



Middleton Cup 2010

11th July 2010

Leicestershire men played Northamptonshire at Leicester on Saturday in the Middleton Cup.

The game was played on a very fast green that over the first five ends Leicestershire did not cope with and found themselves thirty seven shots down and a mountain to climb if they were going to get anything out of the game. Over the next five ends Leicestershire improved but found themselves forty three shots and there no way back. Things did not get any better and Leicestershire lost by a massive 147-94 and 22-0 in points.

Whilst Leicestershire were devastated by this result Northampton were ecstatic particularly after the result of the other game in the section meant that they had qualified for the quarter finals and now play Somerset at Swindon on Saturday July 25th with the winner going to the National semi finals at Worthing.

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5th July 2010

Leicestershire men had no game last week end and now play Northamptonshire at Leicester on Saturday in the Middleton Cup.

Leicestershire are now out of the running to qualify from their section. Northamptonshire can still qualify if they win against Leicestershire and results from the other game in the section go their way. Leicestershire make a number of changes as some younger players get their opportunity to stake a place in the team in the near future.

22nd June 2010

Leicestershire men played their second Middleton Cup game of the season away to Hertfordshire at Shire Park B.C. on Saturday.

With Andy Irons, John Bowman, Matty Bass and Shane Hayes unavailable it meant the team had a few changes again from previous games.

The game was played on a very fast green and conditions were not ideal with the wind gusting and changing the destination of the bowls. After five ends Hertfordshire were four shots up but in the next ten ends Leicestershire only scored twelve shots while Hertfordshire scored thirty seven shots to go twenty six shots up at the half way stage. This was now an uphill struggle for Leicestershire although at one stage they reduced the deficit to only nine shots, but immediately dropped two fours and the game was out of reach.

Final score was Hertfordshire 132 – Leicestershire 114, Hertfordshire 18-4 points.

This finishes Leicestershire's hopes of qualifying for the quarter final for this season. Last game against Northamptonshire at Leicester B.C. should still be interesting as Northamptonshire need as many points as possible as they can still win the group.

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14th June 2010

Leicestershire men play their second Middleton Cup game of the season away to Hertfordshire at Shire Park B.C. on Saturday.

With Andy Irons, John Bowman, Matty Bass and Shane Hayes unavailable it means the team has a few changes again from previous games.

5th June 2010

Leicestershire men played their First Middleton Cup game of the season away to Suffolk at Felixstowe and Suffolk B.C. on Saturday.

With Andy Irons and Mick fox unavailable it meant the team had a few changes from previous games. Leicestershire started off well and were fourteen shots up at five ends and sixteen shots up at ten ends. Suffolk hit back and at fifteen ends they were three shots in front and Leicestershire were struggling to cope and at eighteen ends Suffolk were five shots up but Leicestershire as in previous games finished strongly and moved three shots up with three rinks playing their last end. Peter Hobbs rink dropped a three and it was all square with two rinks to complete their last end. The last two ends went Suffolk's way as they picked up two singles for a two shot win in a highly entertaining game and it ended with Suffolk winning sixteen points to six. Leicestershire had two rinks that tied for the top rink with Neil Hope and Steve Wade's rinks each finishing ten shots up.

Leicestershire are now away to Hertfordshire on 19th June and this is a must win game if they are to have any chance of qualifying for the quarter finals.

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31st May 2010

Leicestershire have a busy weekend with the Middleton Cup game at Felixstowe against Suffolk on Saturday.

A numbers of changes are being made as Team Manager Norman Burns has a full squad to choose from with the exception of A Irons and M Fox. This has been a difficult selection to make as one of the squad could justify their position in the team but only twenty four can play.

8th May 2010

Leicestershire men commenced their competitive bowling over the weekend with the Middleton Cup trial against Gloucestershire at Leicester B.C. on Saturday and the National two fours against Hertfordshire at Welwyn on Sunday.

A poor start against Gloucestershire saw Leicestershire go twenty two shots down at five ends but pulled it back to twelve shots down at ten ends. At fifteen ends it was all square and at eighteen ends it was still all square. A dramatic turn round over the last three ends saw Leicestershire score twenty four shots to Gloucestershire's seven shots for a seventeen shot win.

