



## Midland Counties League 2009

### 1<sup>st</sup> August 2009

Leicestershire men played Nottinghamshire at Nottingham and Leicestershire needed eleven points to guarantee they would win the league. The horrendous weather in the midlands put the game in doubt but it eased up and the game got underway and Nottinghamshire started off as if it were they who were playing to win the league. At five ends Leicestershire were eighteen shots down and winning on only Steve Wades rink and at ten ends with the weather getting progressively worse Leicestershire were twenty eight shots down and still only winning on Steve Wades rink but the word from Derbyshire that they were winning against Northamptonshire meant that Leicestershire could win the league with five points if Derbyshire won their game. The next five ends were crucial and Leicestershire piled on the pressure as Nottinghamshire struggled to cope with the weather and at fifteen ends Leicestershire were one shot up and winning on four rinks and drawing on one but the weather was making it impossible to play and it was decided to come off the green for half an hour to see if it improved. The weather did not improve and it was decided to abandon the game and the result was Leicestershire won the match 104-96 and nineteen points to three and Leicestershire have retained the Midland County league. Leicestershire's highest winning was Jim Leckie, Andy Wye, Ian Lockington and Steve Wade with a thirteen shot win against the rink skipped by R Pierce. However this was a team effort with Dean Harrisons rink coming back from eleven shots down to win by three shots, Andy Irons rink coming back from fifteen shots down to draw, Chris Rodgers rink coming back from seven shots down to win by five shots and Dave Simpsons rink coming back from four shots down to win by one shot

### [Match Results](#)

### 27<sup>th</sup> July 2009

Leicestershire men played Lincolnshire at Scotter B.C. near Gainsborough and Leicestershire needed to win this game along with next week's game against Nottinghamshire if they are to win the League. The first five ends were close with Leicestershire just in front by one shot but over the next five ends Leicestershire increased this to go twenty two shots up after ten ends but Lincolnshire fought back and Leicestershire were only six shots up after fifteen ends but Leicestershire hung on in over the last six ends for a 119-109 win and eighteen points to four. Highest winning rink for Leicestershire was John Torrington, Tom Alcock, Ian Lockington and Steve Wade with a nine shot win against the rink skipped by T Gilroy. This win means that Leicestershire need a minimum of eleven points from Saturday's game against Nottinghamshire at Headquarters. A number of regulars come back in for this last competitive game of the season for Leicestershire

### [Match Results](#)

### 21<sup>st</sup> July 2009

Leicestershire men play Lincolnshire at Scotter B.C. near Gainsborough and Leicestershire need to win this game along with next week's game against Nottinghamshire if they are to win the League. With players

unavailable for various reasons Team Manager Norman Burns has made twelve changes from the team that lost heavily to Northamptonshire in the Middleton Cup but this is an opportunity for them to show what they are capable of. Leicestershire are in second place, only four points behind Warwickshire and four points ahead of third placed Nottinghamshire but with a game in hand over both so it is still in Leicestershire's hands

### **21<sup>st</sup> June 2009**

Leicestershire men played Northamptonshire in the Midland County league at Roade in Northamptonshire and needed to win to keep alive their hope of retaining the title they won last year. The first five ends were uneventful with Leicestershire just in front by five shots but by ten ends were twenty shots up and thirty shots up at fifteen ends. At eighteen ends Leicestershire had the game won as they were still twenty six shots up and it was a matter of getting rink wins for maximum points. Andy Irons and Steve Wades rinks had big wins and Wayne Leckie's rink went into the last end all square and picked up one shot for another two points. Leicestershire's other winning rink was skipped by Dean Harrison and they went into the last end two shots and picked a one for a three shot win and another two points. This 18-4 win puts Leicestershire back to the top of the league with two games to play.

#### [Match Results](#)

### **14<sup>th</sup> June 2009**

Leicestershire men play Northamptonshire at Roade B.C. in the Midland County league and need to win if they are to retain the trophy . A number of changes have been made because of unavailability and this gives others the opportunity to impress.

