



1992

A game that began a day late because of rain was over by 3.25pm on the third after after Sussex's veteran off-spinner Eddie Hemmings produced a master class to take match figures of 12 for 58, skillfully exploiting the rough outside the off stump to bemuse a succession of batsmen. Sussex's 271 looked only par but Franklyn Stephenson removed both openers before stumps on the second day and on the Saturday morning Leicestershire lost seven wickets for 40 runs, five of them to Hemmings. Following on, they were in danger of making their lowest ever score against Sussex when they slumped to 40 for 9 before late resistance from Paul Nixon and Alan Mullally took them to 72 all out. Wisden sadly noted: "Disappointing crowds and poor commercial support increased fears that Sussex might soon scrap their annual visit to the north of the county."

2004

History was made when Sussex all-rounder Kevin Innes (a coach in Northamptonshire's academy these days) became the first 12th man in first-class cricket to score a century. Under new ECB regulations, counties were allowed to nominate a replacement for England players and before James Kirtley, who had been released from the Test squad, could return to play Innes had become one of three batsmen alongside Richard Montgomerie and Matt Prior to score centuries as Sussex made 619, a new ground record. Prior went from 98 to 133 in ten balls while for opener Monty it was his third successive ton at Horsham. Mushtaq Ahmed then took centre stage, although Kevin Pietersen briefly threatened to upstage him with a 75-ball hundred. Mushy finished with match figures of 12 for 244, the best return by a Sussex spinner since Hemmings wrought havoc on the same ground a decade earlier.



2010

One of Sussex's easiest win in recent years came here a year ago as dispirited Derbyshire was despatched inside three days. And again Cricketfield Road was the scene of a record as Chris Nash, Ed Joyce, Ben Brown and Murray Goodwin all scored centuries, the first instance that had happened to Sussex's top four batsmen and only the fourth occasion in first-class history and just the second since 1920. Derbyshire were rudderless without ill skipper Chris Rogers whose replacement Andrew Borrington made just two after he had flown down from a second-team game in Manchester to replace him. Derbyshire failed to take a bowling bonus point as Sussex established a lead of 334 before dismissing their visitors for 225 between the showers on the third day, Corey Collymore taking four wickets. "Men against boys" was the assessment of Derbyshire skipper Chris Rogers. He wasn't wrong.