

## NORTHAMPTONSHIRE BOWLS NEWS REPORTS

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### **PRESS RELEASE**

#### **Midland Counties v Lincolnshire Report**

The Northamptonshire Bowling Association played Lincolnshire Bowling Association in the second of their season's matches in the Midland Counties Bowling Association Championship, at Blackstones Bowling Club, Stamford, on Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> May, 2007.

To the delight of the President Richard Somerton the County men were able to present him with a very fine win indeed, which was very welcome after the disappointment of last week's defeat to Warwickshire. In decent bowling conditions Northamptonshire started much the slower, being 11 shots adrift after 5 ends across the board, but once the players had adjusted to the speed and condition of the green, that deficit was quickly reduced and at the 10 end stage the scores were level. The County's good form continued with the lead steadily increasing from a plus 17 advantage at 15 ends to a concluding victory by 30 shots. The final score was 125 shots for to 95 shots against, and with 5 winning rinks the points allocation was 20 for to 2 against.

Senior Team Manager, John Church, was clearly delighted, not only with the result, but the spirited manner of achieving it, and he could not have asked for a greater application of the undoubted skills which his players possess.

Rinks scores, Lincolnshire Skips only:

#### **Rink 1**

Tony O'Leary  
Carl Haines  
Terry James  
Jim McKee v M Smith  
10 shots 26 shots

#### **Rink 2**

Malcolm Paul  
Dominic Graham  
Andrew Hunter  
Paul Broderick v I Nicholson  
22 shots 15 shots

#### **Rink 3**

Paul Melville  
Alan Ashby  
John Freeman  
Vernon Gearey v G McNally  
22 shots 10 shots

#### **Rink 4**

Alun Withers  
Colin Fowkes  
Chris Bland  
John Haines v S Durham  
22 shots 19 shots

#### **Rink 5**

Gerry Sharp  
Jason Hall  
Mick Diggin  
Phil Reeve v P Cullum  
23 shots 13 shots

#### **Rink 6**

Peter Ward  
George Warren  
Darren Childs  
Roger Tansley v C Barrs  
26 shots 12 shots

This excellent win has put the players in the mood for their next encounter, this time in the Middleton Cup, on Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> June, 2007, against Cambridgeshire.

## Middleton Cup Team for 2<sup>nd</sup> June v Cambridgeshire

The following have been selected to represent the County in the Middleton Cup match against Cambridgeshire to be held at Abington Bowling Club, Park Avenue South, Northampton, on Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> June, 2007. Players to report by 1.15 p.m. for a 2.0 p.m. match start.

Abington BC:	John Freeman, Tony O'Leary
Corby Forest BC:	Paul Melville (Travelling Reserve)
Desborough BC:	Carl Haines (Travelling Reserve), John Haines, Jason Hall, Malcolm Paul (Travelling Reserve), Peter Ward, Alun Withers
Higham Ferrers BC	Steve Norman
Irchester BC	Mick Malins
Kingsthorpe BC	Colin Fowkes, Vernon Gearey, Andrew Hunter, Richard Mann, Jim McKee, Phil Reeve, Roger Tansley
Northampton Express BC	Chris Bland, Dominic Graham
Northampton West End BC	Alan Ashby
St. Crispin BC	Mick Diggin
Thrapston BC	Darren Childs, Terry James
Wellingborough BC	Michael Chester (Travelling Reserve), Neil Corbyn, Neil Rees, Gerry Sharp.

Of these players the following will be awarded the Middleton Cup 'Flash' for their first such game:

Darren Childs (Thrapston BC) Mick Diggin (St. Crispin BC) Alun Withers (Desborough BC)

## County Competitions

**Ladies:-** The ladies of the Northampton Women's County Bowling Association have reached the Final stage of the Fours competition, following the playing of the Quarter Finals and Semi-Finals on Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> May, 2007, at Abington BC, Northampton. Results as follows:

Quarter Finals: B Ellis, H Norman, V Betts, C Turner (Higham Ferrers) beat P Letts, J Hallett, M Lloyd, J Ashby (Northampton West End) 29 shots for to 6 shots against.  
V Rushall, P Symonds, B Bishop, J Pownall-Davies (Daventry Town) beat C Cooper, J Payne, H Lack, A McMillan (Burton Latimer) 25 shots for to 10 shots against.  
C Callinan, M Cleaver, M Court, J Harrington (Brackley) beat J Burgess, M Johnson, P Reynolds, D Allen (Wellingborough) 22 shots for to 21 shots against.  
Y McKee, C Morris, H Sharpe, S Tansley (Kingsthorpe) beat D Bedford, D Cox, B Haseldine, G Letts (Finedon) 20 shots for to 8 against.

Semi-Finals: Daventry Town beat Higham Ferrers 22 shots to 19 against.  
Kingsthorpe beat Brackley 23 shots for to 6 against.

