

The official magazine of Nottinghamshire County Cricket Club

COVERED.

NATWEST T20 BLAST PREVIEW
trentbridge.co.uk



ONLINE PROPERTY AUCTIONS
COMMERCIAL
RESIDENTIAL

johnpye.co.uk/sell-your-property

John Pye
Property

0%
SELLER FEE
& FREE
MARKET
APPRAISAL

John Pye
Auctions

Online Property Auctions

Why sell with John Pye Property?

- Established Nottingham Company
- UKs Largest Auction House
- 0% Seller Fee
- Nil Marketing Cost
- Free Property Valuation
- Nationwide Reach
- Monthly Auctions

Get in touch today to talk to
one of our property experts:
0115 970 6060
Property@johnpye.co.uk

We are proud sponsors of
Nottinghamshire County Cricket Club



Welcome

As the Notts Outlaws embark on their 14th T20 campaign, the off field team will as ever be rooting for Mick Newell and the team, as they aim to turn their impressive tournament record into a finals day appearance.

enjoyable for families is a key factor in continuing to grow our NatWest T20 Blast audience, building on the success of 2015 when we attracted 13,582 for the match against the Derbyshire Falcons.

Dan Christian, the Outlaws' newly-appointed T20 captain, will aim to offer explosive entertainment during this year's competition.

We all remember the last-ball victory fondly, but the entertainment began long before that, when, 90 minutes prior to the start of the game, the match production got underway.

We also remain determined to ensure that the experience of a matchday at Trent Bridge begins from the moment you arrive, right through to the post match autograph signings (and selfies) that now characterise the NatWest T20 Blast in Nottingham.

Centred around the big screen - but also including music, interviews and team news featuring Colin Hazelden as MC - our pre-match entertainment is a key reason why supporters are choosing to arrive progressively earlier with each passing summer.

With that in mind, we are adding a cricket activity zone on the TBI Courtyard, allowing spectators of all ages and abilities to have a go at batting, bowling, catching and throwing throughout the event.

The build-up will climax with a showing of Cricket Has Landed 3, the concluding instalment in our trilogy of promotional videos.

The Courtyard is perfectly positioned directly behind what will, for the first time in 2016, be our alcohol-free family area, the William Clarke Stand.

Jake Ball, Steven Mullaney, Riki Wessels and Sam Wood have starred in the production this year, which will, again, be a terrific asset to our marketing team as we aim to further strengthen T20 cricket's position as Nottingham's firm fixture for Friday nights.

With freestyle entertainers, catering units and distribution of a range of giveaways from the giant helmet, the carnival atmosphere in and around that area before the match will be well worth sampling.

Justin Tose, Commercial Director

Making these occasions more



Covered is published by Nottinghamshire County Cricket Club Limited. Registered in England. Company Registration Number IPS 28978/R

Editor / David Straw
david.straw@nottsccc.co.uk

Deputy Editor / Tom Holdcroft
tom.holdcroft@nottsccc.co.uk

Lead Writer / Dan Robbins
daniel.robbins@nottsccc.co.uk

Images / Karl Bratby (cover),
Getty Images & Archive



NatWest
BLAST

Contents

News	6
T20? It's a Family Affair	8
An Eye on the Opposition	14
Tournament Preview	18
Diary	22



14



18

Ball receives County Cap



Nottinghamshire have recognised the achievements of Jake Ball by awarding the 25-year-old fast bowler his County Cap.

Ball enjoyed a breakthrough campaign in 2015, taking 65 wickets in all competitions and earning his maiden call-ups for the England Lions in both 20 and 50 over cricket.

He has begun the 2016 campaign in even better form, with 19 Specsavers County Championship wickets in the first three fixtures, including a roaring spell to account for England internationals Adam Lyth, Gary Ballance & Joe Root against Yorkshire.

“It’s always a real pleasure to present a County Cap to a player. It’s something that’s unique and traditional to cricket and it’s highly valued by players at our Club and around the country,” said

Nottinghamshire Director of Cricket Mick Newell.

“Jake has been a bowler of terrific potential for a number of years, and since the start of last season he has really started to fulfil that promise.

“He performed well for us in all formats in 2015 and enhanced his reputation in white ball cricket with the England Lions during the winter.

“During the 2016 season so far he’s bowling better than ever.

