

EAST MIDLANDS 26-point ASSOCIATION LEAGUE 2018

The league was played at Ashby on 28th July. The previous day, with a sweltering temperature of 32°C, proved to be the last of a prolonged hot spell. It had rained overnight, making it much cooler and with the lawns initially not as fast as they looked. They became quicker as the moisture evaporated, although it was topped up by showers from time to time during the day. This was pleasanter than the earlier hot weather and there were no thunderstorms.

The hoops appeared to test everyone and the pace of the lawns was variable, depending on whether areas were grassed or not. Ashby retained the title, again winning all their matches, thanks to the unbeaten high bisquers, Derek Buxton (18) and Heather Hardy (20). Derek earned a handicap reduction to 16, while team mate Richard Sanville reversed his 2017 performance in rising from 8 to 9. Andrew Beaumont (10) of Nottingham also won all his games. Interestingly, every match had a 2-1 scoreline.

	ASHBY	LEICESTER	NOTTINGHAM	PINCHBECK	MATCHES	GAMES
ASHBY	X	2-1	2-1	2-1	3	6
LEICESTER	1-2	X	1-2	2-1	1	4
NOTTINGHAM	1-2	2-1	X	2-1	2	5
PINCHBECK	1-2	1-2	1-2	X	0	3

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