Daventry Town and Brackley will therefore represent the County at the Ladies National Championships to be held at Leamington Spa later in the year.

**Gentlemen:-** The gentlemen of the Northamptonshire Bowling Association have also reached the Final stage of their **Fours competition**, the Quarter Finals and Semi-Finals having been played on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May at Kingsthorpe and Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May at Wellingborough, respectively. Results as follows:

Quarter Finals: D Howell, D Lockett, T Denny, A Jeyes (Earls Barton) beat C Falkner, D Lyman, P Broderick, N Corbyn 22 shots for to 15 shots against.  
R Mann, C Fowkes, V Gearey, J McKee (Kingsthorpe) beat C Cinato, M Cinato, D Cole, M Turner (Kettering Midland Band BC) 22 shots for to 14 shots against.  
S Cadd, P McAlwane, D Fage, J Brown (Abington) beat K Palmer, R Wyllie, G Mitchell, F Palmer (Corby Grampian BC) 19 shots for to 15 shots against.  
D Smith, A Coleman, P Kneeshaw, R Jones (Abington) beat C Balmont, S Villiers, M Waters, M Malins (Irchester BC) 22 shots for to 12 shots against.

Semi-Finals: Kingsthorpe beat Earls Barton 19 shots for to 13 shots against.  
Brown (Abington) beat Jones (Abington) 20 shots for to 15 shots against.

**Club Double Rink Competition:** Kettering Lodge beat Kettering Midland Band in a closely contested match by 41 shots to 39 shots.

**Top Club Competition :** Desborough Beat Higham Ferrers 5-0 winning in all the multi-disciplines of the Top Club competition.

### **County Ladies versus Northamptonshire Hon. Vice Presidents Result.**

The Ladies of the Northampton Women's County Bowling Association played the Gentlemen of the County Hon Vice Presidents' Association for the 'Purcell Cup' at Earls Barton on Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> May, 2007, and after a closely fought encounter the VP's managed to take the trophy by 11 shots, the final score being 113 shots to the VP's to 102 shots to the Ladies. Rink scores, VP's skips only.

#### **Rink 1.**

C Cooper  
B Rylott  
W Walker  
B Manning v T Buckmaster  
12 shots 30 shots

#### **Rink 2.**

S Smart  
M White  
P Gayton  
C Barlow v L Harrison  
21 shots 21 shots

#### **Rink 3.**

J Hunt  
A Dring  
S Brown  
E Winters v J Cooper  
16 shots 21 shots

#### **Rink 4.**

B Willmott  
A Northey  
R Bell  
P Lewis v A Jeyes  
14 shots 19 shots

#### **Rink 5.**

H Jones  
I Layland  
M Cave  
J Bryan v K Legan  
22 shots 10 shots

#### **Rink 6.**

M Ruff  
L Allen  
M Wiggins  
O Johnson v G Dunscombe  
17 shots 12 shots

### **Ladies County Friendly Match versus Oxfordshire 6<sup>th</sup> June, 2007.**

The Ladies of the Northampton Women's County Bowling Association, play a friendly match against Oxfordshire Ladies on Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> June, 2007, at Thame BC, Oxon. Coach pick-up at Kettering Athletic 11.0 a.m., Billing Road, Northampton 11.30 a.m., Brackley 12 noon. The following have been selected:

D Bedford, A Dring, J P-Davies, A Height, S Bonham, S Lomas, M McGillivray, J Bradley, S Bagshaw, B Rylott, P Wills, B Bishop, M Ruff, D Batho, B Haseldine, V Betts, A Hall, V Blackwell, R Holland, P Lewis, B Willmott, A Davey, B Manning, E Winters.

Reserves: S Prior & S Mawson (Travelling) J Bryan & I Layland (Non-travelling)

### **Under 25 Matches**

A reminder that the County Under 25 team is playing the first match in the 'Ron Barston Trophy' championship on Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 2007. Travel by coach and supporters welcome, contact Team Manager – Martin Cinato if you would like to attend – telephone 01536 485111.

### **International Trial News**

Richard Lemon (Northampton Express) and Michael Chester (Wellingborough) played in the Junior International Trial at Blaby BC, Leicestershire on Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> May, 2007, and now hopefully await a letter from the selectors to give them a place in the squad from which the International team will be selected for the series at Royal Leamington Spa in September.

Neil McKee (Kingsthorpe) and Paul Broderick (Wellingborough) played in the Senior International Trial at Blaby BC in cold atrocious conditions of rain throughout, sometimes heavy, which on the day persuaded the selectors to reduce the format from 2 x 15 end matches to just one match of 18 ends. The County players were both on winning rinks, and they, in common with the Juniors, now await the results of the selectors' deliberations



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