



DIGITAL MATCH PROGRAMME



Kent vs. Somerset

26-29 September

Match starts at 10:30

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 polo shirt with a logo on the chest. The man on the right is wearing a blue long-sleeved shirt and a blue baseball cap. They are standing on a cricket field with a blurred background.

WALKS' WELCOME

By Matt Walker
Men's Head Coach

Good morning everyone and welcome to The Spitfire Ground, St Lawrence for the final time this season as we welcome all associated with Somerset Cricket to Canterbury.

It's been another enthralling season for Kent Cricket. We've experienced highs and lows together as a squad this season, and I was so proud to see Simon Cook coach the Kent Spitfires to Royal London Cup victory at Trent Bridge a couple of weeks ago. The team performance there was then repeated at The Ageas Bowl this past week as we went away to title-chasing Hampshire and came away with a massive victory.

The players have been through a lot together this season and I know that will put them in good stead going into 2023 and beyond.

I'd also like to thank each and every one of you for your dedicated support this year. You have been with us through thick and thin and I hope that that day out at Trent Bridge

was everything it was for us at the Club. We must now look ahead to this match together knowing that a positive result will ensure our place in Division One of the LV= Insurance County Championship next season.

You will have also seen that on Day Two we will be commemorating Darren Stevens' stellar Kent career together. I have played alongside and coached Stevo for a long time now and I know he will be able to look back at his career here with immense pride, as I know you will give him the send-off he deserves. It will be an emotional day for him and his family, and I hope to see you all here on Tuesday.

Let's push for one more positive result together.

Enjoy the match

Walks

LAST TIME OUT



Kent made strides towards LV= Insurance County Championship Division One safety with a 77-run victory over title-chasing Hampshire at The Ageas Bowl, Southampton.

Joe Weatherley, James Vince and James Fuller – 56, 73 and 78 not out respectively – had given the south coast county hope of an unlikely chase of 378.

But Nathan Gilchrist took four for 60, including the winning wicket, as Hampshire only reached 300.

It was Hampshire's third defeat of the season, and Kent's third victory.

For Kent, their battle for survival in Division One was given a huge boost. To go with the 19 points they took from the victory, closest rivals Warwickshire suffered a shock defeat to rock-bottom Gloucestershire to give Kent a 14-point buffer heading into the final round – where they face Somerset at The Spitfire Ground, St Lawrence.

Hampshire's hopes of winning the game had been trounced after they had been bowled out for 57 – in doing so giving up a 108-run first-innings deficit – and were further diminished when they had lost four wickets in their pursuit of 378 on the second evening.

Joe Weatherley had been the shining light of that period with his first score above 25 since April. He had ended the day on 54, having left and defended well, while also finding ways to score.

The morning only brought two runs in a six-over stay before a full Nathan Gilchrist delivery thudded into his shin. Gilchrist's following over saw the end of the unbalanced Ben Brown, who clipped a similarly full ball to square leg.

Conor McKerr, who joined Kent on loan for this fixture, has perhaps the loudest celebration of the day when he pinned Aneurin Donald in front.

Vince wasn't allowing Kent to ease to victory though, as he demonstrated his trademarked mix of dogged determinism to win the game for his team and beautiful shot-making. His first three scoring shots were variations on a cover drive, including the first ball of the day.

He moved to his sixth half-century of the season off 81 balls with a dabbled three down to third, to take the required runs down to 169 runs at lunch.

But only 27 more runs were knocked off before a turning half-tracker from Jack Leaning lit up Vince's eyes, and his pull shot fell straight into Tawanda Muyeye's grasp on the deep midwicket boundary. It ended a 90-run stand with Fuller.

Kyle Abbott was undone by bounce out of the footholds by Leaning to loop to first slip. And despite Fuller racing past a 74 ball fifty and biffing some late runs, Mohammad Abbas had his off stump knocked over by Gilchrist.

The defeat is Hampshire's first at home in the Championship since losing to Somerset last May – a run of 10 victories – and just their second since the start of the 2019 season.

STEVO DAY

Kent Cricket is pleased to announce that arrangements have been made to celebrate the Kent career of Darren Stevens on Day Two of Kent's LV= Insurance County Championship match with Somerset on Tuesday 27 September.

Stevens, who unfortunately picked up a groin injury in the Royal London Cup victory at Trent Bridge & will not be available for selection, will be joining family, friends, Members & supporters to mark the end of his 17-year playing career with Kent.

In the Lunch break, Darren will be welcomed to the out-field for an interview & special Club presentation.

Throughout Days One & Two of the fixture, a special 'Stevo Day' celebratory book will be placed inside the Kent Cricket Shop for Kent Members & supporters to write down their favourite Darren Stevens memories.

The Royal London Cup will also be on display in the Kent Cricket shop throughout the match.