“He’s certainly a bowler with the potential to move on to full international honours, and he’s an option for England across all three formats.”

Ball has also been named as Nottinghamshire’s Player of the Month for April.

“He’s an option for
England across all
three formats.”

Newell on Jake Ball



Outlaws unveil Family Stand

A white ball has not yet been bowled this summer, but Trent Bridge is already unveiling a groundbreaking first for the NatWest T20 Blast. The tournament's opening fixture against the Birmingham Bears on 20 May will be the William Clarke Stand's T20 debut as Trent Bridge's family area.

Situated between the Radcliffe Road End and the Smith Cooper Stand, the William Clarke Stand will be alcohol-

free and is perfectly located for a host of family fun entertainment in the Trent Bridge Inn Courtyard.

The Outlaws Cricket Zone will provide the opportunity for youngsters to enjoy supervised cricket activities, while an array of giveaways will also be available.

Freestyle entertainers and a host of family-friendly catering options will

also be active in this location. Nuts the Squirrel will never be far away – and the Outlaws team will be signing autographs in front of the Pavilion at the end of the match.

Seating throughout the ground is unreserved at all Blast matches, meaning the way to ensure seats in the William Clarke Family Stand is to arrive at the ground early and enjoy the production on the big screen.

“Making these occasions more enjoyable for families is a key factor in continuing to grow our NatWest T20 Blast audience,” said Nottinghamshire Commercial Director Justin Tose.

“With freestyle entertainers, catering units and distribution of a range of giveaways from the giant helmet, the carnival atmosphere in and around that area before the match will be well worth sampling.”

“The carnival atmosphere will be well worth sampling.”

Justin Tose



T20? IT'S A FAMILY AFFAIR

It appears the days of Twenty20 being cricket's rife, upstart format are coming to an end. Hit & giggle it may once have been, but the game's shortest competition has shown an increasing influence in the 21st century sporting landscape.

It's something that Michael Lumb has witnessed first hand, a player who has seen all aspects of 20 over cricket, from his time at the top of the order with Notts Outlaws to representing the Sydney Sixers in the KFC Big Bash League, as well as sharing in stunning stands with Alex Hales for England in tournaments around the world.

With that wealth of experience in his gloves, it's pleasing to hear that despite the lure of some of the world's biggest stadia, there's no place like home for Michael Lumb.

"I love the T20 at Trent Bridge. When the sun is out and the crowds are in, it's a great atmosphere and the occasions are unbelievable," he says.

"It's great to see families in particular coming down to get behind us and, especially when we are winning, it's a great night out.

"When it's busy down at Trent Bridge every Friday night fixture is like a dream."

While Lumb has cut his teeth in front of the cameras and at the forefront of



T20 cricket, Jake Ball's beginnings provide a more humble contrast.

Breaking first into the Notts Outlaws side in 2013, capped by an impressive 4-13 against Somerset to propel his side to the Yorkshire Bank 40 final, he has gone from strength to strength.

Now spearheading the county's attack across all formats, Ball's development has been under the constant gaze of the Nottinghamshire Members and supporters at Trent Bridge, and he's under no illusions as to the value of the voracious backing they offer.

"Huge home support gives the team a massive boost," he says.

"The crowds are really good here, we were the best outside of the two London Clubs last year for attendances and having the support of everyone really does give the lads a massive boost.

"We didn't have the best tournament last year but everyone kept getting behind us and still came to Trent Bridge. We thank them for that and hope they can keep coming this year.

"It's massive to get people in early, if we can get as many families as possible down here, they're the future of the Club. We need to keep building Notts' fanbase and hopefully turn them into die-hard cricket fans, and Members here at Trent Bridge.

"I think over the last few years with the IPL and the Big Bash, people see T20 cricket more as a big spectacle now, players could have a separate T20 career travelling around the world.

"It gives a route in for the younger cricketers, when it was first introduced that was the case.

"T20 was seen as the lesser of the competitions but now it is taken extremely seriously from a player's perspective. It is probably one of the highlights of the season, just for the sheer number of people who come to Trent Bridge to watch it.

"It gives them great exposure in playing in high pressure games as well," he says.

"There's
always a
little extra
spice
involved."