Leicestershire won on four rinks and lost on two rinks. Highest winning rink was Adi Smedley, Dave Flippance, Shane Hayes and John Bowman with a 25-12 win against the rink skipped by N Cansdale.

A very satisfactory trial and this sets Leicestershire up for the first Midland County game of the season against Derbyshire at Long Eaton.

[Team Selection & Results](#)

MATCH ANALYSIS											
8/5/10	LEICESTERSHIRE					GLOUCESTERSHIRE					
	Middleton Cup Trial					Venue-Leicester					2pm
	RINK 1					RINK 1					
1	James Alcock					A Cotton					1
2	Tom Alcock					R Mellerup					2
3	Dave Simpson					L Elliott					3
4	Chris Rodgers					T Griffiths					4
	RINK 2					RINK 2					
1	Adi Smedley					C Roach					
2	David Flippance					E Kevanagh					2
3	Shane Hayes					G Griffiths					3
4	John Bowman					N Cansdale					4
	RINK 3					RINK 3					
1	Ian Lockington					J Gardiner					1
2	Stephen Lakin					A Binnie					2
3	Wayne Leckie					L Peacock					3
4	Steve Wade					S Wiltshire					4
	RINK 4					RINK 4					
1	John Torrington					N Kitchen					1
2	Andy Wye					N Holliday					2
3	Mick Greasley					J Roach					3
4	Peter Hobbs					R Griffiths					4
	RINK 5					RINK 5					
1	Mick Fox					J Heathcote					1
2	Darren Delahay					C Davies					2
3	Dean Harrison					A Spruels					3
4	Alistair Hollis					B Alner					4
	RINK 6					RINK 6					
1	Patrick Hulbert					C Main					1
2	Matty Bass					M Brain					2
3	Simon Hughes					M Cuthbert					3
4	Neil Hope					P Bryant					4
RES											
ENDS	5	10	15	18	21	21	18	15	10	5	ENDS
RINK											RINK
1	7	15	19	20	22	16	14	10	8	5	1
2	2	7	14	18	25	12	12	9	8	4	2
3	3	7	14	18	22	21	21	17	15	10	3
4	1	10	12	17	21	16	13	13	7	6	4
5	1	4	7	9	12	19	19	16	11	6	5
6	1	4	10	11	15	16	14	11	10	6	6
TOT	15	47	76	93	117	100	93	76	59	37	TOT

MATCH ANALYSIS											
	LEICESTERSHIRE					SUFFOLK					
5/6/10	Middleton Cup					Venue-Felixstowe					2pm
	RINK 1					RINK 1					
1	Patrick Hulbert					M Fuller					1
2	Matty Bass					A Meikle					2
3	Simon Hughes					D Wellington					3
4	Neil Hope					A Holden					4
	RINK 2					RINK 2					
1	James Alcock					S Batten					
2	Andy Wye					G Ramsbottom					2
3	Dean Harrison					M Cole					3
4	Alistair Hollis					J Catchpole					4
	RINK 3					RINK 3					
1	John Torrington					C Hunting					1
2	John Cooper					M Todd					2
3	Chris Moore					J Chalk					3
4	Peter Hobbs					M Royal					4
	RINK 4					RINK 4					
1	Stephen Lakin					O Whyte					1
2	Joe Dawson					M Addison					2
3	Greg Fardell					D Snape					3
4	Steve Wade					I Catchpole					4
	RINK 5					RINK 5					
1	Adi Smedley					J Rednall					1
2	David Flippance					M Finney					2
3	Shane Hayes					K Earthroll					3
4	John Bowman					C Webb					4
	RINK 6					RINK 6					
1	Ian Lockington					R Rowland					1
2	Wayne Leckie					M Thorington					2
3	Dave Simpson					G Moss					3
4	Chris Rodgers					J Rippey					4
RES											
ENDS	5	10	15	18	21	21	18	15	10	5	ENDS
RINK											RINK
1	12	16	20	25	27	17	14	12	4	2	1
2	5	11	12	12	14	18	17	14	7	4	2
3	5	7	10	11	13	26	22	20	12	4	3
4	6	14	20	23	24	14	12	11	7	4	4
5	3	5	5	8	16	24	24	21	16	11	5
6	8	12	16	16	19	16	11	8	3	0	6
TOT	39	65	83	95	113	115	100	86	49	25	TOT

