

Team Manager's report – Nottinghamshire v Berkshire, February 2015

February saw us travel to Nottinghamshire, the Ladies B unfortunately lost 5 – 1, our only winner , Lady of the Match Priscilla Cummings 3 – 1 with an 14.38 average, losses for Chris Ruffell 3 – 2 (17.38), Lisa Webb 3 – 1 (18.09), Sophie Edwards 3 – 0 (16.43), Jenny Payne 3 – 1 (14.94) and Jackie Walford 3 – 0 (15.55).

Our Men's B started off with two losses Joe Lacey 3 – 2 (25.23) and Rob Carr 3 – 2 (21.53), Gary Jones with an Man of the Match performance winning 3 – 0 with an 26.83 average. Losing the next two, Kevan Merritt 3 – 1 (23.55) and Gary Ball 3 – 0 (18.94), Ashley Passmore won 3 – 0 (25.91) and again we lost the next two, Clive Drinkwater 3 – 0 (18.89) and John Wasylczuk 3 – 2 (25.63), Steve Rose then won 3 – 1 (24.71, Andy Wells lost the next 3 – 0 (22.51) but we won the last two games, Steve Shadwell 3 – 2 (22.66) and Luke Woodland 3 – 1 (25.67), leaving the match result 7 – 5 in favour of Nottinghamshire and overnight 12 – 6 in their favour.

The Ladies A has the same result of as the B side, losing 5 – 1, our only winner Debbie Connors winning 3 – 1 with an Lady of the Match average of 18.75, our losers were Louise Grannell 3 – 1(19.42), Debbie Shadwell 3 – 0 (18.27), Amy Smith 3 – 1 (15.56), Hayley Croucher 3 – 2 (19.07) and Jo Rolls 3 – 0 (16.75).

With the overall score line 17 – 7 in favour o Nottinghamshire, it was down to our Men's A, Kevin Morley 1sr up and winning 4 – 0 (25.40), Dave Hewlett lost 4 – 0 (28.61), Paul Snowsill won 4 – 0 (27.45) and also another win from Terry Stubbs 4 – 2 (28.89), we lost the next two, Andy McNeil Aitkin 4 – 2 (21.34) and Richard Stride 4 – 3 (21.01), Jason Heaver won with a Man of the Match average of 29.04 winning 4 – 0, Eddie Simmonds lost 4 – 0 (23.65), Paul Croucher won 4 – 0 (23.03) and also Dan Woodcraft 4 – 2 (23.41), but we lost the last two games Paul Hogan 4 – 2 (26.85) and James Turner 4 – 3 (25.25), The men's A secured a draw.

The overall score for the weekend –Nottinghamshire 23 Berkshire 13

Missed doubles cost us results, but so many games could have gone the other way , had we not wired the doubles.

Berkshire lie 3rd in the promotion table, Men's A are top of their table, Ladies A 7th, Men's B 2nd and Women's B 6th.

When in our squad meetings we have always spoken about promotion, but for our forthcoming match against Derbyshire at the end of March, let's just go back to our winnings ways, if promotion happens then it will be a bonus, but for now the Promotion word is banned!!

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