

NORTHERN COUNTIES LEAGUE 2019

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Yorkshire made a good start away at Durham's Castle Eden despite the home side giving their utmost in the early foursomes at 3 - 3. The home match just fell to Yorkshire with an overall 8 – 10 result. Meanwhile, Cumbria claimed a very close 9.5 - 8.5 with an away win against Northumberland and held on to a 6 – 6 from the singles to give them a good start. Cheshire were on their home trail against Lancashire with a 3.5 - 2.5 at lunch and they held on to a 10.5 – 7.5 win.

Durham gave their all against Yorkshire's 10 – 8.

Durham made a good start in the morning with three points held by Yorkshire who managed to complete a 3 – 3 score line result before lunch. In the afternoon it was Yorkshire who started with three early strikes. Durham gained some ground from Will Skipp, Martin McCririck and Michael Henson but it was Yorkshire who managed to hold a 5 - 7 score and an overall result from a total of 8 – 10 for the Tykes.

Cumbria pipped the post against Northumberland

It was similar to last year's match against Northumberland's home team from Gosforth. Once again the match was very close but this time, the match went in favour of the away team – Cumbria. Cumbria made a reasonable start with a 3.5 – 2.5 result at lunch. In the afternoon Cumbria's Luke Walker, Richard Mewse and Stephen Jopson pushed their boat out while Northumberland claimed no less than five scores in a row. It appeared the home team would bring the points home to follow. But three late results from Cumbria gave them a 6 – 6 result from the singles to claim an 8.5 to 9.5 for Cumbria.

Cheshire claimed a 10.5 – 7.5 score-line against Lancs.

The home side just held a 3.5 – 2.5 score-line at lunch while Lancashire did their best to secure in the singles. However, Cheshire were just a little too much for the home side claiming seven wins in the singles with five efforts from Lancashire. Cheshire meet Cumbria away in July while Lancashire will have to pull things together when Yorkshire will likely at their best.