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## Derbyshire's two remaining Vitality Blast matches cancelled

The England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) has confirmed that Derbyshire Falcons' final two Vitality Blast group-stage matches have been cancelled.

ECB has determined that Derbyshire CCC is unable to field a team of a strength appropriate to maintain the integrity of the two matches and of the competition as a whole.

Derbyshire are adhering to Covid-19 protocols and managing a number of injuries. In addition to six injured players, 14 members of Derbyshire's squad

are self-isolating after they were deemed as close contacts of an unnamed team-mate, who tested positive for Covid-19 earlier this week.

Derbyshire were due to play Northamptonshire Steelbacks (Friday 16 July) and Yorkshire Vikings (Sunday 18 July) in their remaining group-stage matches.

Those matches will be deemed as having been cancelled. Under Playing Condition 16.11.4.5 the North Group will, therefore, be decided on an 'average points per completed match' basis.

The ECB has also confirmed the points allocation from the abandoned LV= Insurance County Championship match between Derbyshire and Essex.

The match is treated as a draw and in accordance with Playing Condition 16.2.3, both teams have been awarded eight points for a draw plus the bonus points they had accrued before the match was abandoned; total points - Essex (11), Derbyshire (9).

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