

COUNTY VETERANS 1st TEAM – 1st WEEKEND 2024/25

Leicestershire played the first 3 matches in the Premier Division over the weekend of 14th / 15th December and were represented by Chris Rogers, Abraham Conteh, Mat Hobday and Karen Smith.

The first match v **Yorkshire** resulted in an **7-3 loss**. Only Chris registered a success in the singles matches beating Tim Dyson in the first match although Karen only lost in the 5th to Jo Keithley. Success thereafter was limited to the 2 mixed doubles for Karen partnered by Chris and then Mat.

A strong **Hertfordshire** side were the next opponents and they went 2-0 up, with Mat losing a close 5 setter to Jimmy Walsh. Chris got Leicestershire on the scoresheet beating Eli Baraty and Chris and Karen made it 2-2 winning a thrilling mixed doubles 12-10 in the 5th having been 7-1 down! Despite some close matches, Leicestershire only won 1 more set with Chris beating Adam Fuzes, and the final score was a **7-3 defeat**.

The final match was against **Kent** on Sunday morning.

Chris recovered from 2-0 to beat Andy Norwood in the first match before Mat lost 12-10 in the 4th to Ray Jordan. Abraham had a great win over Phil Cox, 11-9 in the 5th and Chris & Karen won a comfortable mixed doubles to put Leicestershire 3-1 up. After Kent had come back to 3-3, Chris and Abraham won the Mens Doubles but Kent levelled again as Abraham lost in 4 to Jordan.

Chris guaranteed a draw for Leicestershire with a nail biting 14-12 in the 5th win over Cox, saving a couple of match points in the 5th. Karen and Mat won the 1st game in the final mixed doubles to give hope of a victory, but Kent battled back to win 3-1 and leave the final match score as a **5-5 draw**.

The second weekend of matches is 1st / 2nd February 2025 at Carlton-le-Willows academy, Nottingham.

Current Table

Team	P	W	D	L	SF	SA	Pts
Nottinghamshire 1	3	3	0	0	29	1	6
Yorkshire 1	3	3	0	0	24	6	6
Hertfordshire 1	3	2	0	1	18	12	4
Kent 1	3	1	2	0	17	13	4
Middlesex 1	3	1	1	1	14	16	3
Leicestershire 1	3	0	1	2	11	19	1
Sussex 1	3	0	0	3	5	25	0
Derbyshire 1	3	0	0	3	2	28	0