

SEASON 2023/2024

With not being a club officer now I will not be submitting a report to the club's AGM which is not until July anyway, so I thought I would write about some basic performances by teams and individuals during the season. The club had 15 teams which is not only an all-time record for the club but also for the league as well as far as one club is concerned. Bear in mind that with over 70 players involved it is impossible to cover all but the highlights.

I have already forwarded the exploits of KP1 in the first division almost winning the League Championship, in the end beaten by just a few meagre game points. But brilliantly attempted by Chris Rogers, James Berry, Richard Hayes and Tony Smith.

Wing Tat Victor Tam was having his first foray into the Leicester League and finished with 69% for KP2 while two younger members having their first encounters at the top for KP3 were Jack Mooney and Pawel Szumlanski, both of whom showed promise of things to come.

Top of Division two was KP5 and way ahead of the rest. Chris Hatton (his first season with us), Amardeep Gudela, Chris Parmar-Saville, Dave Mountain and Simon Aldis all contributing to ensure the club has four team in the top division next term. And the other two teams in Div 2 came close for one of them to join their colleagues.

The two outstanding individual performance there came from James Lancaster (KP6) at 87% right near the top of the averages and only failing to win that title because of not playing in two thirds of matches. Also George McClurkin had a good return at 74% for KP4.

Division Four and "only" second were KP11 but a whole team of newer members ably captained by Emanuele Carriero who finished on 85% with just Syston who had a division two player in the team ahead of them. Vying at one point to be top of the averages was John Quadri who eventually finished at 95%.

Also in Division Four KP9, KP10 and KP12, pretty well all experienced league players battled away all season, and it is not easy having four teams in the same division where it is not possible to move sideways to help. Paul Duckworth (KP9) was his usual steady self and finished with a creditable 64%.

Making it three tops throughout the league the junior KP15 side in Division Five who did well to lead all season as they had the experienced Nomads II breathing down their necks all through. Led by Shirley Pickering they finished Hamza Caratela 88%, Anshh Dhagia 86%, Jayal Mistry 75% and Abdur-Rahmann Siddiqui 72%.

Apart from the top two KP13 were top of the rest with Milan Sodha playing in most of the matches to finish high in the individual chart at 92%. A mention also for Andy West (KP14) who started the campaign with a grading of 77 and his 64% this term should shove that up to around 105 or a little more which is a significant move up.

Apologies if I have left anyone out who feels they should have had a mention but I can assure all those who played in at least 50% of their team's matches had at least two mentions in the Leicester Mercury during the season, irrespective of their overall performance.

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