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PRESS REPORT

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE versus DERBYSHIRE National Over 60's Inter-County League 6.1.09 – RESULT

Northamptonshire gave themselves every chance of qualifying for the Semi-finals with an overwhelming 98-shot defeat of Derbyshire, winning on all six-rinks, ensuring a maximum haul of 26 points.

With the County now having played all their group matches it awaits the outcome of Leicestershire's outstanding game against Warwickshire on Tuesday to see who will qualify to play Norfolk in the last four at St. Neots, Cambridgeshire on 22nd January.

Final score was Northamptonshire 165 shots – Derbyshire 67 shots (26-0 points). Rink scores. Derbys skip's only, as follows:

At Alfreton

Rink 1.

Brian Thomas
Norman Gibb
George Warren
Carl Haines
23 shots v J.Hopkinson 12 shots

Rink 2.

Gerry Sharp
Jim Diver
Walt Winsor
Maurice Allen
20 shots v H.Broughton 17 shots

Rink 3.

Tony Dicks
Mick Richardson
Ron Chambers
Mick Worthington
40 shots v K. Warren 5 shots

At Kingsthorpe

Rink 1.

Alan Spencer
Dave Masters
Malcolm Mattinson
Terry James
40 shots v B.Whyatt 7 shots

Rink 2.

Mick Corbyn
Doug Mitchell
John Baggat
Roger Tansley
21 shots v G.Jones 13 shots

Rink 3.

Bob Care
John Clipston
Colin Jones
Jim McKee
21 shots v J.Barnett 13 shots

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE versus NORFOLK County Friendly Match 7.1.09 – RESULT

The County team suffered a narrow defeat on their annual visit to Norfolk, despite winning on three rinks and drawing on one. The loss by just five shots gives the County optimism for better fortune in the return match to be played at Desborough IBC on 4th February. Final score was Northamptonshire 106 shots – Norfolk 111 shots. Rink scores. Norfolk skips only, as follows:

Rink 1.

J. Whiting
M. York
W. Stoddard
R. Somerton
10 shots v R. Linford 20 shots

Rink 2.

T. Hawtin
M. Pullen
K. Howlett
P. Wood
23 shots v K.Morrison 21 shots

Rink 3.

J. Diver
P.Bywater
B. Diver
T. James
18 shots v A.Willen 18 shots

Rink 4.

E. Pinder
 J. Walvin
 A. Warren
 B. Jones
 22 shots v A. Dunton 10 shots

Rink 5.

J.R. Smith
 M. Hall
 D. Garland
 T. Nunn
 23 shots v T. Gowen 20 shots

Rink 6.

E. Summerton
 B. Robbins
 M. Weatherill
 B. Sherwood
 10 shots v R. Cutting 22 shots

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE versus LINCOLNSHIRE Under 25's Midland Counties League 11.1.09 – RESULT

Northamptonshire travelled to Sleaford to take on a strong Lincolnshire team against the holders of this competition. A number of changes had been made to the published team due to late unavailability, leaving the county without several key players. Despite a spirited effort, Northants found their opponents just too strong on the day, although managed to pick up points by winning on two of the rinks. Final score was Northamptonshire 94 shots – Lincolnshire 135 shots. Rink scores. Lincolnshire skips only, as follows:

Rink 1.

Nathan Betts
 Adam Pitfield
 Chris Wright
 Matt Pownall
 22 shots v M. Spencer 15 shots

Rink 2.

Adam Brown
 William Walker
 Callum Height
 Michael Chester
 20 shots v R. Allen 19 shots

Rink 3.

Aaron Mulligan
 Cameron Knox
 Shaun Marriott
 Jamie Walker
 14 shots v M. Whyers 25 shots

Rink 4.

Danny Walker
 Curtis Johnson
 Victoria Stevenson
 Jack Tobin
 9 shots v A. Dawson 28 shots

Rink 5.

Will Hill
 Ieuan Howells
 Ann-Marie Gearey
 Carl Wigfield
 14 shots v C. Leuty 22 shots

Rink 6.

