

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE BOWLS NEWS REPORTS

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PRESS REPORT

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE OVER 60 versus LEICESTERSHIRE 8.12.08. – RESULT

The Northamptonshire Over 60's team played Leicestershire on Monday, 8th December, 2008, and came away with a very disappointing loss by 14 shots and with only 2 winning rinks the points distribution of 4 to the County and 22 to their opponents, was in stark contrast to the points achieved in the previous two matches of 18 and 25 points against Warwickshire and Nottinghamshire respectively.

The last match in the Group stage against Derbyshire on the 6th January, 2009, has a greater significance now if the County is to qualify for the finals. At present the County is in 3rd place behind Warwickshire and Notts, but Notts have completed the Group stage with 50 pts.

With one match each to play, Warwickshire on 48 points are 1 point ahead of Northamptonshire, with Leicestershire having accumulated 30 points and with 2 matches in hand. Derbyshire are going through a bad patch at present and are likely to lose their remaining 2 matches heavily, so the County's chances will probably lie with Warwickshire's performance against Leicestershire, also to be played on the 6th January.

The format is 3 rinks at home and 3 rinks away, and the final score was Northamptonshire 119 shots – Leicestershire 133 shots. Rink scores, Leics skips only, as follows:

At Kingsthorpe:

Rink 1.

Mick Corbyn, Rushden
Dougie Mitchell, Daventry
John Baggat, Kingsthorpe
Roger Tansley, Kingsthorpe
18 shots v N Burns 29 shots

Rink 2.

Bob Care, Kingsthorpe
John Clipston, Kingsthorpe
Colin Jones, Kingsthorpe
Jim McKee, Kingsthorpe
24 shots v L Jinks 20 shots

Rink 3.

Alan Spencer, Kingsthorpe
Nev Humphrey, Desborough
Terry James, Rushden
Mick Sharpe, Kingsthorpe
20 shots v J Leckie 21 shots

At Barwell:

Brian Thomas, Desborough
Norman Gibb, Desborough
Ron Chambers, Desborough
Carl Haines, Desborough
16 shots v B Hobart 25 shots

Gerry Sharp, Wellingborough
Richard Somerton, Brackley
Walt Winsor, Wellingborough
Maurice Allen, Wellingborough
21 shots v J Cooper 16 shots

Tony Dicks, Daventry
Mick Richardson, Daventry
Dave Masters, Northampton
Mick Worthington, Daventry
18 shots v B Wileman 22 shots

NATIONAL 'EGHAM TROPHY' – NORTHAMPTON & DISTRICT MARCH ON TO LAST 16

Northampton & District IBC march on in another National competition following on from their tremendous win against Peterborough last week-end to reach the last 16 in the Denny Cup. This time it is the Inter Club Mixed 'Egham Trophy' competition for 4 rinks, two at home and two away, and this time it was City of Ely IBC, another Cambridgeshire Club, which suffered what was probably for them an unexpected defeat.

Northampton kept things very tight at home with an excellent win by Phil Reeve's rink against Andy Ware, and a 9 shot defeat for Andy Smith's against one of England's best known bowlers, Nicky Brett, meant a 1 shot advantage for the away rinks to match. Match they did, for Ollie Kirkwood's rink although up against one of the best indoor bowlers in the world, let alone country, in Greg Harlow, lost by just that one shot difference, which gave Chris Bland's advantage of 6 shots the winning margin overall. The final score was Northampton 80 shots – City of Ely 74 shots.

Rink scores, Ely skips only, as follows:

<u>At Northampton:</u>	Rink 1.		Rink 2.	
	Hannah Biddle		Lynda Warren	
	Dominic Graham		Jane Maloy	
	Dena Bryan		Alan Ramscar	
	Phil Reeve	v Andy Ware	Andy Smith	v Nicky Brett
	23 shots	13 shots	16 shots	25 shots
<u>At City of Ely:</u>	Rink 3.		Rink 4.	
	Jean Chesshire		Marilyn Oram	
	Di Baggat		Janet Swift	
	Roger Summers		Richard Lemon	
	Ollie Kirkwood	v Greg Harlow	Chris Bland	v Andy Easy
	19 shots	20 shots	22 shots	16 shots

This great win puts **Northampton & District IBC in the last 16 nationally**, and they play the next match on the 4th January, 2009, against either Nottingham & District or Spalding.