### **25<sup>th</sup> May 2009**

Leicestershire men played their third Midland County game of the season at Enderby on Saturday against Warwickshire The team were eager to build on last week's win against Worcestershire and over the first five ends opened up a ten shot lead and by ten ends were eleven shots up. At fifteen ends it was eighteen shots up but Warwickshire were still in the game and fighting hard but Leicestershire were in control and ran out worthy winners by 124-114 and eighteen points to four. Winning by ten shots showed how crucial the first five ends were when the County were ten shots up after five ends. Highest winning rink was skipped by Peter Hobbs and they won by thirteen shots against the rink skipped by M Timms. Other winning rinks were skipped by Chris Moore, six shots up, John Bowman, four shots up and Dave Simpson, three shots up. This win puts Leicestershire top of the Midland County League at the half way stage.

#### [Match Results](#)

### **19<sup>th</sup> May 2009**

Leicestershire men played their second Midland County game of the season at Enderby on Saturday against Worcestershire The team were eager to put last week's defeat behind them and over the first five ends opened up a twelve shot lead and by ten ends had doubled this to twenty four shots. At fifteen ends it was still twenty four shots up and looking like game over but over the next three ends Worcestershire scored twenty five shots to Leicestershire's nine shots and reduced the lead to eight shots with three ends to go across the board. In the last three ends the lead changed hands on numerous occasions and with five rinks finished and Dave Simpson's rink with two ends to play Leicestershire were two shots in front. On the

twentieth end Leicestershire picked up a five and left them playing the last end defending a seven shot lead and they dropped a two to finish with ten points for the win and six points for the three rink wins and a score of 111-106. Leicestershire's highest winning rink was shared by Dave Simpson's and Steve Wade's rink with nine shot wins.

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<b>MATCH ANALYSIS</b>											
<b>01/08/09</b>	<b>LEICESTERSHIRE</b>					<b>NOTTINGHAMSHIRE</b>					
	<b>MIDLAND COUNTY</b>					<b>HEADQUARTERS</b>					<b>2pm</b>
	<b>RINK 1</b>					<b>RINK 1</b>					
<b>1</b>	Mick Fox					T Mitchell					<b>1</b>
<b>2</b>	Adam Hirons					K Burton					<b>2</b>
<b>3</b>	Mick Greasley					A Hayes					<b>3</b>
<b>4</b>	Dean Harrison					S Overton					<b>4</b>
	<b>RINK 2</b>					<b>RINK 2</b>					
<b>1</b>	Simon Davies					M Lenton					
<b>2</b>	David Flippance					R Chamberlain					<b>2</b>
<b>3</b>	Wayne Leckie					P Riordon					<b>3</b>
<b>4</b>	John Bowman					S Bailey					<b>4</b>
	<b>RINK 3</b>					<b>RINK 3</b>					
<b>1</b>	John Torrington					D Tyers					<b>1</b>
<b>2</b>	John Cooper					B Powell					<b>2</b>
<b>3</b>	Greg Fardell					N Hallan					<b>3</b>
<b>4</b>	Andy Irons					C Smith					<b>4</b>
	<b>RINK 4</b>					<b>RINK 4</b>					
<b>1</b>	Jim Leckie					A Brownley					<b>1</b>
<b>2</b>	Andy Wye					T Smith					<b>2</b>
<b>3</b>	Ian Lockington					C Smith					<b>3</b>
<b>4</b>	Steve Wade					R Pierce					<b>4</b>
	<b>RINK 5</b>					<b>RINK 5</b>					
<b>1</b>	Patrick Hulbert					M Houseley					<b>1</b>
<b>2</b>	Ken Frost					P Mee					<b>2</b>
<b>3</b>	Simon Hughes					P Martlew					<b>3</b>
<b>4</b>	Dave Simpson					D Robinson					<b>4</b>
	<b>RINK 6</b>					<b>RINK 6</b>					
<b>1</b>	James Alcock					P Rigby					<b>1</b>
<b>2</b>	Tom Alcock					G Roe					<b>2</b>
<b>3</b>	Chris Moore					M Leafe					<b>3</b>
<b>4</b>	Chris Rodgers					T Mitchell					<b>4</b>
<b>RES</b>	John Hurst,										
<b>ENDS</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>ENDS</b>
<b>RINK</b>											<b>RINK</b>
<b>1</b>	0	10	17		19	16		16	12	11	<b>1</b>
<b>2</b>	2	7	8		8	22		22	10	7	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b>	1	3	13		19	19		19	18	8	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b>	13	15	25		25	12		12	12	5	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b>	4	6	13		13	12		12	10	5	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b>	4	4	20		20	15		14	11	6	<b>6</b>
<b>TOT</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>96</b>		<b>104</b>	<b>96</b>		<b>95</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>TOT</b>

