

Cheshire's early foursomes left them with a good start at Hazel Grove and they completed their overall win against Cumbria who just failed to win the singles. Meanwhile, it was hot work at Fulford for Yorkshire who went one-down after their morning foursomes against Lancashire. However, a tight finish ensued in the afternoon leaving the match result even. Northumberland claimed their morning foursomes by two matches but in the afternoon it was Durham all the way claiming a solid match result.

Cheshire kept the ball rolling with a 10.5 – 7.5 home win against Cumbria

Cheshire took the points 4 – 2 with an early morning win from Lewis George & Ben Hallam while Cumbria's Luke Walker & Richard Mewse followed with a win against the hosts and the third match was even. Two further matches from Cheshire was Josh McMahon and Rob Cull and Chris Harrison & Gareth Bradley at 4 – 2.

On the hole, the afternoon matches were very close with Lewis George (Cheshire) and Luke Walker (Cumbria) and was followed by three local wins from Don Barnes (8&7), James Newton (5&4) and Rob Cull with a (5&3). There were then three halves and the singles came out 6.5 – 5.5.

The match result was 10.5 – 7.5 to the hosts.

Lancashire were so close to claim a win against Yorkshire

It was a typical Yorkshire vs Lancashire clash - this time to be played at Fulford and as everywhere else, the sun beat down on the hardy players. It was hard to try and follow the memento with Lancashire's Luke Kelly & Ian Kenwright making the first score (4&2). Soon after, it was both Sam Bairstow & Damon Coulson (3&1) and Matty Raybold & Dan Bradbury (3&2) on the Yorkshire trail. In the end, the morning result went for Lancashire's Richie Blundell & Oliver Ravenscroft with a 3&2 -which placed the morning result 3.5 – 2.5 to Lancashire.

The afternoon singles were very close with Lancashire starting the ball rolling. Luke Kelly (2&1), Jack Clarkson (1-hole) Sean Doherty (2&1) Joe Bannan (6&5) and Ciaran Doherty (2-holes).

Meanwhile, Alex Fitzpatrick (1-hole), Dan Bradbury (6&5), James Cass (1-hole) and Michael Hay (2&1). They claimed a match score pulled it back for Yorkshire when Josh Morton (4&3) and Lewis Hollingworth (2&1) with the Tykes covered their losses with a 6.5 to 5.5 to bring the match result to 9 – 9

Northumberland start well and collapsed in the afternoon

It is amazing that Northumberland started well in the morning foursomes away at Darlington, with four results against Durham's two. However, in the singles the match went all Durham's way.

James Glenn & Jamie Birkbeck were the only party that brought home a (4&3) against Northumberland while they lifted two half's leaving the visitors who managed four points. Mark Wharton claimed a 2&1 against Chris Handy for Northumberland together with Kris Gray & Kit Holmes with the same score. Luke Denny & Joseph Robson claimed another four points leaving Durham left with 2 points.

Durham made a break after just one score from Northumberland and after that it was nearly all Durham. Jamie Birkbeck (1-hole); Chris Handy 6&5; James Wilson 3&2; Ryan Dixon 3&2; Gavin Nesbit 3&2; Following on a half, Martin McCririck – Andy Bell; Stuart Brown; James Rogers; and Tom Smith ended with a 6&5 win to clear the 10-5 singles and the full match result was 12.5 – 5.5.

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