Sam Gamble
 Chloe Wordingham
 Jasmin Spear
 Matt Wordingham
 15 shots v R. Paul 26 shots

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE UNDER 25's versus Wellingborough IBC Friendly match 18.1.09 – Selected team**Rink 1.**

Ieuan Howells, Northampton
 Curtis Johnson, Wellingborough
 Carl Wigfield, Desborough
 Scott Johnson, Wellingborough

Rink 2.

Kirsty Gage, Desborough
 Louise Haladij, Northampton
 Ann-Marie Gearey, Kingsthorpe
 Jasmin Spear, Northampton

Rink 3.

Cameron Knox, Desborough
 A.N. Other, Desborough
 Ross Knox, Desborough
 Louise Harrington, Desborough

Rink 4.

Matt Cattell, Rushden
 Fabian Booth, Northampton
 Michael Chester, Wellingborough
 Nathan Betts, Rushden

Rink 5.

Adam Pitfield, Rushden
 Scott Adams, Northampton
 Chris Wright, Northampton
 Matt Pownall, Desborough

Rink 6.

Tom Wellburn, Kingsthorpe
 Christopher Manton, Kingsthorpe
 Shaun Marriott, Kingsthorpe
 Jack Tobin, Rushden

ENGLISH BOWLS YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SCHEME – 10.1.09

The County School of Excellence was held at Rushden IBC for the Seniors (aged 15-18). The event consisted of a singles round robin followed by a skill's test and finishing with a semi-final and final for the singles. There was some excellent bowling and the sportsmanship and etiquette displayed by the competitors was a good example for our sport. The two top players who will now go through to the Regional Final to be held on 19th April at Melton IBC, Leicestershire, were Jamie Walker, 17 years, of Wellingborough IBC and Matthew Wordingham, 17 years, of Rushden IBC. Congratulations to them both.

Appreciation is expressed to the umpire, markers and coaches who give up their time to assist at these events and make them possible.

The event for the junior section age category is being held next Saturday 17th January at Northampton & District IBC.

DESBOROUGH versus RUSHDEN Leonard Denny Two Rink Competition – RESULT

Desborough progressed to the next round of this popular two rink event with a fairly comfortable win over Rushden by 37 shots to 26. Their next opponents are Lawson Park, Bedfordshire.

At Desborough

Desborough
Brian Thomas
Matt Pownall
Graham Southgate
John Haines
16 shots

Rushden
Barry Waterfield
Mick Corbyn
Malc Mattinson
Terry James
12 shots

At Rushden

Desborough
Ross Knox
Bill Brune
Pete Ward
Dave Flippance
21 shots

Rushden
Bob Collyer
Jack Tobin
Matt Wordingham
Mick Malins
14 shots

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE HONORARY VICE PRESIDENTS versus WELLINGBOROUGH 11.1.09 - RESULT

On what was the first occasion these two teams had met in a mixed match indoors, the result was in doubt until the very last wood of the match with the Wellingborough club picking up two shots on the last end to be played, which won them the game a single shot! A fitting end to a closely fought contest with both teams winning three rinks each. Final score was Northamptonshire VP's 112 shots – Wellingborough 113 shots. Rink scores as follows: -

Rink 1.

VP's *Wellingborough*
Pat McKeown Beryl Boulton
Mary Grewcock John Johnson
Richard Howell Dawson Lillywhite
Roy Cave Lucy Lillywhite
22 shots 14 shots

Rink 2.

VP's *Wellingborough*
Yvonne Pullen Phyl Parry
Janet Watson Ted Tricker
Mike McKeown Ken Cantle
Martin Keech Bill Odell
24 shots 11 shots

Rink 3.

VP's *Wellingborough*
Len Smith Joyce George
Wendy Pearson Les Parry
Mick Pullen Margaret Odell
Margaret Cave Dennis Mole
9 shots 30 shots

Rink 4.

VP's *Wellingborough*
Dennis Franklyn Margaret Tyler
Maureen Keech Dorothy Baish
Sheila Legan Geoff Lambert
Ollie Pearson Peter Byworth
26 shots 15 shots

Rink 5.