<b>MATCH ANALYSIS</b>											
<b>25/7/09</b>	<b>LEICESTERSHIRE</b>					<b>LINCOLNSHIRE</b>					
	<b>MIDLAND COUNTY</b>					<b>SCOTTER B.C.</b>					<b>2pm</b>
	<b>RINK 1</b>					<b>RINK 1</b>					
<b>1</b>	John Hunting					G.Burton					<b>1</b>
<b>2</b>	Darren Delahay					R.Robinson					<b>2</b>
<b>3</b>	Simon Hughes					G.Plaskitt					<b>3</b>
<b>4</b>	Patrick Hulbert					M.Smith					<b>4</b>
	<b>RINK 2</b>					<b>RINK 2</b>					
<b>1</b>	James Alcock					K.Rands					<b>1</b>
<b>2</b>	Ken Frost					A.Warrington					<b>2</b>
<b>3</b>	Jim Leckie					M.Orrey					<b>3</b>
<b>4</b>	Wayne Leckie					M.Spencer					<b>4</b>
	<b>RINK 3</b>					<b>RINK 3</b>					
<b>1</b>	John Hurst					A.Mullen					<b>1</b>
<b>2</b>	Liam Spencer					P.Parker					<b>2</b>
<b>3</b>	David Flippance					J.Davidson					<b>3</b>
<b>4</b>	Andy Wye					G.Teal					<b>4</b>
	<b>RINK 4</b>					<b>RINK 4</b>					
<b>1</b>	John Torrington					D.Copley					<b>1</b>
<b>2</b>	Tom Alcock					C.Burton					<b>2</b>
<b>3</b>	Ian Lockington					J.Markham					<b>3</b>
<b>4</b>	Steve Wade					T.Gilroy					<b>4</b>
	<b>RINK 5</b>					<b>RINK 5</b>					
<b>1</b>	Simon Davies					G.Gray					<b>1</b>
<b>2</b>	Stephen Lakin					K.Sleight					<b>2</b>
<b>3</b>	Adi Smedley					J.Allen					<b>3</b>
<b>4</b>	John Bowman					S.Dunham					<b>4</b>
	<b>RINK 6</b>					<b>RINK 6</b>					
<b>1</b>	Mick Fox					K.Marshall					<b>1</b>
<b>2</b>	Adam Hirons					T.Whiterley					<b>2</b>
<b>3</b>	M Greasley					P.Willerton					<b>3</b>
<b>4</b>	Dean Harrison					J.Stainsfield					<b>4</b>
<b>RES</b>											
<b>ENDS</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>ENDS</b>
<b>RINK</b>											<b>RINK</b>
<b>1</b>	5	14	17	18	18	19	14	7	3	2	<b>1</b>
<b>2</b>	5	9	9	12	13	25	21	18	13	7	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b>	7	10	11	17	19	14	13	13	4	2	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b>	2	12	18	19	25	16	16	14	8	6	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b>	8	11	16	22	26	18	18	13	8	4	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b>	2	11	13	17	18	17	14	13	9	7	<b>6</b>
<b>TOT</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>TOT</b>

