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MIDDLESEX BA V KENT BA  
MIDDLETON CUP GROUP GAME 1  
SATURDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> JUNE 2019 – 1030HRS – HENDON BC

This Saturday Middlesex start their 2019 Middleton cup campaign with a home game at Hendon BC.

Although this is the first season of the latest group shuffle Middlesex will still be facing the tough foe of Kent BA in the game which starts at 1030hrs. Later in the campaign Middlesex will face Berkshire, Surrey and Buckinghamshire, nothing easy there!

New Team Manager Darren Gosnell and his selectors have used the recent trial and the opening 2 Home Counties League games as opportunities to watch players and select the strongest possible side.

The side named may have only one new cap, Mark Laws of Ealing Central but it is full of experience. Paul Fuller (Harefield Hospital) is a late addition to the 24 replacing Charlie Butcher

Kent for their part have lost a couple of the players who have done so well for them in recent years and have a slightly different look about them.

There is no doubt Middlesex go into the game as underdogs given Kent's record of regularly reaching the later stages of the Competition but Middlesex will be buoyed by their big win at Hendon last week. Additionally in recent seasons Middlesex have been getting closer and closer to pulling off that elusive win, can this be the year to put the recent poor record against Kent to bed?

In the days other group game Surrey BA host Berkshire BA at Croydon in a game that begins at 1100hrs.

So can Middlesex do it? With the weather set fair why not come along and cheer the side onto a good start and send the Kentish lads back over the M25 bridge (or through the Blackwall tunnel!!) beaten.