

The sun was shining as Greenfield awoke at 11:30 to get ready for the journey to compete in this year's **Wilmott Cup**. Representing Leicester despite advances from Nottingham, (Pettitt had practically begged him to stay) Greenfield and his partner Adam Pettitt were planning to upset the odds.

This year's competition was being held at Colebridge Solihull. After around an hour Greenfield's Satnav claimed he had arrived at the venue however the club was nowhere in sight. Despite driving past it a few times he eventually located the rather tucked away venue.

A sandwich platter had been laid on for the players with Greenfield making sure to hover up a few BLT's while the very suspect net was being checked by the umpire. Pettitt arrived a few minutes later and after a quick warm up the first match began against home town heroes Birmingham.

Greenfield started first against a pimples player which as seen from last year can be a stumbling block. However, despite playing some very average table tennis the Leicestershire man managed to get over the line. Next up Pettitt went down fighting in to their other player although did provide his "should've been" catchphrase a few times for the capacity crowd. Onto the doubles where despite taking the second set the lads couldn't really get going and lost 3-1.

Pettitt played well against the reverse opponent being ahead in every set but was unlucky to eventually lose while Greenfield dispatched the reverse player in 4 very underwhelming ends.

Our next encounter was Oxford where it looked as though the team would be in for a battle with Greenfield losing the first set to Oxfordshire's version of Gareth Edmunds. Luckily for Greenfield his opponent didn't quite have the same fire as the Wolvey player as he turned on the style to win the next 3 ends with no reply. Pettitt struggled to get going against the Oxford number 2 losing 21-19 in the second but rallied in the 3rd and 4th to take it to the decider.

The match vs Electricity in the league had provided ample practice for 2-0 down comebacks as the Leicestershire local then produced a great final set winning comfortably leaving Greenfield wondering where these huge forehand winners had been earlier in the game. The doubles was won convincingly while Greenfield then blitzed the reverse opponent. Pettitt then moved up through the gears to beat the his opponent in a potential banana skin while Greenfield was sceptical of the movement benefits of the interesting aquatic wetsuit shoes the opposition player was sporting. This concluded a 5-0 win for the team which gave them a big boost going into their final game against favourites Nottinghamshire who had won both their matches 5-0 and had 2 championship British league players in their ranks.

Greenfield started first against the opponent winning the first set and saving game points in the second taking it 18-16. He then blitzed the final set 11-5 for the 3-0 win. Pettitt then started extremely well in his match taking the first set, but despite game points in the second couldn't capitalise and went down 3-1. A crucial doubles followed with the match hanging in the balance

. Sets were traded by both teams until reaching the 5th. Greenfield and Pettitt had played well as a unit and then really kicked into gear in the final set racing clear to take the match 11-6. In his last match of the day Greenfield faced the reverse opponent needing to win either of the final 2 matches to cause a shock upset. The Leicestershire man turned on the style as he blitzed 3 close sets to seal the win against the odds. Pettitt finished with some strong points in his final match but eventually lost to the much higher ranked opponent. Unfortunately despite this shock win the earlier loss to Birmingham meant that Leicestershire would bow out on game difference. Overall a good day of table tennis with the team causing a big upset but just falling a few sets short of reaching the finals. This was for sure an improvement on last year and means the team flew the flag for the Leicester league well.

Luke Greenfield - 6/6

Adam Pettitt - 2/6

Doubles - 2/3

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