<b>MATCH ANALYSIS</b>											
<b>20/6/09</b>	<b>LEICESTERSHIRE</b>					<b>NORTHAMPTONSHIRE</b>					
	<b>MIDLAND COUNTY</b>					<b>ROADE BC</b>					<b>2pm</b>
	<b>RINK 1</b>					<b>RINK 1</b>					
<b>1</b>	Adi Smedley					Callum Height					<b>1</b>
<b>2</b>	Mick Smith					Richard Mann					<b>2</b>
<b>3</b>	Mick Greasley					Jamie Walker					<b>3</b>
<b>4</b>	Dave Simpson					Roger Tansey					<b>4</b>
	<b>RINK 2</b>					<b>RINK 2</b>					
<b>1</b>	Patrick Hulbert					Tony O'Leary					<b>1</b>
<b>2</b>	Tom Alcock					Matt Pownall					<b>2</b>
<b>3</b>	Simon Hughes					Jonathon Brown					<b>3</b>
<b>4</b>	Dean Harrison					Phil Reeve					<b>4</b>
	<b>RINK 3</b>					<b>RINK 3</b>					
<b>1</b>	Adam Hirons					Jason Hall					<b>1</b>
<b>2</b>	D Delahay					Ray Castle					<b>2</b>
<b>3</b>	David Flippance					John Haines					<b>3</b>
<b>4</b>	Chris Moore					Sam Wade					<b>4</b>
	<b>RINK 4</b>					<b>RINK 4</b>					
<b>1</b>	James Alcock					Keith Height					<b>1</b>
<b>2</b>	Ken Frost					Dominic Graham					<b>2</b>
<b>3</b>	Jim Leckie					Carl Haines					<b>3</b>
<b>4</b>	Wayne Leckie					Darren Childs					<b>4</b>
	<b>RINK 5</b>					<b>RINK 5</b>					
<b>1</b>	John Torrington					Richard Lemon					<b>1</b>
<b>2</b>	John Cooper					Derek Douglas					<b>2</b>
<b>3</b>	Peter Hobbs					Martin Geary					<b>3</b>
<b>4</b>	Andy Irons					Chris Bland					<b>4</b>
	<b>RINK 6</b>					<b>RINK 6</b>					
<b>1</b>	Stephen Lakin					Malcolm Paul					
<b>2</b>	Ian Lockington					Alan Ashby					<b>2</b>
<b>3</b>	Greg Fardell					John Freeman					<b>3</b>
<b>4</b>	Steve Wade					Vernon Geary					<b>4</b>
<b>RES</b>											
<b>ENDS</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>ENDS</b>
<b>RINK</b>											<b>RINK</b>
<b>1</b>	6	12	17	23	24	31	26	21	19	10	<b>1</b>
<b>2</b>	6	13	16	17	20	17	16	11	8	4	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b>	3	5	6	8	8	30	23	20	13	10	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b>	5	12	14	18	19	18	14	9	5	2	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b>	9	15	26	28	28	8	5	1	0	0	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b>	5	16	20	24	27	9	8	7	3	3	<b>6</b>
<b>TOT</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>TOT</b>

<b>MATCH ANALYSIS</b>											
<b>16/5/09</b>	<b>LEICESTERSHIRE</b>					<b>WORCESTERSHIRE</b>					
	<b>MIDLAND COUNTY</b>					<b>ENDERBY</b>					<b>2pm</b>
	<b>RINK 1</b>					<b>RINK 1</b>					
<b>1</b>	Patrick Hulbert					R Hall					<b>1</b>
<b>2</b>	T Alcock					M Sandoz					<b>2</b>
<b>3</b>	Simon Hughes					A Chillman					<b>3</b>
<b>4</b>	Chris Rodgers					A Burrage					<b>4</b>
	<b>RINK 2</b>					<b>RINK 2</b>					
<b>1</b>	Stephen Lakin					A Millard					
<b>2</b>	Ian Lockington					R Dawson					<b>2</b>
<b>3</b>	Wayne Leckie					D Hemming					<b>3</b>
<b>4</b>	Steve Wade					R Stanley					<b>4</b>
	<b>RINK 3</b>					<b>RINK 3</b>					
<b>1</b>	John Torrington					D Wilde					<b>1</b>
<b>2</b>	Adam Hirons					R Hall					<b>2</b>
<b>3</b>	John Cooper					A McWhinnie					<b>3</b>
<b>4</b>	Shane Hayes					R McCaughtrie					<b>4</b>
	<b>RINK 4</b>					<b>RINK 4</b>					
<b>1</b>	Mick Fox					S Jones					<b>1</b>
<b>2</b>	David Flippance					G Roberts					<b>2</b>
<b>3</b>	Dean Harrison					C Wilde					<b>3</b>
<b>4</b>	Chris Moore					A Willis					<b>4</b>
	<b>RINK 5</b>					<b>RINK 5</b>					
<b>1</b>	Jim Leckie					M Hall					<b>1</b>
<b>2</b>	Ken Frost					G Burrage					<b>2</b>
<b>3</b>	M Greasley					I Jenkins					<b>3</b>
<b>4</b>	Dave Simpson					M Stones					<b>4</b>
	<b>RINK 6</b>					<b>RINK 6</b>					
<b>1</b>	Adi Smedley					P Kitchen					<b>1</b>
<b>2</b>	Mick Smith					L Jones					<b>2</b>
<b>3</b>	Lawson Bailey					A Jackson					<b>3</b>
<b>4</b>	John Bowman					A Walter					<b>4</b>
<b>RES</b>	D Delahay										
<b>ENDS</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>ENDS</b>
<b>RINK</b>											<b>RINK</b>
<b>1</b>	5	11	18	19	19	11	5	3	2	2	<b>1</b>
<b>2</b>	8	15	17	17	21	12	12	6	1	1	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b>	8	12	15	16	17	22	20	15	10	3	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b>	4	6	9	11	16	23	17	14	8	5	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b>	3	4	8	13	21	12	10	10	7	3	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b>	3	12	17	17	17	26	21	12	8	5	<b>6</b>
<b>TOT</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>TOT</b>