NATIONAL INTER CLUB 'YETTON TROPHY' – NORTHAMPTON VICTORIOUS, AGAIN!

What a year Northampton & District Indoor Bowling Club is having – the 'Yetton Trophy' for their ladies being the next success to follow the 'Egham Trophy' win (above) and the 'Denny Cup' victory highlighted last week.

They played Lawson Park IBC, Bedford in the 3rd round of this Inter-Club Ladies 'Yetton Trophy' competition on Thursday, 11th December, 2008, and with an overwhelming win by 49 shots with all 4 rinks winning, they have progressed to the Zone Final to be played on the 15th January, 2009, against Cambridge Chesterton IBC.

The final score was Northampton 106 shots – Lawson Park 57 shots. Rink scores, Lawson skips only, as follows:

<u>At Northampton:</u>	Rink 1.		Rink 2.	
	Sandra Crumby		Jackie Dale	
	Joan Maris		Anita Hickman	
	Shirley Digby		Sue Lane	
	Jean Chesshire	v M Howe	Heather Newton	v I Woods
	33 shots	13 shots	26 shots	16 shots
<u>At Lawson Park:</u>	Rink 3.		Rink 4.	
	Linda Warren		Margaret Newport	
	Jane Maloy		Sylvia Brown	
	Gloria Skelton		Marilyn Oram	
	Di Baggat	v P Gibbs	Janet Swift	v D Baker
	31 shots	15 shots	16 shots	13 shots

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE versus MIDLAND COUNTIES BA 10.12.08. – RESULT

The County men's indoor team played a friendly match against the Midland Counties Indoor Bowling Association, at Desborough IBC, on Wednesday, 10th December, 2008, and found the opposition a bit too strong, losing the match by a substantial 45 shots, and with just 2 winning rinks. Final score was Northamptonshire 92 shots – Midland Counties 137 shots. Rink scores, MCIBA skips only, as follows:

Rink 1.

Terry Rice, Rushden
 John Fitzgerald, Desborough
 Dave Thurlow, Wellingborough
 Mick Weatherill, Desborough
 17 shots v H Broughton 30 shots

Rink 4.

Bob Barnard, Wellingborough
 Malcolm Tait, Kettering
 Keith Howlett, Desborough
 Richard Somerton, Brackley
 7 shots v D Holloway 31 shots

Rink 2.

John Pickaver, Desborough
 Tony Lane, Kingsthorpe
 Doug Hatton, Brackley
 Andy Purcell, Desborough
 10 shots v M Hartoff 33 shots

Rink 5.

John Smith, Kettering
 Gordon Morris, Northampton
 Tony Warren, Northampton
 Terry James, Rushden
 23 shots v N Gibb 13 shots

Rink 3.

Martin Horsham, Brackley
 Tony Stratford, Desborough
 Laurie Harrison, Northampton
 Brian Sherwood, Rushden
 18 shots v B Power 19 shots

Rink 6.

Trevor Jackson, Wellingborough
 John Bramfitt, Northampton
 Walter Stoddard, Kingsthorpe
 George Warren, Desborough
 17 shots v D Palfry 11 shots

NATIONAL 'DAVID CORNWELL' UNDER 25 DOUBLE RINK – WELLINGBOROUGH IN SEMI-FINALS

Well done to the Under 25 players from Wellingborough IBC – they have reached the Semi-Finals of the National 'David Cornwell' Under 25 Double Rink competition.

The Quarter Finals of this National Competition were held today, 14th December, 2008, with Wellingborough IBC the only representatives from the County left in the competition playing Cambridge Chesterton IBC. After a very keenly fought match Wellingborough came away with a 10 shot win, but at one stage things were not looking so good for the County club, especially for the rink playing at home for at one point they were 15 shots adrift. Confidence was gained for the home side, however, when the scores from the away rink showed a healthy lead of 13 shots at the half-way stage.