Lumb on Derbies

4,631

Twenty20 runs

124*

T20 high score

27

England T20I appearances

24

T20 fifties



“Playing with, and against, big name players gives you a good indication of where you’re at as a professional. You don’t often get the chance to face Chris Gayle and Brendon McCullum outside of international cricket.

“When you bowl against those sorts of players, some of the best in the world, it sort of gives you an indication of where your game is at.”

In terms of an indication of where Jake’s game is at, he may be closer to facing off against the headline-grabbers with three lions on his chest, rather than the Outlaws’ stag.

A series of eye-catching red ball displays have put him in contention for England’s Test squad for the upcoming series against Sri Lanka,

but it was cutting his teeth at Trent Bridge in white ball cricket that set him on his way.

“I enjoy bowling the big overs and thrive on taking the ball and trying to get the best batsmen of the opposition out,” he says.

“The game here against Derbyshire, they needed 20-odd off two overs, a high pressure situation that I enjoyed being involved in. When you come out on top of those sorts of battles it makes it even better.”

Not a man unfamiliar with cricketing battles, Lumb, together with his long-standing opening partner Hales, has been at the forefront of Notts Outlaws’ fortunes in white ball cricket for a number of years. Their pairing

has been the destructive platform for a number of memorable victories.

While Hales has grabbed the headlines, Lumb is often the catalyst for the innings, renowned for going hard from ball one. It’s a tactic that has reaped its rewards, and caught the imagination of the fans in the stands.

“I’m flexible in my approach, it depends how I feel on the day,” he downplays, beautifully.

“I’ve certainly got my plans to execute, but there’s no set way of going about it. Some days I can go hard from ball one, some days I have a look and take my time.

“It depends on the match situation. If my fellow opener, say Alex Hales, is

Jake Ball could well break into England's side this summer



28

T20 Wickets

going hard at the other end, I can give him the strike and just watch one of the best players in the world go about his natural game.”

“It was a tight game and to come out on top with what felt like a sellout crowd, it was quite a surreal moment.

3-36

Best T20 Figures

Mansfield-born Jake Ball is no stranger to Nottinghamshire's sporting rivalries. During Notts Outlaws' thrilling last-ball victory over the Derbyshire Falcons last summer, Jake took the ball for the penultimate six deliveries and provided an exhibition in death bowling to help his side seal victory.

“There are two styles of bowling within each match, towards the back end of the innings you really look to hit your Yorkers and slower balls. It can be really difficult under pressure.”

2

Outlaws man of the match awards

“There isn't much of a better feeling than running out in front of a packed house at Trent Bridge, the Derbyshire game last year was one of the highlights of my career,” he says.

Whether it's the Outlaws against the Falcons or Foxes, or the Sydney Sixers against the Thunder in the Big Bash, Lumb is a veteran of the derby match. There's still a twinkle in his eyes when being drawn on the occasions.

26.50

T20 Average

“There's always a little bit of spice involved,” he says, with a wry smile.

“You go to Derby or Leicester, there’s generally a good atmosphere and you cop a bit of stick from the fans.

“When they come here, everyone wants to get one over the opposition, especially those local guys, so there’s a bit more needle and involvement.

“It’s all part of the fun and hopefully those games in particular put on a show for the fans.”

Lumb also admitted frustration with Notts’ stumbles in their quests to reach final’s day in the competition. In recent years the Outlaws had become the tournament’s perennial quarter-finalists, before bitterly exiting the tournament last year thanks to a washout at Grace Road in the final round of fixtures. It’s a sticking point that clearly still riles the Nottinghamshire batsman.

“We’re a proud club that wants to do well, and we have done well, we just haven’t quite got over that line into finals-day,” he says. Wry smile? Gone.

“This year is another chance to do it, with a dangerous group of players we’ll be pushing to treat the fans by getting to finals day, hopefully in-front of some big crowds.

“As a group, we’re already looking forward to getting in to the tournament.

“We’ll take nothing for granted, but we’ve got the team to do it so we’ll give it a good crack.

“Every time we’ve lost a quarter-final the drive and desire to get through next time keeps growing.”

Lumb enjoyed a prosperous winter with the Sydney Sixers



An eye on the opposition

While much of the pre-tournament attention lies, naturally, on Notts Outlaws, three opposition heavyweights weigh in on their sides' chances in the Blast and their view on Trent Bridge from an away player's perspective.

