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MIDDLESEX V SURREY – HOME COUNTIES LEAGUE 2018 MATCH 1  
(LADYGATE BC – 19<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2018 – STARTING 1000HRS)

Royal Wedding, what Royal Wedding, 80% of men say they are not interested in it and the other 20% did not answer the survey!!!

F A Cup final, those involved can worry about that later in the day, more important issues first!

Saturday sees the start of Middlesex's campaign in the 2018 Home Counties League.

Recent campaigns have not been kind to Middlesex but Team Manager Ray Fortune and his selectors are hopeful that, combined with the restructuring of the County Competitions and the ever growing experience of the Counties Senior Players, this could be a positive year.

Middlesex open with a Home tie against Surrey and Middlesex have even helped the travel arrangements of the Opposition by not making them trek all the way round to Bush Hill Park this year! Ladygate will host the game and remember, if you do want to avoid other events, we are also helping there by starting at 1000hrs.

This will be Surrey's 2<sup>nd</sup> game of their League Campaign having already recorded an 18-4 win over Buckinghamshire BA at Croydon last Saturday. Also last week Berkshire opened with an 18-4 win over Sussex.

2 players make their Home Counties debuts. Geoff Lawrence of Bounds Green earns his place through his excellent performances as part of the County Triples Winners in 2017.

Grant Aldridge will also be making his competitive debut for the County on Saturday. Previously a representative of Essex, Grant looks to be a strong addition to the ranks of both the Counties Under 25 and Senior Squads and of course the Bowls England National Two Four Runners Up Poplar.

Last season Middlesex opened with a crushing 50 shot defeat at Croydon but Home results in recent seasons are much better with 4 wins from the last 5 home league games.

In the days other League Games Sussex host Kent at Popes Mead and Berkshire host Buckinghamshire at Farringdon, would have been better at Windsor & Eton surely!

So what will Saturday bring, the forecast is good so why not come along and support the side as they look to begin their campaign with a strong showing and a positive result.

Report later in the weekend.