After 18 ends of play the scores were level at 40 shots each, the home rink having pulled to within 7 shots and a haul of 5 shots on the 19th end gave the County side the lead overall for the first time. Away from home the Chesterton skip 'killed' the 21st end and at home Wellingborough's lead set up a great head by drawing two exceptional bowls to give his rink a draw at 20 shots each.

At Chesterton a score of 8 was required by the opposition on the last end, but in the event they dropped a count of 2 to accept defeat by 20 – 30 shots. Overall final score Wellingborough 50 shots – Chesterton 40 shots.

Wellingborough are now to play the competition winners in the past 2 years, Nottingham, in the semi-final to be played on the 25th January, 2009.

Rink scores, Chesterton skips only, as follows:

At Wellingborough

Ryan Poulson
 Curtis Johnson
 Callum Height
 Michael Chester v Sam Tunbridge
 20 shots 20 shots

At Chesterton

Connor Cinato
 William Walker
 Scott Johnson
 Jamie Walker v Christopher Chapman
 30 shots 20 shots

NATIONAL 'YETTON PLATE' COMPETITION 11.12.08. – RESULT

Kingsthorpe IBC versus Daventry IBC

Kingsthorpe played Daventry on Thursday, 11th December, 2008, in the Yetton Plate competition for first round losers in the Inter Club Yetton Trophy competition, and after a tight game Daventry came out on top by 3 shots. Final score was Daventry 80 shots – Kingsthorpe 77 shots. Rink scores, skips only, Daventry names first, as follows:

At Daventry:

Rink 1. Pat Bax 22 shots – Sharon Tansley 18 shots
Rink 2. Jean Pownall-Davies 18 shots – Hilary Sharpe 17 shots

At Kingsthorpe:

Rink 3. Iris Rolfe 20 shots – Diane Brumwell 24 shots
Rink 4. Brenda Bishop 20 shots – Jan Everson-Watts 18 shots

NATIONAL INDIVIDUAL COMPETITIONS – LATEST RESULTS

LADIES

- Singles:** Marilyn Oram, Northampton beat Hannah Biddle, Northampton
Delia Panther, Kettering beat Judy Hicks, Daventry
Jane Redfern, Rushden beat Linda Warren, Northampton
- Pairs:** Barbara Astle, Kingsthorpe beat Sharon Tansley, Kingsthorpe
Linda Warren, Northampton beat Pat Bax, Daventry
Pat Mattinson, Rushden beat Marilyn Oram, Northampton
- Triples:** Pat Bax, Daventry beat Audrey Gardener, Kingsthorpe
Margaret Silsby, Kettering beat Jean Flippance, Desborough
Linda Warren, Northampton beat Margaret Johnson, Wellingborough
- Fours:** Brenda Bishop given walk-over by Audrey Height, Rushden
Margaret Johnson, Wellingborough beat Margaret Cave, Rushden
Sharon Hall, Desborough beat Sharon Tansley, Kingsthorpe
Marilyn Oram, Northampton beat Hilary Sharpe, Kingsthorpe

Unbadged

- Pairs:** Delia Panther, Kettering beat Pat Mattinson, Rushden

Over 50 Two Wood Triples:

- Diane Brumwell, Kingsthorpe beat Mary Stringer, Desborough
Sharon Tansley, Kingsthorpe beat Brenda Bishop, Daventry

