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PRESS REPORT

NATIONAL MEN'S OVER 60's INTER COUNTY LEAGUE FINAL 27.2.09 – RESULT

Northamptonshire produced an outstanding display in the inaugural final against strongly fancied Berkshire at Lawson Park. As they did in the semi-final against Norfolk, the County finished strongly, overturning a seventeen shot deficit at fifteen ends to win by eight. This was a case of self belief and team work of the highest order that delivered the ultimate prize. A delighted Team Manager, John Haines, and President Eddie Eddie Pinder, joined the winners to receive the magnificent trophy that was donated by team member John Clipston who is Senior Vice President of EIBA. The final score was Northamptonshire 119 shots – Berkshire 111 shots

Rink scores, Berks skips only: -

Rink 1.

Bob Care (Kingsthorpe)
John Clipston (Kingsthorpe)
Colin Jones (Kingsthorpe)
Jim McKee (Kingsthorpe)
23 shots v Mike Newman 12 shots

Rink 2.

Brian Thomas (Desborough)
Norman Gibb (Desborough)
George Warren (Desborough)
Carl Haines (Desborough)
16 shots v Len Essex 16 shots

Rink 3.

Gerry Sharpe (Wellingborough)
Jim Diver (Desborough)
Walt Winsor (Wellingborough)
Maurice Allen (Wellingborough)
22 shots v Ken Nash 23 shots

Rink 4.

Alan Spencer (Kingsthorpe)
Malc Mattinson (Rushden Town)
Terry James (Rushden Town)
Mick Sharpe (Kingsthorpe)
26 shots v Bret Long 17 shots

Rink 5.

Tony Dicks (Daventry)
Mick Richardson (Daventry)
Ron Chambers (Desborough)
Mick Worthington (Daventry)
17 shots v Colin Brooks 20 shots

Rink 6.

Mick Corbyn (Rushden Town)
Dougie Mitchell (Daventry)
John Baggat (Kingsthorpe)
Roger Tansley (Kingsthorpe)
15 shots v Ian Moss 23 shots

NATIONAL UNDER 25's INTER-CLUB DOUBLE RINK

Wellingborough's fine efforts in reaching the National final were thwarted at the last against a powerful Torquay United at Lawson Park. The Devon team were fast out of the blocks and raced in to a lead of 31-4 after just seven ends. Wellingborough made them fight though and Jamie Walker's rink recovered to lead England International Sam Tolchard by 19-17 playing the last end, only to drop 3. Michael Chester rink recovered some of their deficit but ended up 34-14 in arrears. It was a good performance by both teams however and Wellingborough's young team can only improve with experience. The final score was Wellingborough 33 shots – Torquay United 54 shots

Rink scores, Torquat Utd skips only: -

Rink 1.

Connor Cinato
William Walker
Scott Johnson
Jamie Walker
19 shots v Sam Tolchard 20 shots

Rink 2.

Ryan Poulson
Curtis Johnson
Callum Height
Michael Chester
14 shots v Craig Down 34 shots

[*A PHOTOGRAPH OF THE WELLINGBOROUGH TEAM IS AVAILABLE FROM ME*](#)

NATIONAL MEN'S OVER 60's SINGLES

Northampton's Pete Maloy fell at the first hurdle in the National Over 60's Men's Singles finals at Lawson Park 21-7 to Russell Gadd of Victory, Hampshire.

NIBA COUNTY COMPETITIONS

Most of the NIBA competitions have now reached the semi-final stages. The forthcoming line ups are: -

Singles

Andy Smith (Npton) v Dominic Graham (Npton)
Pete Ward (Desboro) v Chris Bland (Npton) or Graham Maddams (Wboro)

Pairs

Graham Southgate (Desboro) v Darren Lewis (Kthorpe)
Chris Bland (Npton) or Phil Bates (Desboro) v Dave Flippance (Desboro)

Triples

Martin Underwood (Rushden) v Chris Bland (Npton)
Bob Collyer (Rushden) v Maurice Allen (Wboro)