When the pyrotechnics blast, with the floodlights on, and Notts Outlaws emerge from the Trent Bridge pavilion to take on the Birmingham Bears on Friday 20 May, supporters could be forgiven for feeling a sense of glorious déjà vu.

It will be a year, almost to the day, since the sides clashed in the corresponding fixture in 2015,

an occasion that was lit up by the monumental ball striking of Alex Hales.

“He hit six sixes in a row didn't he? You need him out,” admits Birmingham Bears' all-rounder Rikki Clarke who, in tandem with the likes of England pacemen Chris Woakes & Boyd Rankin and New Zealand off-spinner Jeetan Patel, will likely

be responsible for controlling the Outlaws' batting on the night.

“He's a very good player, a class act; he's shown that for his country” said the former England man.

If the Outlaws' big-hitter in chief is selected for the First Investec Test by England, Clarke and the Bears will nevertheless have to contend with



HAMISH RUTHERFORD IN NUMBERS

1,890 T20 runs at 24.54

Seven T20I appearances for New Zealand

Man of the Match for New Zealand against England in 2013, scoring a 35-ball 62.



RIKKI CLARKE IN NUMBERS

14-year professional career

1,863 Twenty20 runs & 68 wickets

Best T20 Bowling: 3-11

the likes of Riki Wessels, Samit Patel and the Outlaws' new limited-overs captain Dan Christian.

"If you look at Notts' line-up and our line-up, we're both full of internationals," adds Clarke.

"It's two heavyweights, from two Test venues, going up against each other and it's exciting.

"If I'm honest, Trent Bridge is up there as an away venue, occasions like this are what every cricketer wants.

"You get good crowds at Trent Bridge, and it's two very good teams going head to head."

The second visitors to Trent Bridge in 2016 are current reigning champions the Lancashire Lightning.

Only one meeting took place between the two sides last summer, with the Outlaws winning a final ball thriller thanks to James Taylor's trademark nerves of steel at Emirates Old Trafford.

Six weeks later, the Red Rose were celebrating a tournament triumph, thanks in no small part to England keeper-batsman Jos Buttler providing run-chase impetus, facing just 15 balls for his 27.

When international, and prospective global tournaments, allow, he'll be one of the competition's most feared rope clearers. Should he play at Trent Bridge, look out for those trademark ramp shots.

Come Friday 10 June, Derbyshire Falcons are the visitors for the derby

"It'll be two heavyweights from two Test venues going up against each other."

Rikki Clarke

fixture that, in 2015, attracted a Notts Outlaws NatWest T20 Blast record crowd of 13,582.

Hamish Rutherford, who scored 62 off 47 balls that night and could be one of three Kiwis in the visitors' starting line-up alongside James Neesham & Neil Broom, ranks Trent Bridge among his favourite venues.

"I played there a few years ago with Essex in the quarter-final, there was a

great crowd and it's a lovely place to play cricket," he says.

"The game last year was a close one and it was a packed house with a very good atmosphere then as well.

"I don't think many of the Derbyshire players had played in-front of a crowd like that.

"On a lovely night, there are not many places better."

With local derby bragging rights hopefully in the bag, the Outlaws' next home assignment will be the visit of the Durham Jets on the first day of July, with Notts aiming for a repeat over Paul Collingwood & co having completed the double over the men from the north-east in 2015.

Eight days later, the aim will be to make it payback day as Worcestershire Rapids return to the scene of their 20-run triumph last season.

That night Notts experienced first hand the precocious talent of Tom Kohler-Cadmore, who scored 75 off 39 balls including five sixes, while former Derbyshire left-hander Ross Whiteley is always a dangerous presence in the middle order.

"There was a great crowd & it's a lovely place to play cricket."

Rutherford on Trent Bridge

The Yorkshire Vikings know about Sheffield born Whiteley's presence better than anyone.

They watched him plunder 11 sixes in a belligerent cameo of 91 not out off 35 balls at Headingley last year.

But Andrew Gale's men fared somewhat better against the Outlaws in 2015, recording a double over Mick Newell's men, but that couldn't prevent the White Rose from crashing out, alongside Notts, at the group stages.



