

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE BOWLS NEWS REPORTS

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PRESS REPORT

1. NATIONAL MEN'S INTER COUNTY OVER 60 LEAGUE – RESULT

Well done to the Northamptonshire Over 60's team in the National Inter County League in their third success in the defence of the title won last season. They almost totally annihilated Warwickshire on the 22nd December, 2009, by winning by a massive 63 shots overall, to put themselves in prime position for the last match before the Finals stage.

In a magnificent overall performance, the three away rinks were again very impressive, all winning with the rink skipped by Mick Worthington taking an outstanding 32 shot win. They started how they could only have hoped with a massive 17 shots lead after 5 ends, which was maintained at 36 shots up at the half-way stage and a final outcome of a 46 shots win between them.

The three rinks at home initially had a shaky start with each of them behind after the first 5 ends, but that deficit was wiped out by the half-way stage of the match when the County men had a 9 shot lead between them. This was maintained to the end of the match with 2 wins and 1 tie seeing the home rinks win by 17 shots overall.

So with a 63 shots win, and so nearly a white-wash, the County took 25 points of the 26 available, with Warwickshire just picking up the solitary 1 point for the tied end.

Final score was Northamptonshire 149 shots – Warwickshire 86 shots. Rink scores, Warwick skips only, as follows:

At Kingsthorpe:
Rink 1. Pete Maloy/John Baggat/Alan Spencer/Malc Mattinson 19 – J Badum 19 shots
Rink 2. Alan Maden/Reg Jones/Maurice Allen/Mick Sharpe 26 – A Lucas 19 shots
Rink 3. Bob Care/John Clipston/Colin Jones/Jim McKee 24 – L Whitehouse 14 shots

At Rugby:
Rink 4. Roger Summners/Brian Thomas/Walt Winsor/Terry James 22 – B Tyrell 16 shots
Rink 5. Tony Dicks/Mick Richardson/Martin Keech/Mick Worthington 27 – B Lever 5 shots
Rink 6. Ron Chambers/Jim Diver/George Warren/Carl Haines 21 – P Holmes 13 shots

In the last match of the Group 4 stage the County play Derbyshire with 3 rinks playing at Kingsthorpe IBC on Tuesday, 12th January, 2010, commencing at 12.30 p.m. and 3 rinks away at Church Gresley IBC on Wednesday, 13th January, 2010, commencing at 1.0 p.m.

The team has been selected, and the players know that as Lincolnshire have concluded their matches and top the Group Table 21 points above the County, that is the minimum count of points which Derbyshire have to be beaten by for Northamptonshire to feature in the Finals for the second year in succession.

The format for this match against Derbyshire is the same, with 3 rinks at home, and 3 rinks away, as follows:

At Kingsthorpe: (12.1.2010 12.30 pm)	Rink 1. Pete Maloy, Northampton John Baggat, Kingsthorpe Malc Mattinson, Rushden Roger Tansley, Kingsthorpe	Rink 2. Alan Spencer, Kingsthorpe Alan Maden, Kingsthorpe Maurice Allen, Wellingboro' Mick Sharpe, Kingsthorpe	Rink 3. Bob Care, Kingsthorpe John Clpston Colin Jones, Kingsthorpe Jim McKee, Kingsthorpe
Reserve:	Reg Jones, Northampton		
At Church Gresley: (13.1.2010 1.0 p.m.)	Rink 4. Roger Summers, N'ton Brian Thomas, Desborough Walt Winsor, Wellingbor' Terry James, Rushden	Rink 5. Tony Dicks, Daventry Mick Richardson, Daventry Martin Keech, Rushden Mick Worthington, Daventry	Rink 6. Jim Diver, Desborough Ron Chambers, Desborough George Warren, Desborough Carl Haines, Desborough

2. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE MEN versus BEDFORDSHIRE – MCIBA CHAMPIONSHIP 3.1.10 – RESULT

In the first match of the Midland Counties Indoor Bowling Association championship, Northamptonshire faced Bedfordshire at Kempston IBC, on Sunday, 3rd January, 2010, and after a tremendous match managed to take a 6 shot win, with two winning rinks, 2 losing and 2 drawn. This gave them 16 points to 6 points against. At the three quarter stage it looked as though the County was going to stroll to the win for at 15 ends they had just one losing rink and a shots advantage of 26, but Bedfordshire pushed hard over the latter stages outscoring the County to reduce the deficit to single figures.

