

**NORTHERN COUNTIES – SENIOR’S LEAGUE**  
**Second Senior’s Matches - 25<sup>th</sup> June 2018**

**2018 – SENIORS COUNTY MATCH REPORTS – SECOND MATCH 25<sup>th</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> July**

**Once more the sun-shone but this time in June for the second round of the seniors matches. Lancashire & Yorkshire held their own for much of their matches until the very end of the afternoon fourball’s when the host produced two late wins. Meanwhile, Northumberland welcomed Durham and it was the visitors that held a single point difference for Durham in the morning at 2.5 – 3.5. But the afternoon produced a huge surprise. While Cheshire brought home a 15 – 3 win against the host Cumbria.**

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### **A close call gave Lancashire two late wins to beat the Tykes**

**It was Lancashire’s Mike Gray who said “I believe the two strongest Counties in Senior Golf were played yesterday at S&A. There must have been a dozen or more of scratch players in sight yesterday and there seemed nothing was between them. The match could have gone either way and a draw seemed to be inevitable.”**

**The early greensomes started with two Yorkshire’s players in Andy King & Mark Lawson (1-up) and Johny Lawrence & Richard Norton with a point each. Lancashire’s Tony Holt & Neil Self claimed a 1-up but a (3&2) came back from Yorkshire’s Gary Cuthbert & Steve Mason. By the end of the morning it was Lancashire locals with Martyn Brooks & Karl Bowker and Andy Riley and Ian Owens who closed the morning result at 3 – 3.**

**In the afternoon, it was Yorkshire’s King & Lawson who won the first afternoon match 1-up. Then three matches went Lancashire’s way - from Ian Crowther & Bryan Hughes (4&3), Tony Holt & Neil Self (1-up) and later Dave Hannis & Bill Bromilow (3&2). Despite a late win from Yorkshire’s Andy Whitworth & Jim Fairhurst, the afternoon match went to Lancashire 7 – 5. The final score-line closed at 10 – 8 for Lancashire.**

### **Durham won the morning greensomes but Northumberland swept the board in the afternoon**

**It seemed like a fairly standard match and a relative easy one throughout the morning. Northumberland was at home at Alnmouth Village but it was Durham who went ahead by noon with a narrow 2.5 – 3.5 in their favour. However, in the afternoon it was another story with Northumberland sweeping the score board by six matches in a row.**

**D Conway & N King opened the morning scoring for Durham (2&1) while J Porteous and R West claimed a 1-up for Northumberland and P Highmoor & G Charlton scored (3&1). Durham’s K Kelly & P Reed completed their scoring 3.5 at lunch. In the meantime, Northumberland’s M Fleming & Johnson with a 2.5 – 3.5 score at lunch.**

**In the afternoon it was all Northumberland. The Geordies went to ‘town’ with the first matches from I Richardson & Simpson and A Trimby & D Archbald and Porteous & West; Brown & McBride, Fleming & Johnson and Slater & Macdonald. It was**

**Northumberland all the way with 12 – 0 in the afternoon and a full result of 14.5 – 3.5**

**Cumbria held their own in the morning but Cheshire brought home a clean slate against the host.**

**Cheshire made a good start with three points in the early morning but Cumbria managed to claim a similar score-line of 3 – 3 by lunchtime. Cheshire's John Williams & Neil Dunroe, together with Chris Mitchelson & Peter Tomlinson made a good start while Cumbria's challenge came later in the morning with Greg Dixon & Tony Rushworth and John Willis & Andrew Morrison. Two halves produced a stalemate.**

**There was an unfortunate score-line in the afternoon when Cheshire cleared the board with all 12 points against the hosts. Within Cheshire's score-line was John Williams & Neil Dunroe (3&2); Tim Daggett & Steve Blakeway (3&2); and a significant (5&4) from Andrew Hill and Don Campbell. Thus, the final score-line was 3 – 15 to Cheshire.**

**Next matches will be for Durham at home to Lancashire and Cumbria away at Yorkshire.**

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