VP's *Wellingborough*
Peter Woodhams Maurice Tyler
Roly Smith Janet Bell
Betty Tilley John Baish
Dave Williamson Eileen Williams
13 shots 23 shots

Rink 6.

VP's *Wellingborough*
John Watson Margaret Johnson
Elizabeth Howell Margaret Cantle
Mary Franklyn Jonathan George
Ken Legan David Williams
19 shots 20 shots

Forthcoming fixtures for the Northamptonshire VP's:

18.1.09 Versus Cambridgeshire VP's at Peterborough & District IBC

22.1.09 Versus Rushden at Rushden IBC

NATIONAL INDIVIDUAL COMPETITIONS – LATEST RESULTS

The past week has seen the Area 10 qualifiers decided in five of the National Competitions.

On Wednesday evening, the mixed events were completed at Desborough IBC. In the mixed pairs Michelle Tansley and Chris Maden of Kingsthorpe put in a strong second half display to see off the challenge of Daventry duo Vicky Rushall and Mick Worthington, 25-10. In the Mixed Fours, the Northampton four of Marilyn Oram, Di Baggat, Dominic Graham and Chris Bland held off a brave recovery from 12-20 down by Jim McKee's experienced Kingsthorpe rink, to prevail 23-20.

Three more finals were contested over the weekend, also played at Desborough IBC. On Saturday morning in the Over 50's Triples, the powerful Kingsthorpe trio of Calvin Carpenter, Jim McKee and Mick Sharpe overcame Rushden's Lindsey Drage, Terry James and Malc Mattinson 22-12, while in the Over 60's Fours, Mick Worthington made up for his mixed pairs disappointment by steering his Daventry team to victory over Reg Jones' Northampton four, 22-19.

Sunday morning saw the Father & Son competition played between two pairs, both of whom had previously qualified in this event. After a close battle it was Kingsthorpe's Colin and Andrew Manton who edged through against Mick and Neil Corbyn, Wellingborough, by 18-16.

Gentlemen

SINGLES

5th ROUND: Chris Bland (Northampton) beat Callum Height (Wellingborough), 21-10

PAIRS

4th ROUND: Andrew Manton & Neil McKee (Kingsthorpe) beat Colin Fowkes & Jim McKee (Kingsthorpe), 21-14

FOURS

5th ROUND: Callum Height, Michael Chester, Martin Walker, Jamie Walker (Wellingborough) beat Chris Maden, Darren Lewis, Sam Wade, Iain Walker (Kingsthorpe), 18-17

OVER 60 SINGLES

SEMI-FINALS: Peter Maloy (Northampton) beat Dave Masters (Northampton), 21-13
Colin Dalglish (Northampton) given a Walk Over by Mick Sharpe (Kingsthorpe) *due to illness*

OVER 60 PAIRS

SEMI-FINALS: Malcolm Mattinson & Terry James (Rushden) beat Mike Evans & Gordon Black (Bridgman), 23-18

OVER 60 FOURS

AREA FINAL: Tony Dicks, Mick Richardson, Bernard Spreadbury, Mick Worthington (Daventry) beat Peter Maloy, Colin Dalglish, John Leggett, Reg Jones (Northampton), 22-19

OVER 50 TRIPLES

AREA FINAL: Calvin Carpenter, Jim McKee, Mick Sharpe (Kingsthorpe) beat Lindsay Drage, Terry James, Malcolm Mattinson (Rushden), 22-12

FATHER & SON

AREA FINAL: Colin & Andrew Manton (Kingsthorpe) beat Mick & Neil Corbyn (Wellingborough), 18-16

Mixed

PAIRS

AREA FINAL: Michelle Tansley & Chris Maden (Kingsthorpe) beat Vicky Rushall & Mick Worthington (Daventry), 25-10

FOURS

AREA FINAL: Marilyn Oram, Di Baggat, Dominic Graham, Chris Bland (Northampton) beat Yvonne McKee, Sharon Tansley, Calvin Carpenter, Jim McKee (Kingsthorpe), 23-20

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