Charlie Shreck spent ten years with Nottinghamshire

Jason Gillespie has responded to his side's failure decisively with two big name signings. England all-rounder David Willey combines swinging the new white ball when he bowls, with swinging it handsomely out of the park whilst batting in the upper or middle order. Their T20 overseas batsman, meanwhile, was the star performer of the 2015/16 Big Bash League, Travis Head.

The 22-year-old scored 372 runs at an average of 36 in BBL05, earning him an international debut for Australia, following in the footsteps of former White Rose overseas men Aaron Finch and Glenn Maxwell. Similarly, the final visitors to Trent Bridge of the season, the Leicestershire Foxes, will also venture to Nottingham with a strong influence from Down Under.

Their Head Coach Andrew McDonald is a veteran of 93 career T20 appearances, most of them in the Southern Hemisphere, while the Foxes have a playing squad featuring two equally experienced Aussie campaigners in Mark Cosgrove and Clint McKay.

Cosgrove, a clean hitting left-handed batsman and McKay, a wily experienced seamer, will be joined in the Leicestershire line-up by South African international all-rounder Rilee Rossouw, who is replacing Umar Akmal for the final six games of the campaign. Leicestershire won on their most recent visit to Trent Bridge in 2015, prior to their tournament fizzling out to a seventh placed finish.

Charlie Shreck, the Cornish fast bowler whose ten-year stint with the Outlaws ended in 2011, says Leicestershire's status as three-time tournament winners is inspiring the current crop ahead of the 2016 tournament.

"We've got quite a young squad and T20 is the highlight these days for any young cricketer," says the 38-year-old.

"They are all looking to the IPL, the Big Bash League and the NatWest T20 Blast. They all want to play T20.

"They realise we have quite a heritage in this competition, so there's



"With a full house, at your home ground... it was incredible."

Charlie Shreck saunters down memory lane

definitely a want to perform, to get to finals day and to play in-front of 20 thousand people."

Should Shreck get the nod to play at Trent Bridge, walking down the famous pavilion steps will remind him of his favourite ever T20 occasion back in 2006.

"The win against Surrey in the semi-final was probably my highlight, where we posted 176 then restricted them nicely," he recalls.

"Ryan Sidebottom was man of the match, bowling four overs for seven runs which was remarkable.

"With a full house, at your home ground, it was amazing. It's just a shame we didn't quite get over the line in the final, which unfortunately was against Leicestershire and I keep getting reminded of that these days."

Ten years on, the time is now for the Outlaws to go one better.



NatWest T20 Blast: North Group Preview

With excitement building ahead of the return of the NatWest T20 Blast, sides in the North Group are readying themselves for what is a hotly-contested battle for a place in the knockout stages. Here we assess the nine teams aiming for a top four finish and the men that will be key to their chances...

Birmingham Bears

The Bears could be able to call on the vast experience of Ian Bell for the whole season should he not reclaim his England place. Whilst Bell and Jonathan Trott are perhaps renowned as accumulators rather than rope clearers, the Bears will be able to punctuate the rest of their order with big hitting batsmen, including the likes of New Zealand's Luke Ronchi who joins them for the Blast this season. Add to that off spinner

Jeetan Patel, who is back in the West Midlands for another year and the Bears have a well-balanced squad heading in to the shorter format.

One to watch: Josh Poysden

For a number of years Twenty20 cricket has been the breeding ground for young English spinners, with Poysden perhaps the latest in line. The 24-year-old leg spinner made his T20 debut back in 2014 and during his time with the Bears has been able to learn under the tutelage of the experienced Jeetan Patel. The 2016 season could see the pair bowling in tandem across the competition.

Overseas:

Jeetan Patel, Luke Ronchi

Derbyshire Falcons

The Outlaws' East Midlands rivals, Derbyshire's trip to Trent Bridge in 2015 brought with it a record crowd for T20 matches at the home of Notts.

The rivalry speaks for itself and the Falcons will be able to call on a large range of talent across their squad.

One to watch: Hamish Rutherford

The Falcons will have a strong New Zealand contingent across 2016 with Rutherford joined in the ranks by middle-order batsman Neil Broom and all-rounder James Neesham. Rutherford impressed last year and the left-hander has both the ability to get his side moving and make telling contributions by batting through the innings.

Overseas:

Hamish Rutherford, James Neesham

Durham Jets

Durham have been rocked by the withdrawal of key overseas fast bowler John Hastings. However, captained by Paul Collingwood, they are led from the front with a vast amount of experience, including a World T20 victory.

