



2021 MIDDLETON CUP PREVIEW



SATURDAY 10TH JULY 2021 V KENT BA

AT ESSEX COUNTY BC STARTING 1000HRS

England's footballers have got past the Semi Finals for the first time since 1966, can Middlesex's bowlers beat Kent for the first time since 2002 when they were victorious at Sandwich BC?

Well that's the question being asked ahead of Saturday's first round encounter on neutral turf at Essex County BC.

This year the Middleton Cup is being played as a straight knockout rather than in groups where you play 2 or 3 games. Although the draw, potentially, could have been kinder this format may be advantageous to Middlesex who in recent years have pushed the Men of Kent / Kentish Men close before falling away at the last as the confidence gleaned from being a winning side propels Kent through.

Team Manager Darren Gosnell has named 7 new caps in his squad; Tony Ward, Scott Reading (Poplar), Kyle Flatt, Steve Skinner (Ladygate), Kevin Hill, Dave Thomas (Hendon) and Tom Smith (Paddington) alongside recalling two former regular squad members Paul Cater (West Ealing) and Pat Briscoe (Hendon).

Supporters wanting a trip near to the seaside are welcomed to come along and support the lads as they try to overcome such a significant foe. Can they do it, we shall see. Report next week.

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Also on Saturday Bowls Middlesex's Ladies squad take on Kent in the John's trophy in a tie being played at Suttons BC (Surrey) starting at 1330. Everyone associated with the Middleton side wishes the ladies all the best for a successful encounter.