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## Kent vs. Worcestershire

10 - 13 May

10:00 starts

VITALITY COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

The Spitfire Ground, St Lawrence, Canterbury



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# WALKS' WELCOME

By Matt Walker  
Men's Head Coach



Hello everyone and welcome back to The Spitfire Ground, St Lawrence. I'd also like to extend a warm welcome to the players, staff, coaches and supporters of Worcestershire to Canterbury, and also extend my sincere condolences to everyone at Worcestershire following the tragic news of the passing of Josh Baker last week. His family, friends and colleagues remain in all of our thoughts.

It was a fantastic win at Lancashire. All our bowlers were exceptional throughout the match and it was great to see Wes and Nathan forming a fantastic partnership together, bowling in tandem, to dismiss one of the best sides in the league for 92 and enforce the follow-on. I'm pleased that our decision to enforce the follow-on was proved to be the correct one, too. DBD captained the side brilliantly over those four days and we fully deserved our first win at Old Trafford since 1997.

Now we're back at home and this is another huge game for us. We now have a bit of confidence behind us, and we need to take that into all four days of this match. Everyone in this division is a good team, and we'll have to continue to play at that high standard that we set ourselves in Manchester to push towards more positive results going forward.

I'd also like to extend a big welcome to our South African overseas signing Beyers Swanepoel to the Club, who has joined us until the end of the season. We're excited by his potential as a fast bowler and lower-order batter, and will give us that edge and extra depth that we will need to stay competitive across the whole Summer.

Enjoy the match

Walks

## LAST TIME OUT

**Daniel Bell-Drummond made an unbeaten 79 to steer his side to a deserved seven-wicket victory over Lancashire in the Vitality County Championship match at Emirates Old Trafford.**

The Kent skipper has now passed fifty in four of his eight innings this season but he and the other Kent batters had to withstand a trial by spin before reaching their target of 164 and completing their county's first win on the ground since 1997.

However, it was noticeable that Kent's top order managed to keep the scoreboard moving even when batting was difficult and Lancashire bowled no maidens on the final day.

Both the wickets to fall were taken by Lyon, who caught and bowled Ben Compton for 29, thus ending his 86-run stand with Bell-Drummond, before having Jack Leaning caught at slip by Luke Wells for 16. But those wickets never threatened to prompt a collapse and the game ended in a flurry of boundaries as the visitors completed their first win of the season eight minutes before the scheduled lunch interval.

Joe Denly struck the winning four to finish on 19 not out. Lyon took two for 48 from 22 overs while Hartley bowled 13 wicketless overs for 42 runs.

It was Kent's first Championship victory over Lancashire since 2013 and it moves them up to sixth in the First Division table. Lancashire are still without a win this season and remain bottom of the pile.

Kent batter and captain, Daniel Bell-Drummond, said: "We're really happy and the guys are just soaking it in at the moment to be honest.

"It's been a brilliant four days and the guys have worked so hard. These wins



don't come easy for us so we have to build on this and take the confidence going forwards.

"Both Wes Agar and Nathan Gilchrist bowled brilliantly. It was world-class bowling that bowled them out very cheaply in the first innings and put us in the box-seat in the game. They were hungry to get back into it and they really showed their class.

"It was a tough little period for us this morning. Ben Compton and I knew we had to get through it and I tried to take





the attack to them as much as possible. I found it very tough but I backed my technique, backed my defence and I was glad to be not out at the end.

"It always helps to lead from the front as a captain but it was a team effort and the guys have put in a shift. Joey Evison is really batting well at the moment and we now need to go again in the game with Worcestershire.

"We'll respect Worcestershire because they're a very good team and they have some very good bowlers in their attack. But we know how the pitch at Canterbury is going to play and we're really looking forward to that clash.

"These wins are not easy to come by, so hopefully we can go from strength to strength. This is a very proud day for me but now we have three days off and then we're back to it."

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# KENT v WORCESTERSHIRE – THE HISTORY

Kent first played Worcestershire in 1900. Since then, there have been 143 encounters of which Kent have won 65, Worcestershire 29 with 49 drawn. Two recent matches have been lost to the perennial flooding of the New Road Worcester ground. 19 matches have been played at Canterbury, Kent winning 7 Worcestershire 3 with 7 drawn. Probably the most famous match was at Tunbridge Wells in 1960 when Kent scored 187 and then bowled out Worcestershire for 25 and, following on, 61. It was completed in a day, the last instance of such in English cricket. Another feat was Frank Woolley and Arthur Fielder's last wicket partnership at Stourbridge in 1909, for many years a world record, still the English record.