One to watch: Keaton Jennings

Used mostly as a lower order batsman and very little with the ball in 2015, the Jets could find a place for Jennings higher in the order after a fine start to 2016 in the red ball format. Integral in the Championship in 2014, the following year went by without a century for the 23-year-old, but his fortunes took a turn for the better in Durham's opening match of 2016 as he scored centuries in both innings against Somerset.

Overseas: None

Lancashire Lightning

Under the guidance of former England One Day Coach Ashley Giles, Lancashire enjoyed a bumper 2015, gaining promotion back to Division One in the longest format and winning their first NatWest T20 Blast. With the addition of Martin Guptill, they have firepower at the top of the order and with Jos Buttler likely to be available for much of the competition, the Lightning could be one of the favourites in 2016 to retain their crown.

One to watch: Jos Buttler

Dropped at Test level, a rejuvenated

Buttler was integral in England's run to the ICC World T20 final and will be a welcome addition to Lancashire's squad when international commitments allow. The explosive wicketkeeper-batsman will join up with the reigning champions on the back of the Indian Premier League, where he is playing with the Mumbai Indians, and his experience in one of the biggest T20 leagues in the world will be invaluable to Lancashire's attempts to win back-to-back titles.

Overseas:

Martin Guptill, Neil Wagner

Leicestershire Foxes

Lancashire Lightning lift the NatWest T20 Blast trophy in 2015

– Leicestershire will be bolstered by the signing of South Africa international Rilee Rossouw

– Ben Duckett has been in fearsome form for Northamptonshire (overleaf)

– Travis Head was one of the biggest hitters in this winter's KFC Big Bash League (overleaf)



After a successful first few years in the shortest format, the Foxes' challenges have tailed off and they haven't managed to add to their three NatWest T20 Blast titles. A squad that has had the experience and quality of Neil Dexter, Paul Horton and Mark Pettini added to it over the winter, not to mention the availability of Clint McKay for all three formats and Rilee Rossouw and Umar Akmal for the T20, Leicestershire look well set for a better 2016.

One to watch: Rilee Rossouw

The South African all-rounder has played 86 Twenty20s in his developing career and is seen by many as the long-term replacement for Jacques Kallis.

Overseas:

Clint McKay, Umar Akmal, Rilee Rossouw

Northamptonshire Steelbacks

The Steelbacks squad relies heavily on local talent and the return of former England international Monty Panesar adds to that home grown feel. Rory Kleinveldt returns for all formats and his lusty blows and key wickets will be valuable to Northants' chances of reaching the knockout stages. They are also able to call on Sri Lankan Seekkuge Prasanna for the T20 season.

One to watch: Ben Duckett

Duckett's contract situation was up in the air for much of the winter but, after committing to the Steelbacks, the opener started the season in style, striking an unbeaten double century.

Overseas:

Rory Kleinveldt, Seekkuge Prasanna

Worcestershire Rapids

The Rapids have a number of young players who are ripe for a



run in the T20 competition and marshalled by the experienced head of Daryl Mitchell. Add to that the international talent of Matt Henry, Mitchell Santner and Kyle Abbott, Worcestershire also have a glut of bowling all-rounders who can capitalise with the bat as well as ball.

One to watch: Joe Clarke

The first England Lions call up for a teenage batsman since Joe Root, Clarke is one of the in-form players on the county circuit over the past year. The wicketkeeper-batsman can fit in to the top or middle of the batting line-up alongside clean strikers such as Tom Kohler-Cadmore and Ross Whiteley.

Overseas:

Matt Henry, Kyle Abbott, Mitchell Santner

Yorkshire Vikings

Yorkshire's first aim for 2016 will be making it three Championship titles in a row, but with the squad of young talent they have compiled, including the acquisition of David Willey, they could be well placed for a tilt at the T20 title as well. The likes of Will Rhodes, Jack Leaning and Matt Fisher are just three of the young names in the Yorkshire squad. Australian Travis Head, one of the hottest T20 properties in the world, and the returning Kane Williamson will add experience to their assault alongside stalwarts such as Andrew Gale, Tim Bresnan and Ryan Sidebottom.