GENTLEMEN

- Singles:** Andrew Hunter, Kingsthorpe beat Paul Broderick, Wellingborough 21-16
- Pairs:** Iain Walker/Mick Sharpe, Kingsthorpe beat Mark & Neil Corbyn, Wellingborough 19-17
Paul Maynard/Roger Tansley, Kingsthorpe beat Robin Adams/Phil Reeve, Northampton 19-14
Mark Plimmer/Mick Malins, Rushden beat Colin Dalglish.Alan Ramscar, Northampton 22-16
- Triples:** Roger Tansley/Andrew Hunter/Calvin Carpenter, Kingsthorpe beat Phil Rhodes/Malc Mattinson/
Terry James, Rushden 18-14
Paul Coley/Walt Winsor/Mick Cooper, Wellingborough beat Dave Love/Graham Maddams/Wayne
Gregory, Wellingborough 17-10
- Fours:** Callum Height/Michael Chester/Martin Walker/Jamie Walker, Wellingborough beat Phil Rhodes/
Lindsay Drage/Malc Mattinson/Terry James, Rushden 20-18
Mick Corby/Alan Dempsey/Ken Hemmington/Mick Malins, Rushden beat Carl Wigfield/John
Hall/Ross Knox/Graham Southgate, Desborough 21-16
- Over 60 Singles:** Dave Masters, Northampton beat Andy Redfern, Rushden 21-15
Peter Maloy, Northampton beat Martin Keech, Rushden 21-11
Mick Sharpe, Kingsthorpe beat Tony Asher, Wellingborough 21-7
- Over 60 Pairs:** Mick Corbyn/Ken Hemmington, Rushden beat Brian Newton/Dave Masters, Northampton 24-16
Malc Mattinson/Terry James, Rushden beat Ron Chambers/George Warren, Desborough 25-15
- Over 60 Fours:** Tony Dicks/Mick Richardson/Bernard Spreadbury/Mick Worthington, Daventry beat Rod Digby/
John Dimmer/Brian Newton/Dave Masters, Northampton 21-20

**Semi-Final of
Father & Son:**

Colin and Andrew Manton, Kingsthorpe beat Ian and Chris Bland, Northampton 19-10
Mick and Neil Corbyn Rushden/Wellingborough) beat Jim and Neil McKee, Kingsthorpe 19-13
(This match was incorrectly provided last week as the McKee's having won – was too late to get a correction printed)

Champion of Champions –Inter AreaFinal:

Paul Maynard, Kingsthorpe, played Greg Harlow, City of Ely, in the Inter Area Final of the Champion of Champions, at the neutral green of Peterborough & District IBC, on the 8th December, 2008, and he succumbed to the class of this top world bowler, losing 21-5. He had Performed well to get to this stage, beating some very good county opposition on the way, including Paul Broderick.

MIXED

Pairs:

This is at the Area Semi-Final stage and the following are playing as shown:

Vicki Rushall/Mick Worthington, Daventry v Hilary Sharpe and Andrew Manton, Kingsthorpe
Yvonne Pullen/Martin Keech, Rushden v Michelle Tansley/Chris Maden, Kingsthorpe

Fours:

Margaret Johnson/Tina Burgess/Bob Fuller/Paul Broderick, Wellingborough beat Pat Starsmore/Sue Bagshaw/Herbert Starsmore/David Smith, Kettering Lodge 33-10

COUNTY COMPETITIONS – LATEST RESULTS

(These are Inter-Club competitions played solely within the County.)

GENTLEMEN

Singles:

John Haines, Desborough beat Martin Cinato, Desborough
Darren Lewis, Kingsthorpe beat Martin Keech, Rushden
Robert Norman, Wellingborough beat Matthew Wordingham, Rushden
Wayne Gregory, Wellingborough beat Martin White, Desborough

Pairs:

Jamie Walker, Wellingborough beat Matthew Pownall, Desborough

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE versus BEDFORDSHIRE – MIDLAND COUNTIES 20.12.08. SELECTION

The following have been selected to represent the County in the men's Midland Counties Indoor Championship match against Bedfordshire to be played at Desborough IBC, on Saturday, 20th December, 2008, starting at 2.0 p.m.

Rink 1.

Tony Dicks, Daventry
Alun Withers, Desborough
Mick Worthington, Daventry
Phil Reeve, Northampton

Rink 2.

Bob Fuller, Wellingborough
Jack Tobin, Rushden
Calvin Carpenter, Kingsthorpe
Neil Corbyn, Wellingborough

Rink 3.

Rob Vowles, Kettering
Chris Wright, Northampton
Chris Bland, Northampton
David Flippance, Desborough

Rink 4.

