

Below is a report on the North Lancs & Fylde away match as seen by Roger Morgan

On a nice sunny day the first impressions upon seeing the Leyland and Farington SC green were very encouraging... a smallish very well presented green without a big crown and no noticeable features to cause too much concern... however, after practice, comments from some players were of different paces everywhere and it being difficult to follow the jack in places. As the sun beat down the green also picked up 2 to 3 yards in pace... so much for first impressions, now to the Match:

- 1) Jason 12-21 tough match against a very good opponent but hung in there.
- 2) Kev Nic 13-21 started really well but then endured a home MOM performance from his opponent in the second half of the match.
- 3) Hallett 21- 12 Outstanding..on fire at the moment resulting in a well deserved Wales MOM performance.
- 4) Frannie 15-21 strange game this as Frannie and Stuart both play very similar games. Stuart went 13-3 up then Frannie came storming back to 15-17 on similar length marks before conceding two doubles for game.
- 5) Rocky 14-21 battled well against a top player but two's the difference here Lee ~~Heaton~~s 7 to Rocky's 3.
- 6) Slat's 21-19 experienced mature performance from a fired up Slat's but will be disappointed conceding 3 twos at 19-13 up before getting out.
- 7) Tyler 19-21 I really enjoyed watching this game with both players beating each others close bowls, Tyler can consider himself unlucky to lose.
- 8) Gerwyn 21-19 good to see Beasty getting back to his old self, had a wobble mid game but got back at the end.
- 9) Marcus 3-21 Short straw against a current top 5 player in the whole game, and away from home...he will come back stronger from this experience...not surprisingly Simon Coupe was overall MOM.
- 10) Lewis 21-9 Fine performance with the result never in doubt..a mark of great player is that he came off disappointed that he didn't leave his opponent on less.
- 11) Griff 12-21 dug in well from 2-15 down against the previous days north lancs individual merit winner.
- 12) Crazy 15-21 Will be disappointed that this one got away from him at the end - a left hand against right hand mark along an edge being the difference.

Overall a loss away by 40 but just as I said last match not to get too carried away we should not beat ourselves up too much with this one...Nth Lancs played very well!

Cheers

Roger