The Final score was Northamptonshire 121 shots – Bedfordshire 115 shots. Rink scores, Beds skips only, as follows:

Rink 1. Brian Thomas, Desborough Jack Tobin, Rushden Richard Lemon, Northampton Peter Ward, Desborough 18 shots v M Bertrand 21 shots	Rink 2. Connor Cinato, Desborough Matt Pownall, Desborough Bill Brune, Desborough Terry James, Rushden 20 shots v M Tompkins 20 shots	Rink 3. Malcolm Paul, Desborough Martin Cinato, Desborough Calvin Carpenter, Kingsthorpe Dave Flippance, Desborough 20 shots v A Manning 15 shots
Rink 4. Bob Fuller, Wellingborough Graham Maddams, Wellingborough Dominic Graham, Northampton John Haines, Desborough 22 shots v D Shearer 22 shot	Rink 5. Roger Tansley, Kingsthorpe Jason Bryan, Kingsthorpe Andy Smith, Northampton Jim McKee, Kingsthorpe 26 shots v M Curtis 15 shots	Rink 6. Matt Wordingham, Rushden Dougie Mitchell, Daventry Ollie Kirkwood, Northampton Vernon Gearey, Kingsthorpe 15 shots v R Fensom 22 shots

3. ENGLISH BOWLS YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SCHEME – NORTHAMPTON EVENT 15-18 YEARS

The Northamptonshire Bowls Youth Development Scheme, under the auspices of the English Bowls Youth Development Scheme, held its School of Excellence for the 15 – 18 year olds at Wellingborough IBC on Saturday, 2nd January, 2010.

The players, both male and female, participated in Skills Tests, and 3 Singles games of 7 ends each, to produce a winner of this County event, and to identify the qualifiers in due course for the Regional School of Excellence in April, 2010.

The winner was Curtis Johnson, Wellingborough, who won all of his singles games, dropping just 1 shot in both the Semi-Final and Final, he also scored highly in the Skills tests.

Second place went to Sam Gamble, Kettering Lodge, who also played to a very high standard, particularly in the Skills tests.

Third placed was Louise Haladij, Northampton, and fourth place to Scott Adams, also Northampton.

The County School of Excellence for the Under 15's is being held at Northampton & District IBC on Saturday, 16th January, 2010, commencing at 9.0 a.m.

4. NATIONAL COMPETITIONS – LATEST RESULTS

LADIES

SINGLES

Quarter Final: Sharon Hall, Desborough beat Hannah Biddle, Northampton 21-18

Semi-Final: Marilyn Oram, Northampton beat Rebecca Wigfield, Desborough 21-10

UNBADGED PAIRS

1st Round: Sally Row, Kingsthorpe given walk-over by Delia Panther, Kettering Lodge
Sharon Hall, Desborough beat Audrey Gardener, Kingsthorpe 21-20

OVER 50 2 WOOD TRIPLES

1st Round: Marilyn Oram's triple, Northampton beat Tina Broderick's triple, Wellingborough 21-6

MIXED

GENTLEMEN

SINGLES

3rd Round: Neil McKee, Kingsthorpe beat Dave Maters, Northampton 21-12
Dave Love, Wellingborough given walk-over by Richard Mann, Kingsthorpe
Andy Smith, Northampton beat Chris Wright, Northampton 21-12

PAIRS

3rd Round: Neil Rees/Paul Broderick, Wellingboro' beat Colin Dalglish/Alan Ramscar, N'thampton 15-14
Chris Maden/Calvin Carpenter, Kingsthorpe beat Mick Corbyn/Ken Hemmington, Rushden 26-9
Michael Chester/Martin Walker, Wellingborough beat Jason Hall/Darren Lyman, Wellingborough 25-18

