

26pt league – played at Moira on Saturday 29th September 2012

This year's competition was contested by the same three clubs as the previous year, Ashby and Leicester even featuring identical line-ups whilst Nottingham had a completely changed team, partly because some of their usual players were in action in the Secretary's Shield final at Cheltenham on the same day.

In the Ashby v Leicester match, Richard Sanville was trailing by several hoops against Lawrence with a few minutes to go, but then finally managed to put a good break together and almost drew level but blobbed at penult shortly after time was called, leaving Lawrence with a tricky hit-in which he successfully achieved under pressure to ensure victory, thus reversing their result from the previous year. In the other games the results were the same as last year – Derek winning against Richard Whiting and Mick losing to Richard White – giving Leicester a 2–1 match win, their first match won in this competition since 2009.

The Nottingham team arrived shortly after midday including their star player James Death in a rare appearance in this tournament. In James' match against Richard White of Leicester, the Ashby spectators were treated to a masterclass display, James completing a sextuple peel – a first at Moira – to win the game +25sxp in less than 45 minutes. Whilst the other two Leicester v Nottingham games continued, Mick and James started – and finished! – their game in the Ashby v Nottingham match. Mick came close in this one, getting his first ball round with five bisques still standing, but James had other ideas and pegged out both Mick's and his own ball, leaving a one-ball game which Mick was unlucky to lose –4 in the end. This game was also over in well under an hour.

Meanwhile, in the other Leicester v Nottingham games, Clive pegged out against Lawrence just after time was called, and Ian won against Richard Whiting, giving Nottingham a 3–0 match win.

By this stage, Nottingham were guaranteed to win the competition, already being 1-0 up against Ashby. In the remaining games, Richard and Derek played well to win comfortably against Clive and Ian respectively. Ashby's 2-1 win over Nottingham gave each of the three teams one match win each, but based on numbers of games won within the matches, Nottingham were the clear winners, followed by Ashby as runners-up.

Ashby 1–2 Leicester

Mick Haytack (5) 6-26 Richard White (-1)
Richard Sanville (9) 22-23 Lawrence Whittaker (4.5)
Derek Buxton (11) 26-15 Richard Whiting (9)

Leicester 0-3 Nottingham

Richard White (-1) 1-26sxp James Death (-2)
Lawrence Whittaker (4.5) 22-26 Clive Goode (3.5)
Richard Whiting (9) 19-26 Ian Dovey (10)



Ashby 2–1 Nottingham

Mick Haytack (5) 22-26 James Death (-2)

Richard Sanville (9) 26-7 Clive Goode (3.5)

Derek Buxton (11) 26-4 Ian Dovey (10)

FINAL PLACINGS		Matches	Games
		won	won
1st	Nottingham	1	4
2nd	Ashby	1	3
3rd	Leicester	1	2

Thanks to Ashby Club website for this report.