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Kent vs. Warwickshire 10 - 13 July 11:00 starts





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WALKS' WELCOME

By Matt Walker Men's Head Coach

Hello everyone, and welcome back to The Spitfire Ground, St Lawrence - welcome too to the players, support staff & supporters of Warwickshire.

What a win at Northamptonshire. It was fantastic to get all the points available to us there & the performance we all put in was excellent. But I must talk about Daniel Bell-Drummond. I was so proud to be there to watch him join our '300 Club'. He is one of the hardest workers in our squad and it really does add to the old phrase that 'good things happen to good people'. He hasn't got to where he has currently overnight, and it's the result of a lot of hard work and perseverance from Deebs. Warwickshire present another tough test for us but I'm hoping that our win in Northampton has given us that little bit of belief that we can win & win well against anyone in this division.

We know that we have to continue to be at our best with bat, ball & in the field, but I know we're capable of mixing it with anyone on our day.

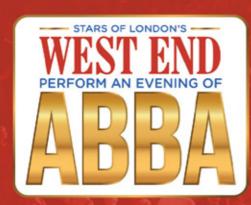
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LAST TIME OUT

Kent's spinners finally overcame a late flourish from the Northamptonshire tail to wrap up an innings victory at Wantage Road and climb to eighth place in the LV= Insurance County Championship Division One table.

Joe Denly claimed four wickets and Hamid Qadri three as the home side were bowled out for 369 despite an entertaining ninth-wicket stand of 70 between Ben Sanderson and Jack White.

The Northamptonshire pair both registered career-best performances in first-class cricket, with Sanderson hitting 46 before White, batting at number 10, hammered a maiden half-century from 68 balls.

He was last man out for 59 to seal Kent's first Championship victory since the opening round of the campaign, when they defeated the same opponents by seven wickets at Canterbury.

As they had done for most of the previous afternoon, Kent initially kept faith with an all-spin attack - which paid off after just 10 balls when Denly had Saif Zaib snapped up at short leg without adding to his overnight 43.

Tom Taylor displayed attacking intent, clubbing both Denly and Jack Leaning to the leg-side boundary and Lewis McManus attempted to follow suit as he latched onto a long hop from Qadri, only to pick out the square leg fielder.

Taylor found an unexpected ally in Sanderson, who batted with freedom and rattled up a string of boundaries in their lively partnership of 38, prompting Kent to take the new ball and entrust it to their seamers.

It made little difference to Sanderson, who thrashed Arshdeep Singh twice to the cover fence, but Wes Agar duly provided the breakthrough – albeit in unusual fashion, deflecting Sanderson's drive onto



the stumps to run out Taylor at the non-striker's end.

However, the eighth-wicket partnership was surpassed by the ninth, with White slamming Denly back over his head for four and unveiling a rarely seen range of shots, including the reverse sweep, to lift Northamptonshire's total beyond 300.

Sanderson stroked Denly for a couple on the leg-side to bring up the 50 partnership – and the highest score of his 15-year county career – but he missed the opportunity of a maiden half-century, taking a swing at Qadri and edging behind.

White, however, made no such mistake, dispatching the leg-spinner cleanly over the top for a boundary to bring up his personal landmark before Denly finally had him caught behind to seal Kent's success.



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KENT VS. WARWICKSHIRE: THE HISTORY

Kent first played Warwickshire in 1894 and since then they have met 138 times, Kent winning 51, Warwickshire 38 with 49 matches drawn and one match abandoned. Warwickshire over the years have played on 12 grounds across Kent, winning just 16 of the games played. (Kent have won 29). Kent's best record is at the Nevill, Tunbridge Wells, where they have won eight of the eleven encounters. At Canterbury the contest is even – Kent and Warwickshire four wins each with eight drawn. The most famous match was at the long-gone Tonbridge ground where Kent, thanks to Blythe and Woolley, bowled out the Midland county for just 16 in 1913, the lowest score ever against Kent.

Highest Innings Total	Kent:	603-8d	Birmingham		1992
	Warwickshire:	574-7d	Canterbury		2019
Lowest Innings Total	Kent:	42	Birmingham		1925
	Warwickshire:	16	Tonbridge		1913
Highest Individual Sc	ore Kent:	213	E.T.Smith	Canterbury	2003
	Warwickshire:	244	D.P.Sibley	Canterbury	2019
Best Bowling Analysis (Innings) Kent:		9-61	A.P.Freeman	Folkestone	1932
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Highest Wicket Partnerships - Kent:-

	1st	290	T.R.Ward (153) & M.R.Benson (122)	Birmingham	1992			
	2nd	262	H.T.W.Hardinge (205) & F.E.Woolley (156)	Tunbridge Wells	1928			
	3rd	208	S.R.Dickson (133) & J.L.Denly (119)	Tunbridge Wells	2018			
	4th	307	M.J.Walker (140) & D.I.Stevens (163)	Birmingham	2005			
	5th	196	J.L.Denly (141) & J.M.Cox (79)	Birmingham	2022			
	6th	169	C.J.Tavaré (103) & C.S.Cowdrey (78)	Birmingham	1988			
	7th	111	C.H.Knott (77) & H.T.W.Hardinge (44*)	Tonbridge	1933			
	8th	177	G.O.Jones (105) & Yasar Arafat (101*)	Canterbury	2007			
	9th	158	F.Marchant (144*) & E.B.Shine (49)	Tonbridge	1897			
	10th	99	A.H.Phebey (49) & D.V.P.Wright (66*)	Dover	1955			
Highest Wicket Partnerships - Warwickshire:-								
	1st	221	W.M.H.Rhodes (109) & D.P.Sibley (244)	Canterbury	2019			
	2nd	294	E.J.Smith (132) & L.T.A.Bates (144)	Coventry	1927			
	3rd	212	W.J.Stewart (133*) & M.J.K.Smith (124)	Folkestone	1962			
	4th	179	S,R,Hain (165*) & D.R.Mousley (94)	Birmingham	2023			
	5th	180*	D.P.Ostler (120*) & D.A.Reeve (66*)	Tunbridge Wells	1991			
	6th	124	J.O.Troughton (115) & A.F.Giles (68)	Birmingham	2002			
	7th	250	H.E.Dollery (169) & J.S.Ord (109)	Maidstone	1953			
	8th	145	G.W.Stephens (87) & F.R.Santall (79)	Dover	1923			
	9th	97	H H Streak (51) & N M Carter (82)	Birmingham	2005			
	10th	118	A.G.Botha (76) & Imran Tahir (69*)	Birmingham	2010			

Statistics by Howard Milton

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