MATCH ANALYSIS											
	LEICESTERSHIRE					HERTFORDSHIRE					
19/6/10	Middleton Cup					Venue-Hertfordshire					2pm
	RINK 1					RINK 1					
1	Stephen Lakin					G Wilson					1
2	Joe Dawson					M Towers					2
3	Greg Fardell					P Adams					3
4	Steve Wade					J Rumball					4
	RINK 2					RINK 2					
1	James Alcock					M Poland					
2	Andy Wye					M Brackley					2
3	Dean Harrison					Maco					3
4	Alistair Hollis					H Yelland					4
	RINK 3					RINK 3					
1	John Torrington					S Kilford					1
2	John Cooper					G Wood					2
3	Chris Moore					M O'Flanagan					3
4	Peter Hobbs					S Cook					4
	RINK 4					RINK 4					
1	John Hurst					J Osborn					1
2	Tom Alcock					J Hall					2
3	Simon Hughes					M Plume					3
4	Neil Hope					P Element					4
	RINK 5					RINK 5					
1	Mick Fox					S Lee					1
2	David Flippance					D Oliver					2
3	Adi Smedley					J Godman					3
4	Patrick Hulbert					M Coppen					4
	RINK 6					RINK 6					
1	Ian Lockington					A Charran					1
2	Wayne Leckie					M Parsons					2
3	Dave Simpson					C Sheriff					3
4	Chris Rodgers					A Briden					4
RES											
ENDS	5	10	15	18	21	21	18	15	10	5	ENDS
RINK											RINK
1	2	9	16	17	17	22	19	16	11	8	1
2	5	8	17	18	20	21	16	14	9	2	2
3	5	7	14	20	30	21	19	19	15	7	3
4	8	9	13	16	18	14	12	12	10	4	4
5	2	2	11	13	16	26	18	14	12	8	5
6	7	7	7	8	13	28	27	24	11	2	6
TOT	29	42	78	92	114	132	111	99	68	31	TOT

MATCH ANALYSIS											
	LEICESTERSHIRE					NORTHANTS					
10/7/10	Middleton Cup					Venue-Leicester					2pm
	RINK 1					RINK 1					
1	John Hurst					M Walker					1
2	Matty Bass					J Freeman					2
3	Simon Hughes					C Bland					3
4	Neil Hope					J Haines					4
	RINK 2					RINK 2					
1	Mick Fox					K Height					
2	Tom Alcock					D Graham					2
3	Dave Simpson					C Haines					3
4	Patrick Hulbert					D Childs					4
	RINK 3					RINK 3					
1	Adi Smedley					C Height					1
2	Wayne Leckie					M Mallins					2
3	Shane Hayes					J Walker					3
4	Chris Rodgers					R Tansley					4
	RINK 4					RINK 4					
1	John Torrington					J Hall					1
2	John Cooper					M Cinato					2
3	Andy Wye					R Castle					3
4	Peter Hobbs					J McKee					4
	RINK 5					RINK 5					
1	James Alcock					M Paul					1
2	Michael Simpson					M Pounall					2
3	Dean Harrison					J Brown					3
4	Alistair Hollis					P Reeve					4
	RINK 6					RINK 6					
1	Stephen Lakin					D Love					1
2	Joe Dawson					A Ashby					2
3	John Bowman					R Lemon					3
4	Steve Wade					V Geary					4
RES											
ENDS	5	10	15	18	21	21	18	15	10	5	ENDS
RINK											RINK
1	5	6	9	11	11	29	26	22	17	7	1
2	3	6	7	8	10	25	19	15	10	5	2
3	0	7	12	13	15	23	18	15	13	9	3
4	3	12	13	14	23	30	30	24	14	8	4
5	0	3	14	18	20	24	21	20	19	14	5
6	1	5	9	12	15	16	13	13	10	6	6
TOT	12	39	64	76	94	147	127	109	83	49	TOT