TRIPLES

2nd Round: Andrew Manton/Mick Sharpe/Neil McKee, Kingsthorpe beat Styve Robinson/Alan Thorne/
Adrian Harris, Kettering Lodge 23-1
Paul Coley/Walt Winsor/Mick Cooper. Wellingborough beat Mark Betts/Mick Corbyn/Mick
Malins, Rushden 27-9
Jason Bryan/Jim McKee/Vernon Gearey, Kingsthorpe beat Tony Dicks/Roy Aberdein/Mick
Worthington, Daventry 22-10

FOURS

2nd Round: Chris Maden/Darren Lewis/Iain Walker/Sam Wade, Kingsthorpe beat Adrian Harris's rink,
Kettering Lodge 25-17
Richard Mann/Roger Tansley/Calvin Carpenter/Andrew Hunter, Kingsthorpe beat Brian Thomas/
Jim Diver/Matt Pownall/John Haines, Desborough 20-12
Andrew Manton/Paul Maynard/Mick Sharpe/Neil McKee, Kingsthorpe beat Paul Munday/Tony
Burns/Martin Underwood/Martin Keech 24-7

OVER 60 SINGLES

Area Semi-Final: Tony Dicks, Daventry beat Martin Keech, Rushden 21-20

OVER 60 PAIRS

Area Quarter Finals: Pete Maloy/Colin Dalglish, Northampton beat Malc Mattinson/Terry James, Rushden 22-12

Area Semi-Final: Pete Maloy/Colin Dalglish, Northampton beat John Baggat/Mick Sharpe, Kingsthorpe 23-14

OVER 50 TRIPLES

Area Semi-Final: Jim McKee/Calvin Carpenter/Mick Sharpe, Kingsthorpe beat Barry Bonham/R Bryan/Roy Bigg, Rushden

5. OTHER NATIONAL INTER-CLUB COMPETITIONS

LEONARD DENNY MEMORIAL TROPHY COMPETITION

The first round proper of the Leonard Denny Memorial Trophy competition is currently being played, and two County Clubs will be playing each other on the 6th January, 2010. Wellingborough IBC, having dispatched Daventry IBC in the Preliminary Round now play Rushden IBC on that date. The respective teams have not been announced.

TLH LEISURE HOTELS TOP CLUB COMPETITION

The last remaining County Club in the TLH Mixed Top Club National competition, Wellingborough IBC, having disposed of Desborough IBC in the previous round, now take on Wisbech IBC in the fourth round on Sunday, 17th January, 2010, and the match will be played at Wisbech IBC commencing at 10.30 a.m. The team has not yet been announced.

DENNY PLATE COMPETITION

Quarter Final: Wellingborough IBC are in the quarter finals of this competition for first round losers of the Denny Plate competition, and they now play on a neutral green against Falaise IBC, Hastings. The encounter will be played at Wey Valley IBC, Guildford, Surrey, on Saturday, 23rd January, 2010, commencing at 12 noon. The team has not yet been announced.

YETTON LADIES COMPETITION

Zone Final: Northampton IBC, having beaten Kingsthorpe IBC by the narrowest of margins, 1 shot, in the last round are now through to the Zone Final, which is the last 32 in the country. This is due to be played on Thursday, 7th January, 2010, against March IBC, Cambridgeshire. At this time no team details or venues have been notified, but normally two rinks play at home and two rinks away until the last 16 stage of the competition.

6. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE LADIES versus KETTERING LODGE IBC 11.1.10. – SELECTION

The following ladies have been selected to represent the County in a friendly match against Kettering Lodge ladies on Monday, 11th January, 2010, commencing at 2.0 p.m.

Rink 1.

Jean Burgess, Wellingborough
Margaret Tyler, Wellingborough
Nancy Campbell, Rushden
Joan Watts, Brackley

Rink 2.

Audrey Gardener, Kingsthorpe
Elaine Urquhart, Brackley
Irene Scoble, Wellingborough
Audrey Height, Rushden

Rink 3.

Zoe Eisler, Desborough
Lorna Hart, Kingsthorpe
Joyce Burns, Northampton
Margaret Cave, Rushden

Rink 4.

Joyce George, Wellingborough
Elsie Hatton, Brackley
Eleanor Winters, Desborough
Wilma Walker, Desborough

7. COUNTY PLAYERS IN DARLINGTON HIGH FIVES

As reported in my last report two teams from the County were due to play in the Darlington 'High Fives' Tournament at Darlington IBC, but in the event Chris Bland was not able to go due to illness, and the night before three of the Under 25 players pulled out. This left their places to be filled by local bowlers to Darlington, who were quite amused to be called Under 25's!

