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Nottinghamshire Seniors V Leicestershire/Rutland (Midland League) Scraptoft, Date 25th April 2024

Nottinghamshire Captain: Ian Newlove (Wollaton Park GC)

Game no.	Morning foursomes (Notts pairings)	Opponent's pairings	Result (Notts)	Points (Notts)
1	Charles Banks Tim Clarke	S Sansome C Hancox	L 2&1	0
2	Chris Powell Andy Cook	M Horton M Downing	W 1Hole	1
3	Neil Sanderson Ian Tilson	G Marshall P Illsley	W 2&1	1
4	Rob Sallis Mark Betteridge	A Rastrick A Bradshaw	W 3&2	1
5	Martin Scothern Ian Newlove	M Scarrett J Mawer	L 2&1	0
6	Willie Colquhoun Derek McJannet	L Towers P Jelly	L 3&2	0
Morning foursomes result:				3
Game no.	Afternoon 4BBB (Notts pairings)	Opponent's pairings	Result (Notts)	Points (Notts)
1	Charles Banks Tim Clarke	S Sansome C Hancox	L 4&3	0
2	Chris Powell Andy Cook	M Horton M Downing	W 2 up	2
3	Neil Sanderson Ian Tilson	G Marshall P Illsley	W 1up	2
4	Rob Sallis Mark Betteridge	A Rastrick A Bradshaw	L 5&4	0
5	Martin Scothern Ian Newlove	M Scarrett J Mawer	A/S	1
6	Willie Colquhoun Derek McJannet	L Towers P Jelly	W 4&3	2
Afternoon 4BBB result:				7
OVERALL MATCH RESULT:	Leics/Rutland	8	Notts	10

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Match summary

Our first match of the East Midlands league took place at Scraptoft. The course was as wet as any of our players have ever encountered, akin to playing on a water bed! Placing was agreed in all areas, there was a high risk of plugged and potentially losing balls. That said the tees and greens were very playable.

It was clear this was going to be a hard fought match with Leics fielding Steve Sansome (England player) and Craig Hancox +2 (just turned 55). At lunch the match was tied at 3-3, exactly the same as 2023 where we hosted at Sherwood Forest.

Leics showed showed their class in the 1st pm match, Charlie and Tim gallant but literally outgunned by carry from the tee. It is rare that player distance has such a bearing on matches, there were 3 or 4 par 4's where, unless you were a big hitter, the green could not be reached in regulation.

Notts managed to stay above ground with the pairings of Chris Powell/Andy Cook and Ian Tilson/Neil Sanderson winning to maintain a 100% win records on the day. It was the first time Ian and Neil have played as a pair, they clearly scared Leics in the pm match, one of the Leic players left after 12 holes! The final match out on the course needed to win the 18th hole to give Notts the win, Martin Scothern secured a par with Leic missing an 8 foot putt.

As you would expect Notts were delighted with their win, we move on to play Cambridgeshire at Coxmoor on Wednesday 8th May.

The team was supported by Stan Yeomans, thanks for drinks&food, and Clive Bentley who came to support straight from his allotment!

Captain: Ian Newlove