



Midland Counties League 2012

13th May 2012

Leicestershire men played Derbyshire at Long Eaton in the Midland County League on Saturday.

This was the first game of the season and Leicestershire were trying out some rinks with a view to the Middleton Cup that starts next month. Leicestershire had five players unavailable for this game including two Middleton cup skips and this meant that some players had to be played out of position to cover for this.

The first five ends saw Leicestershire move one shot up with Patrick Hulbert's rink 13-1 down but Chris Rodgers and Steve Wades rinks covered this with eight and four shots up. Over the next five ends Leicestershire fell away and were twelve shots down but pulled this back to go two shots up after fifteen ends. At eighteen ends it looked good as Leicestershire went nineteen shots up but a disastrous last three ends had Leicestershire hanging on as Derbyshire piled on the pressure and with the last two rinks on the green playing their last end and Tom Alcocks rink four shots down with one bowl to come it was not looking good but Tom Alcock played into the head and cleared out one bowl to leave the match all square with Chris Rodgers rink holding one shot and managed to hold onto the shot for a one shot win to Leicestershire and 16-6 on points.

Highest winning rink for Leicestershire was Mick Fox, Steve Lakin, Simon Hughes and Patrick Hulbert who moved from twelve shots down after five ends to win by thirteen shots, a remarkable turn round but one that was sorely needed as Leicestershire hung on for a victory. With Steve Wade's rink winning by eight shots and Chris Rodgers winning by four shots it allowed the losing rinks some leeway.

A solid start to the season and it will be another difficult task on Saturday as they play away to Worcestershire at Kidderminster.

Analysis sheet below and also the team for Saturday

MATCH ANALYSIS												
DATE	LEICESTERSHIRE						DERBYSHIRE					
12-May	MIDLAND COUNTY LEAGUE						LONG EATON TOWN					
	RINK 1						RINK 1					
1	Nick Wardle						M Bowley					1
2	Mick Smith						D Brennan					2
3	Joe Dawson						R Robinson					3
4	Chris Rodgers						A Poynton					4
	RINK 2						RINK 2					
1	Mick Fox						A Fragley					1
2	Steve Lakin						D Shields					2
3	Simon Hughes						C Cheetham					3
4	Patrick Hulbert						Ash Clipston					4
	RINK 3						RINK 3					
1	Michael Simpson						R Poole					1
2	Wayne Leckie						N Cave					2
3	Dave Simpson						D Thornhill					3
4	Tom Alcock						D Allsopp					4
	RINK 4						RINK 4					
1	John Hurst						A Harris					1
2	Jonathan Green						T Wood					2
3	Ady Smedley						L Wood					3
4	Steve Wade						M Allsopp					4
	RINK 5						RINK 5					
1	John Torrington						R Prati					1
2	Ken Frost						A Clipstone					2
3	Nathan Ware						A Menzies					3
4	Dave Flippance						P Wilkinson					4
	RINK 6						RINK 6					
1	James Alcock						S Dytham					1
2	Darren Delahay						H Bowles					2
3	Andy Wye						J Bowley					3
4	Alistair Hollis						P Broughton					4
	ENDS						ENDS					
RINK	5	10	15	18	21	-	21	18	15	10	5	ENDS
RINK												RINK
1	9	10	15	18	19		15	10	10	5	1	1
2	1	10	21	24	30		17	14	14	14	13	2
3	3	4	6	15	16		22	16	16	11	4	3
4	7	10	18	19	20		12	10	8	6	3	4
5	5	8	8	9	14		17	16	14	8	3	5
6	5	8	17	17	19		34	29	21	18	7	6
TOTAL	30	50	85	102	118		117	95	83	62	31	TOTAL

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LEICESTERSHIRE

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WORCESTERSHIRE

AT KIDDERMINSTER ON 19TH MAY, 2.00 START

	RINK	-	RINK	
1	John Hurst		Mick Fox	1
2	Simon Davies		Ken Frost	2
3	Ady Smedley		Simon Hughes	3
4	Steve Wade		Patrick Hulbert	4

	RINK	-	RINK	
1	James Alcock		Steve Lakin	1
2	Andy Wilkins		Wayne Leckie	2
3	Andy Wye		Dave Simpson	3
4	Shane Hayes		Tom Alcock	4

	RINK	-	RINK	
1	Nick Wardle		John Torrington	1
2	Mick Smith		Jim Leckie	2
3	Joe Dawson		Dean Harrison	3
4	Chris Rodgers		Dave Flippance	4

RESERVES

Neil Hope	Darren Delahay		Michael Simpson	Jonathan Green
Andy Irons	Alistair Hollis			Dave Middleton
Greg Fardell	Nathan Ware			

Please Confirm availability as soon as possible

Please ensure all players report to Team Manager at least 30 minutes prior to the start of game

Dress : **Whites and County Shirts** during the game only

County tie & greys to be worn before and after the game

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TRAVEL

TRANSPORT.

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Thank you

Norman Burns Team

Manager