<b>MATCH ANALYSIS</b>											
<b>22/5/09</b>	<b>LEICESTERSHIRE</b>					<b>WARWICKSHIRE</b>					
	<b>MIDLAND COUNTY</b>					<b>ENDERBY</b>					<b>2pm</b>
	<b>RINK 1</b>					<b>RINK 1</b>					
<b>1</b>	Ian Lockington					G Sampson					<b>1</b>
<b>2</b>	Tom Alcock					S Taylor					<b>2</b>
<b>3</b>	Wayne Leckie					N Hancock					<b>3</b>
<b>4</b>	Steve Wade					C Jacox					<b>4</b>
	<b>RINK 2</b>					<b>RINK 2</b>					
<b>1</b>	John Torrington					A Shuttleworth					
<b>2</b>	Lawson Bailey					C Barton					<b>2</b>
<b>3</b>	John Cooper					M Hawkins					<b>3</b>
<b>4</b>	Peter Hobbs					M Timms					<b>4</b>
	<b>RINK 3</b>					<b>RINK 3</b>					
<b>1</b>	Stephen Lakin					K Finch					<b>1</b>
<b>2</b>	Mick Smith					C Howes					<b>2</b>
<b>3</b>	Adi Smedley					J Freeman					<b>3</b>
<b>4</b>	John Bowman					A Smith					<b>4</b>
	<b>RINK 4</b>					<b>RINK 4</b>					
<b>1</b>	Adam Hirons					M Wells					<b>1</b>
<b>2</b>	David Flippance					R Robinson					<b>2</b>
<b>3</b>	Greg Fardell					D Box					<b>3</b>
<b>4</b>	Chris Moore					G Ashby					<b>4</b>
	<b>RINK 5</b>					<b>RINK 5</b>					
<b>1</b>	Mick Fox					M Murley					<b>1</b>
<b>2</b>	Darren Delahay					T Millership					<b>2</b>
<b>3</b>	Dean Harrison					C Wells					<b>3</b>
<b>4</b>	Alistair Hollis					A Aspey					<b>4</b>
	<b>RINK 6</b>					<b>RINK 6</b>					
<b>1</b>	Jim Leckie					M Corfer					<b>1</b>
<b>2</b>	Ken Frost					N Ward					<b>2</b>
<b>3</b>	M Greasley					B Ward					<b>3</b>
<b>4</b>	Dave Simpson					S Davis					<b>4</b>
<b>RES</b>											
<b>ENDS</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>ENDS</b>
<b>RINK</b>											<b>RINK</b>
<b>1</b>	1	5	12	12	14	25	24	15	11	7	<b>1</b>
<b>2</b>	13	22	25	27	30	17	15	12	7	1	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b>	6	11	18	21	23	19	15	12	7	4	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b>	1	5	14	18	22	16	14	7	6	5	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b>	5	6	12	14	15	20	14	11	7	2	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b>	6	11	16	19	20	17	13	12	11	3	<b>6</b>
<b>TOT</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>TOT</b>