Callum Height, Wellingborough
Bernard Spreadbury, Daventry
Richard Mann, Kingsthorpe
Vernon Gearey, Kingsthorpe

Rink 5.

Brian Thomas, Desborough
Jamie Walker, Wellingborough
Richard Lemon, Northampton
Terry James, Rushden

Rink 6.

Malcolm Paul, Desborough
Matthew Wordingham, Rushden
John Haines, Desborough
Jim McKee, Kingsthorpe

Reserves:

Jim Diver, Desborough

Scott Johnson, Wellingborough

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE VICE PRESIDENTS NEWS

Annual General Meeting 11.12.08.

At the Annual General Meeting of the Northamptonshire Hon Vice Presidents Association, the retiring Chairman, Graham Dunscombe, Earls Barton BC, was presented with a gift in appreciation of his two years at the helm. His successor as Chairman for 2009 is Len Smith, Geddington & Newton BC, and he was invested with his chain of office. Len also remains Membership Secretary.

Harry Bell, Kettering Athletic BC, was elected Patron to the Association, just reward for all his efforts for many years in the service of the VP's, he was also re-elected Treasurer.

Other office holders were elected as follows:

Senior Vice-Chairman – Peter Byworth, Wellingborough
Junior Vice-Chairman – Mick Garley, Geddington & Newton
Secretary – Ken Legan, Kislingbury
Fixture & Match Secretary – Mick Pullen, Irchester
Competitions Secretary – Colin Wright

Peter Kneeshaw was appointed Auditor to the Association.

ENGLAND TRIAL AT NORTHAMPTON & DISTRICT IBC

The England Men's Trial organised by the English Indoor Bowling Association is being held at Northampton & District IBC, from 12 noon on Sunday 21st December, 2008.

Three County bowlers have an interest in this Trial, **Neil McKee**, Kingsthorpe is playing at No. 2 in a rink skipped by Andy Thompson, together with Jamie Chestney and Mark O'Riordan; **Mick Sharpe**, Kingsthorpe is playing at No. 2 in a rink skipped by recent Hong Kong Classic winner Mark Walton of Hornsea, together with Robert Paxton and Ian Honnor; and **Paul Broderick**, Wellingborough, is a Reserve.

All the Top England International bowlers are due to be on show, including such well known names as Greg Harlow, Nicky Brett, Mervyn King, Mark Royal; and a display of top quality bowls is guaranteed.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE BOWLS YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SCHEME INDOOR COMPETITION

Under the aegis of the English Bowls Youth Development Scheme, the Northamptonshire Scheme is holding its County event in two sessions this season. The event will be held on two dates, Saturday, 10th January, 2009, for the Under 18's at Rushden IBC, and Saturday, 17th January, 2009, for the Under 15's, at Northampton & District IBC. Play to start at both venues at 9.30 a.m. and it will continue well into the afternoon.

This is a departure from the norm due to a very encouraging increase in the numbers of young bowlers entering the competition, which consists of skills exercises, and round robin singles matches, the ultimate aim being to provide the best young bowlers in each age group to participate in the Regional Finals of the EBYDS to be held on the 19th April, 2009, at Melton Mowbray IBC, Leicestershire.

Supporters for these young bowlers will be very welcome, you will be ensured of some very skilful bowling.

CLUB NEWS AROUND THE COUNTY

DESBOROUGH IBC

Fixtures:

- 17.12.08. Northamptonshire Women's Indoor Bowling Association visits for a ladies match at 2.0 p.m.
18.12.08. Northampton & District IBC visits for a mixed match at 2.0 p.m.
20.12.08. The Club hosts the Warwickshire Trophy for men at 2.0 p.m.

Event:

- 19.12.08. The Club holds its Grand Christmas Draw night at 8.0 p.m.
20.12.08. The Club holds its Annual Christmas Dinner at 7.30 p.m.

KETTERING LODGE IBC

Fixture:

- 18.12.08. The Club holds its men's Captain's Day at 2.0 p.m.