Fours

Bob Collyer (Rushden) v Michael Chester (Wboro)
Chris Bland (Npton) v John Haines (Dboro)

Under 25 Singles

Matt Wordingham (Rushden) v Callum Height (Wboro)
Ross Knox (Desboro) v Jamie Walker (Wboro)

Tipler Rose Bowl

Malc Mattinson (Rushden) v Pete Chambers (Desboro)
Pete Sharpe (Npton) v Dougie Mitchell (Daventry)

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE V HERTFORDSHIRE County Friendly match 25.2.09 – RESULT

Northamptonshire men produced a solid performance in their latest friendly fixture to defeat Hertfordshire by 23-shots at Wellingborough. The final score was Northamptonshire 118 shots – Hertfordshire 95 shots

Rink scores, Herts skips only: -

Rink 1.

John Smith
John Whiting
Peter Hales
Brian Diver
12 shots v B.Tomlinson 20 shots

Rink 2.

Tony Dicks
Jim Walvin
Geoff Harris
Peter Wood 20
20 shots v D.Baxter 14 shots

Rink 3.

Eddie Pinder
Mick Pullen
Keith Howlett
Terry James
18 shots v R.Smith 14 shots

Rink 4.

Peter Woodhams
Peter Byworth
Tony Warren
Richard Somerton
17 shots v R.Harland 21 shots

Rink 5.

Trevor Jackson
Brian Gelder
Norman Gibb
George Warren
23 shots v D.Ratcliffe 14 shots

Rink 6.

John Chester
Brian Robbins
Mike Weatherill
Jim Headington
28 shots v D.Richardson 12 shots

INDIVIDUAL NATIONAL COMPETITIONS – LATEST RESULTS

Gentlemen

AREA FINALS

Kingsthorpe's Neil McKee has qualified for the National Championships at Nottingham in three of the four main events. The England International was denied the complete set only when Wellingborough's Neil Rees, Mark Corbyn and Neil Corbyn staged a remarkable comeback in the triples final, from 1-13 behind to win 17-16. In the pairs, McKee and Andrew Manton were always in control against Desborough's Dave Flippance and County Team Manager John Haines, winning 24-12. The fours was eagerly awaited between two powerful rinks, Manton and McKee being joined by Paul Maynard and Mick Sharpe up against Rees, Corbyn, Corbyn and Paul Broderick. This match was of the highest standard and after a tight first half the Kingsthorpe men pulled away to win 21-11. In the singles, McKee, fresh from his wins at Desborough earlier in the week, was in inspiring form and eased past Northampton's Andy Smith 21-5.

Singles	Neil McKee (Kingsthorpe) beat Andy Smith (Northampton) 21-5
Pairs	Andrew Manton & Neil McKee (Kingsthorpe) beat Dave Flippance & John Haines (Desborough) 24-12
Triples	Neil Rees, Mark Corbyn, Neil Corbyn (Wellingborough) beat Andrew Manton, Mick Sharpe, Neil McKee (Kingsthorpe) 17-16
Fours	Andrew Manton, Paul Maynard, Mick Sharpe, Neil McKee (Kingsthorpe) beat Mark Corbyn, Neil Rees, Neil Corbyn, Paul Broderick (Wellingborough) 21-11

Ladies

Unbadged Pairs Delia Panther and Margaret Silsby (Kettering Lodge) progressed to the National Finals by beating the Area winners from Cambridgeshire. They thus qualify for the Last 16 at Nottingham on 1st April.

LOCAL NEWS (for readers of the ET)

Members of the Kettering Park BC met at their home green in Hallwood Park to celebrate the life of a respected member, Bernard Thompson, by planting a tree in the sensory garden. President Jean Adams welcomed all those in attendance and several members helped with the planting of the tree. After the planting the members adjourned to the Bees Wing where a snack was enjoyed by all.

Signing on for the new season is on 11th March at the Talbot Inn, Meadow Road, Kettering. Cost for the season only £10.

[*A photograph of the tree planting is available from me*](#)

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