One to watch: David Willey

Signed from Northamptonshire over

the winter, Willey is one of England's new breed of fresh talent that took the side to the final of the ICC World T20. With his left arm swing at the start of an innings, the ability to bowl yorkers at the end and his explosive batting, Willey will be a valuable asset for the Vikings in 2016.

Overseas:

Kane Williamson, Travis Head

Notts Outlaws

After a run of five consecutive years to the quarter-finals of the competition, the Outlaws narrowly missed out on making it six in a row in 2015. The Outlaws secured home wins against Birmingham, Derbyshire & Durham last term, a feat they will be looking to better in 2016. Dan Christian returns to captain the side and will be used in the upper echelons of the order, aiming to emulate his big-hitting Big Bash antics and his vast experience

will help the Outlaws squad. Michael Lumb comes back to England having won Sydney Sixers' Player of the Year and will look to take that form into the Blast.

One to watch: Jake Ball

Standing up to the pressure of bowling at the death in front of a 13,582 crowd in the thrilling victory over Derbyshire, Ball's 2015 went from strength to strength, culminating in an England Lions call up and a trip to Abu Dhabi with the MCC ahead of the 2016 season. After a fine start in the Championship with many touting him for international honours in the near future, Ball will look to repeat his death bowling heroics from 2015. As a lower order batsman, Ball has also revealed the ability in recent years to clear the ropes, a skill that will come in handy in the shortest format.

Overseas: Dan Christian



OUTLAWS v BEARS

.....
Friday 20 May 6.30pm

Special tournament launch prices
Adults £10 in advance

trentbridge.co.uk/twenty20



OUTLAWS v FALCONS

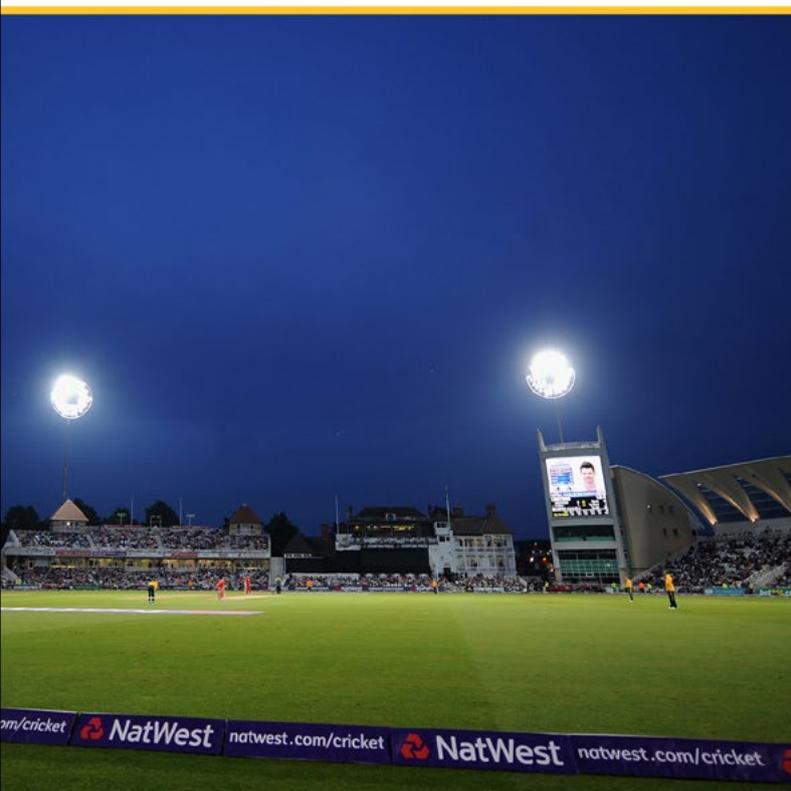
.....
Friday 10 June 7.15pm

The latest chapter in one of the biggest rivalries
in domestic cricket.

Friday night under the lights at Trent Bridge.

We'll provide the fireworks, and we'll leave decking
out Trent Bridge in green & gold to you...

trentbridge.co.uk/twenty20



THE BEST SEATS IN THE HOUSE?

.....
Steak, chips & a ticket for the cricket.

Outlaws v Bears (20/5): £30
Outlaws v Falcons (10/6): £35
Outlaws v Vikings (15/7): £35
Outlaws v Foxes (29/7): £35



AN EVENING WITH THE BROADS

.....
Gala fundraising dinner for the Trent Bridge
Community Trust & The Broad Appeal.