Matchday tickets on Tuesday 27 September will be at the specially reduced price of £10 for Adults (in advance & on the gate) to allow as many supporters to attend & show their appreciation.

Members & Under-16s will be admitted free.

Anyone who has already brought a match day ticket at the higher price will be automatically credited the difference to their Kent Cricket Ticket Account.

Kent Cricket's Chair, Simon Philip, said: "Darren has been a truly outstanding servant of the Club for seventeen Summers.

"It is fitting that we mark his contribution in the company of our members and supporters, and we are looking forward to welcoming as many as possible to The Spitfire Ground, St Lawrence on what promises to be a special day."



KENT VS. SOMERSET - THE HISTORY

Kent first played Somerset in a first-class match in 1884. Since then they have met 165 times, Kent winning 79 and Somerset 41 .45 matches have been drawn. Somerset has appeared on no less than 13 of the 18 home grounds used by Kent since 1870. 18 matches have been played at Canterbury since 1894, Kent winning eight and Somerset five with five drawn. This is Kent's only second first-class match against Somerset since 2010. Indeed the infrequency of these matches has meant Kent have not beaten Somerset in these matches for twenty years (2002). In Somerset it is a remarkable 44 years (1978) since the county has come away with a win.

Highest Innings Total	Kent:	616-7d	Canterbury	1996
	Somerset:	503	Taunton	1898
Lowest Innings Total	Kent:	55	Tonbridge	1926
	Somerset:	50	Tunbridge Wells	1910
Highest Individual Score	Kent:	275*	M.J.Walker	Canterbury
	Somerset:	222*	P.B.Wight	Taunton
				1959
Best Bowling Analysis (Innings)	Kent:	8-29	J.R.Mason	Taunton
	Somerset:	8-23	B.A.Langford	Bath
				1901
Best Bowling Analysis (Match)	Kent:	16-80	D.V.P.Wright	Bath
	Somerset:	14-141	A.E.Lewis	Tunbridge Wells
				1910

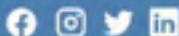
Highest Wicket Partnerships - Kent:-

1st	219	H.T.W.Hardinge (82*) & J.L.Bryan (128)	Taunton	1927
2nd	261	E.W.Dillon (124) & J.Seymour (131)	Taunton	1905
3rd	228	H.T.W.Hardinge (154) & W.H.Ashdown (112)	Taunton	1927
4th	237	L.E.G.Ames (129) & A.P.F.Chapman (141)	Taunton	1928
5th	241*	F.E.Woolley (148*) & D.W.Jennings (104*)	Tunbridge Wells	1911
	241	M.H.Denness (178) & M.C.Cowdrey (123*)	Maidstone	1973
6th	163	J.R.Mason (65) & K.L.Hutchings (106)	Taunton	1903
7th	248	A.P.Day (118) & E.Humphreys (149)	Taunton	1908
8th	140	T.T.N.Perkins (62) & F.H.Huish (78)	Taunton	1900
9th	94	F.H.Huish (93) & W.J.Fairservice (40)	Gravesend	1906
10th	98	W.J.Fairservice (26) & C.Blythe (70)	Taunton	1904

Highest Wicket Partnerships - Somerset:-

1st	215	F.S.Lee (83) & H.D.Burrough (133)	Bath	1937
2nd	132	A.Young (44) & M.D.Lyon (87)	Taunton	1926
3rd	190	H.Gimblett (146) & H.F.T.Buse (102)	Bath	1953
4th	253	A.V.Suppiah (125) & J.C.Hildreth (151)	Canterbury	2010
5th	172	C.A.Barnard (79) & S.M.J.Woods (111)	Tonbridge	1899
6th	201*	R.J.Harden (102*) & V.J.Marks (89*)	Bath	1989
7th	240	V.T.Hill (144) & S.M.J.Woods (116)	Taunton	1898
8th	125	A.E.Lewis (201*) & M.R.H.Herbert (55)	Taunton	1909
9th	179*	N.F.M.Popplewell (135*) & D.Breakwell (73*)	Taunton	1980
10th	112	J.W.Lee (135*) & W.T.Luckes (59)	Taunton	1934

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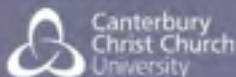
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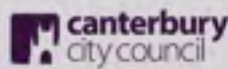
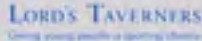
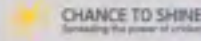
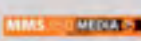
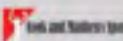
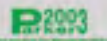
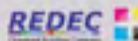
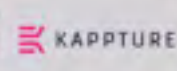
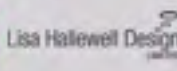
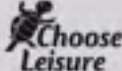
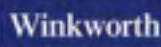
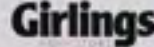
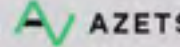
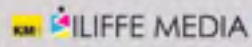
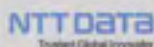
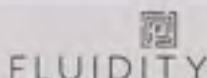
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