<b>Highest Innings Total</b>	Kent:	602-7	Dudley	1938
	Worcestershire:	627-9d	Worcester	1905

<b>Lowest Innings Total</b>	Kent:	50	Dover	1955
	Worcestershire:	25	Tunbridge Wells	1960

<b>Highest Individual Score</b>	Kent:	227	J.L.Denly	Worcester	2017
	Worcestershire:	246	R.E.Foster	Worcester	1905

<b>Best Bowling Analysis (Innings)</b>	Kent:	9-61	D.J.Halfyard	Maidstone	1959
	Worcestershire:	9-30	J.A.Flavell	Dover	1955

<b>Best Bowling Analysis (Match)</b>	Kent:	15-117	D.J.Halfyard	Maidstone	1959
	Worcestershire:	14-107	S.H.Martin	Gillingham	1939

## Highest Wicket Partnerships - Kent:-

1st	217	W.H.Ashdown (108) & C.Fairservice (110)	Gravesend	1933
2nd	307	H.T.W.Hardinge (151) & J.Seymour (170)	Kidderminster	1922
3rd	285	M.R.Benson (122) & C.J.Tavaré (152)	Worcester	1987
4th	251	C.J.Tavaré (112) & A.G.E.Ealham (153)	Canterbury	1979
5th	236	M.J.Walker (151*) & M.A.Carberry (112)	Canterbury	2004
6th	155	A.P.F.Chapman (158) & L.E.G.Ames (90)	Folkestone	1927
7th	149	J.L.Denly (227) & A.D.Rouse (68)	Worcester	2017
8th	120	A.P.E.Knott (87) & R.A.Woolmer (56)	Dartford	1973
9th	98	P.Hearn (172) & D.V.P.Wright (34*)	Dudley	1954
10th	235	F.E.Woolley (185) & A.Fielder (112*)	Stourbridge	1909

## Highest Wicket Partnerships - Worcestershire:-

1st	277	D.Kenyon (152*) & L.Outschoorn (126)	Gravesend	1954
2nd	274	H.H.I.H.Gibbons (132) & Nawab of Pataudi (144)	Worcester	1933
3rd	303	H.K.Foster (123*) & R.E.Foster (174)	Worcester	1907
4th	260	C.F.Walters (226) & C.H.Bull (86)	Gravesend	1933
5th	123	T.S.Curtis (97) & M.J.Weston (76)	Worcester	1985
6th	185	P.A.Neale (119*) & S.J.Rhodes (94)	Canterbury	1990
7th	159	S.J.Rhodes (66) & S.R.Lampitt (88)	Canterbury	1996
8th	126	T.C.Fell (94*) & J.A.Shantry (54)	Worcester	2013
9th	98	R.E.Foster (246*) & G.A.Wilson (45)	Worcester	1905
10th	102	R.K.Illingworth (59*) & P.Mirza (40)	Canterbury	1994



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# What to look for when booking a hosted cricket tour

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As sports tour specialists, **Black Opal Travel Group** know a thing or two about creating the best possible hosted tour experiences. If you are considering booking a hosted cricket tour then there are a few important factors that you should look out for.



Managing Director, Jamie Smith discusses how to make sure you are in safe hands when booking a hosted cricket tour.

## Make sure it's official

"All major sporting events will be run by an official body who will allocate tickets to a certain number of tour operators. It is important that you check if your tour provider is one of the approved vendors, otherwise you could be in a situation that your ticket is not actually valid or you could be paying over the odds. An official tour operator will be given a logo which they can use on their marketing material but if you are unsure whether you are speaking to an official provider you can always get in touch with the official body.

At Black Opal we are proud to be working with Cricket West Indies and provide 100% official tickets. We also never markup the ticket price as you will see when you receive your official tickets."

## Experienced tour managers and hosts

"If you are attending a hosted tour it is the tour managers job to make sure that everything goes to plan and you have the best time possible. An experienced and efficient team should be available throughout the tour to make sure all your needs are catered for and all you have to worry about is having a good time, and of course whether your team is going to win!

Each of our tour coordinators have 20+ years experience so are well prepared for any situation that may arise."

"Many of the official operators will also have expert hosts, usually former players, who will also attend the tour, but I would suggest checking how much time you

will actually get with the host as sometimes they may only attend certain events and not be present for the entire time you are out there.

We are so lucky to have David Gower and Gladstone Small as part of the Black Opal team and we are proud to be able to say that they are with us for every part of the tour offering camaraderie and plenty of insider insights along the way."

## Making sure the tour fits with your requirements

"Many hosted tours will have a fixed schedule and accommodation that you will need to sign up to as part of the hosted tour experience. I think it is important that you check all details of the tour to make sure you are happy with all arrangements and also check any flexibility there may be.

One thing I have learnt from my experience is that one size does not fit all and that is something that we consider for all Black Opal tours, we will have planned itineraries, but we can tailor any tour to fit with your requirements such as different travel dates, accommodation etc. My advice is to always ask what options you have instead of just agreeing to a fixed tour schedule which might actually not be 100% your preferred choices."

## A personal service

"A sports tour can be the best holiday you have ever been on, but you want to be a person and not just a number and this service can start right at the point of booking. As a family run business it is important that we get to know our guests. The person you book with will be your contact throughout and you will also see them out on tour at some point.

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*Jamie*

Jamie Smith  
MD of Black Opal Travel Group

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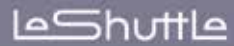
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