Thursday 16 June



OUTLAWS v FOXES

.....
Friday 29 July 6.30pm

We can't think of a much better way to end the group stages of the NatWest T20 Blast than with a little fox hunt at Trent Bridge.

Leicestershire have been bolstered with some quality overseas additions this summer, but the Outlaws will be gunning for them... we'd love you to be part of it.

trentbridge.co.uk/twenty20

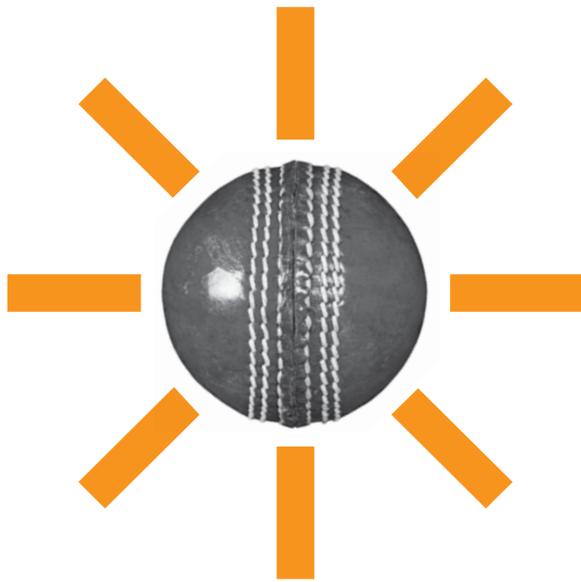
FINE DINING IN THE COMPANY OF THE GREATS

.....
Black ties, four courses and a highly exclusive audience Nottinghamshire's finest father-son combination.

call 0844 811 8712 to book your place.



For fixtures and more information regarding events at Trent Bridge, visit trentbridge.co.uk/diary



Thinking without boundaries

The global law firm
that sets the standards

Contact

Mark Fletcher

Senior Office Partner

Tel: +44 115 931 7595

www.eversheds.com/markfletcher

eversheds.com

©Eversheds LLP 2016 © Eversheds International 2016.
All rights are reserved to their respective owners.
Eversheds International is an international legal practice,
the members of which are separate and distinct legal entities.
DT05807_02/16

**SMITH
COOPER**

[@SmithCooperLTD](https://twitter.com/SmithCooperLTD)

[in /SmithCooper](https://www.linkedin.com/company/SmithCooper)



For Thinking That Counts.

Award winning accountancy and
business advisory services.

Audit & Accounts | Business Advisory
Corporate Finance | Specialist Tax Planning
Business Recovery | HR & Payroll | IT Support

www.smithcooper.co.uk
0115 945 4300

SPORT

STUDY IT, PLAY IT, LIVE IT.

Our sport academies allow students to study
on a full-time course and get first-class
coaching in their chosen sport.

- Cricket (New for Sept 2016)
- Football
- Rugby
- Hockey

APPLY NOW FOR SEPTEMBER 2016

We are
Central



Central College
Nottingham

Call 0115 914 6414
www.centralnottingham.ac.uk



Nottinghamshire
County Council

Find out first...

News

What's on

Jobs



emailme

sign up at

nottscc.gov.uk



A FIRM FIXTURE FOR FRIDAY NIGHTS

#CRICKETHASLANDED

NOTTS OUTLAWS V BIRMINGHAM BEARS - Friday 20 May - 6.30pm
Special tournament launch prices (up to midnight the night before)
£10 Adults / £7 for under 21s & over 65s / £5 Juniors (under 16s)

NOTTS OUTLAWS V LANCASHIRE LIGHTNING - Saturday 04 June - 2.30pm
NOTTS OUTLAWS V DERBYSHIRE FALCONS - Friday 10 June - 6.30pm
NOTTS OUTLAWS V DURHAM JETS - Friday 01 July - 6.30pm
NOTTS OUTLAWS V WORCESTERSHIRE RAPIDS - Saturday 09 July - 2.30pm
NOTTS OUTLAWS V YORKSHIRE VIKINGS - Friday 22 July - 6.30pm
NOTTS OUTLAWS V LEICESTERSHIRE FOXES - Friday 29 July - 6.30pm