Connor Cinato, 14 years, had been asked last year to join a Darlington Club team and this he did very successfully, pairing with an 18 year old Barry Hopkins, and his dad Martin who was playing with the Northants Select team ruefully informed me that his son's team pushed his own from Runners-up spot by only losing one match. One of Connor's victories came against the 2 County Under 25's who did attend, Will Hill and Jack Tobin, winning 18-8. Will and Jack did play very well in this Tournament overall and were delighted to beat top player Andy Kirtland in the pairs, for Andy won all of his other matches to win the event.

Martin and his triples colleagues, Malcolm Paul and a local player, won 3 matches, lost 2 and drew 1, one of the losses being a narrow one by 1 shot to former International Paul Moseley. The pairs entries Graham Southgate and Shaun Jones, (adopted to our County from Malvern Hills!) won 4 and lost 2, one of the scalps being another International Robert Chisholm, so the Northants Select team finished in fourth place.

8. COUNTY COMPETITIONS

GENTLEMEN

SINGLES

1st Round:
Dougie Mitchell, Daventry beat Richard Lemon, Northampton 21-19
Graham Maddams, Wellingborough beat Martin White, Desborough
Andy Smith, Northampton beat Wayne Gregory, Wellingborough
Scott Johnson given walk-over by Neil Corbyn, both Wellingborough
John Haines, Desborough beat Derek Douglas, Desborough
Darren Lewis, Kingsthorpe beat Brian Jones, Daventry

8. NEWS FROM THE CLUBS AROUND THE COUNTY

DESBOROUGH IBC

Fixtures:

7.1.10 Rothwell Manor BC & Geddington & Newton BC visit for mixed matches at 2.0 p.m.
9.1.10. Club plays in the Daventry in the County League at 9.45 a.m.
9.1.10. Old Centralians BC visits to play a mixed match at 2.0 p.m.
10.1.10. Little Bowden BC visits for a mixed match at 2.0 p.m.
11.1.10. Ladies Captain's team plays Ladies Vice-Captain's team at 2.0 p.m.

KETTERING LODGE IBC

Fixtures:

- 9.1.10. Rushden IBC visits for a men's match at 2.0 p.m.
- 10.1.10. Members visit Northampton IBC for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.
- 11.1.10. The County Ladies visit for a ladies match at 2.0 p.m.

KINGSTHORPE IBC

Fixtures:

- 6.1.10. Members visit Northampton IBC for a ladies match at 2.15 p.m.
- 7.1.10. Mears Ashby BC visits for a mixed match at 2.15 p.m.
- 9.1.10. Northamptonshire Under 25's visit for a mixed match at 2.15 p.m.
- 10.1.10. Swanspool BC visits for a mixed match at 2.15 p.m.
- 11.1.10. Members visit Welington IBC for a ladies match at 2.15 p.m.
- 12.1.10. The Club hosts the County Over 60 Inter County match against Derbyshire at 12.30 p.m.

NORTHAMPTON & DISTRICT IBC

Fixtures:

- 6.1.10. Kingsthorpe IBC visits for a ladies match at 2.0 p.m.
- 9.1.10. Abington BC visits to play the men's Jack English Cup match at 2.15 p.m.
- 10.1.10. Kettering Lodge IBC visits for a mixed match at 2.15 p.m.

RUSHDEN IBC

Fixtures:

- 9.1.10. Kettering Lodge IBC visits for a men's match at 2.0 p.m.
- 10.1.10. Bedford Park BC visits for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.

WELLINGBOROUGH IBC

Fixtures:

- 7.1.10. Northamptonshire Police BC visits for a men's match at 2.15 p.m.
- 11.1.10. Kingsthorpe IBC & Stewarts & Lloyds BC visit for ladies matches at 2.15 p.m.
- 9.1.10. Greyfriars BC, Bedford, visit for a men's match at 2.15 p.m.
- 10.1.10. Northants Vice Presidents Association visits for a mixed match at 2.15 p.m.



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