KETTERING PARK BC

Kettering Park BC held its Presentation Evening at Desborough IBC and Winners and Runners-up of the various competitions held during the season received their awards, as follows:

<u>Event</u>	<u>Winner</u>	<u>Runner(s)-up</u>
Payne Cup (Ladies Singles)	May Prescott	Beryl Rylott
Lewis Cup (Men's Singles)	Steve Hill	Malcolm Brooke
Everard Cup (Mixed Singles)	Mary Musgrave	Roger Tame
Meadow Cup (Pairs)	Brenda Goodman/Beryl Rylott	Roger Tame/Wendy Povey
Champion of Champions	May Prescott	Steve Hill
Captain's Cup	Brenda Goodman	Steve Hill

Long serving member Keith Adams was made a Life member in recognition of all the time and effort he has put in in service of the Club, as Chairman, Treasurer, and Captain, at various times.

The Club, in looking to the future, advised members and potential members, that the 'Signing in Night' would be held at The Talbot Hotel, Meadow Road, Kettering, at 2.0 p.m. on Wednesday, 11th March, 2009 and the 2009 membership fees will be £10 only for the new season. New members will be made most welcome.

KINGSTHORPE IBC

Fixtures:

- 17.12.08. Members visit Wellingborough IBC for a men's match against Northamptonshire Police at 2.15 p.m.
17.12.08. Northampton & District IBC visits for a ladies match at 2.0 p.m.
20.12.08. Northampton & District IBC visits for a men's match at 2.15 p.m.
21.12.08. Men's President's Team plays the Ladies President's Team at 2.15 p.m.

NORTHAMPTON & DISTRICT IBC

Fixtures:

- 17.12.08. Members visit Kingsthorpe IBC for a ladies match at 2.0 p.m.
18.12.08. Members visit Desborough IBC for a men's match at 2.0 p.m.
20.12.08. Members visit Kingsthorpe IBC for a men's match for the Dick King Cup, at 2.15 p.m.
21.12.08. The Club hosts the English Indoor Bowling Association Men's Trial match at 12 noon

RUSHDEN IBC

Match Result:

The Club played their close neighbours and rivals, Higham Ferrers Town BC on the 6th December, 2008, and came out on top in this highly contested event, by 23 shots, with 5 winning rinks of the 6 playing. Final score was Rushden IBC 129 shots – Higham Ferrers Town BC 106 shots. Rink scores as follows, Rushden names first:

- Rink 1.** Brian Honey/Dennis West/Tony Lewis/Keith Wood 16 shots – Peter Knight/John Gadsby/Matthew Wordingham/Jeff Evans 20 shots
Rink 2. Graham Young/Frank Smith/Paul Munday/Lionel Willmott 23 shots – Jim Bowman/Dave Ralley/Garry Ellis/Ron Plimmer 16 shots
Rink 3. Barry Bonham/Ron Drage/Derek Eggleton/Barry Waterfield 23 – Tony Ellis/Mark Wordingham/Brian Hickman/Dave Betts 13
Rink 4. Nathan Betts/Peter Marston/Dick Matthews/Mick Malins 17 shots – Tim Mitchell/Alan Clark/Richard Bailey/Alan Dempsey 16 shots
Rink 5. Neville Stockton/Cliff Spavins/Hubert Dickens/Mark Betts 26 shots – Lionel Draper/Tony Mitchell/Dave Freeman/Mark Plimmer 18 shots
Rink 6. Dave Coleman/Don Garwood/John St.John/Tony Burns 24 shots – Stan Rollings/Pete Burton/Pete Westley/Lindsay Drage 23 shots

Fixtures:

- 18.12.08. Abington BC visits for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.
20.12.08. Riverain IBC (Herts) visit for a mixed match at 2.30p.m.

WELLINGBOROUGH IBC

Fixtures:

- 17.12.08. Club hosts a match between Northamptonshire Police BA and Kingsthorpe IBC at 2.15 p.m.
18.12.08. Lawson Park IBC visits for a men's match at 2.0 p.m.
20.12.08. South Beds IBC visits for a men's match at 2.15 p.m.



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