lead in the first two overs of the evening, including Stewart hitting two sixes to take the lion's share of 20 off a Jordan Thompson over.

More runs were to follow, with Stewart's



91-ball innings featuring four sixes, all either slog swept or pulled.

He was run out clipping to mid on before Patterson trapped Matt Milnes LBW and had Nathan Gilchrist and Matt Quinn caught at mid off to raise home hopes of a first 24-point haul since the final game of 2018.

Stewart suffered a hamstring problem whilst bowling on Day Three and required Jordan Cox as a runner when he arrived at the crease.

Yorkshire's bid for victory, meanwhile, was hampered by the loss of Pakistan fast bowler Haris Rauf, who was unable to bowl in the second innings with a side issue.

An overcast sky hung above Headingley for the majority of the day, with the floodlights turned on as early as the second over of the day. So it was no real surprise that bad light played its part.

Yorkshire's first breakthrough came via Patterson, who removed opposing captain Jack Leaning – his former teammate and close friend – for 36.

When Leaning under-edged behind attempting to leave alone in the day's sixth over, the 56th of the innings, Kent were 126 for three with a deficit of 154.

George Hill then struck twice with his canny medium pacers before Patterson's late intervention.

The match was deemed a draw just before 5.45pm, half an hour after bad light initially intervened.

KENT VS. SURREY – THE HISTORY

The first recorded county match was Kent v Surrey on Dartford Brent in 1709. The first-class sequence for Kent records at least (but not Surrey) started in 1828 and the first county match at the Oval in 1846 was this contest.

284 matches have now been played with Kent winning 71, Surrey 106 with 105 drawn and two tied. Kent has played Surrey twice at The County Ground in Beckenham losing in 2015 and drawing in 2019. Kent's overall first-class record at the Ground is not great. Seven matches to date have resulted in only one win, with two lost and four drawn.

Highest Innings Total	Kent: 620-7d	The Oval	2009
	Surrey: 648	Canterbury	1990

Lowest Innings Total	Kent: 20	The Oval	1870
	Surrey: 41	Sevenoaks	1828

Highest Individual Score	Kent: 229	F.E.Woolley	The Oval	1935
	Surrey: 263	D.M.Ward	Canterbury	1990

Best Bowling Analysis (Innings)	Kent: 9-32	D.L.Underwood	The Oval	1978
	Surrey: 10-54	G.A.R.Lock	Blackheath	1956

Best Bowling Analysis (Match)	Kent: 14-?	W.R.Hillyer	Aylesford	1847
	Surrey: 16-83	G.A.R.Lock	Blackheath	1956

Highest Wicket Partnerships - Kent:-

1st	247	J.L.Denly (123) & R.W.T.Key (123)	The Oval	2009
2nd	219	A.E.Fagg (80) & F.E.Woolley (132)	Blackheath	1934
3rd	323	R.W.T.Key (189) & M.van Jaarsveld (168)	Tunbridge Wells	2005
4th	248	W.L.Knowles (124) & J.R.Mason (147)	The Oval	1900
5th	233	M.J.Walker (133) & J.M.Kemp (124)	Guildford	2005
6th	217	D.G.Aslett (111) & C.S.Cowdrey (95)	Canterbury	1985
7th	151	S.W.Billings (99) & C.J.Haggett (80)	The Oval	2015
8th	143	E.G.Witherden (125*) & W.Murray-Wood (93)	Blackheath	1953
9th	103	R.S.Ferley (29) & I.G.Butler (68)	Canterbury	2004
10th	141	J.R.Mason (141*) & C.Blythe (29)	The Oval	1909

Highest Wicket Partnerships - Surrey:-

1st	280	S.A.Newman (167) & R.S.Clinton (105)	Tunbridge Wells	2005
2nd	260	D.J.Bicknell (146) & G.P.Thorpe (152)	Canterbury	1995
3rd	413	D.J.Bicknell (186) & D.M.Ward (263)	Canterbury	1990
4th	250	T.H.Clark (165) & R.C.E.Pratt (90)	The Oval	1953
5th	252	A.J.Stewart (158) & M.A.Lynch (115)	Canterbury	1985
6th	175	S.R.Borthwick (95) & W.G.Jacks (120)	Beckenham	2019
7th	262	C.J.Richards (172*) & K.T.Medlycott (153)	The Oval	1987
8th	182	W.E.Roller (142) & R.Abel (63)	The Oval	1883
9th	97*	I.J.Ward (168*) & J.Ormond (43*)	Canterbury	2002
10th	104	F.R.Brown (168) & J.F.Parker (12*)	Blackheath	1932

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