

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE BOWLS NEWS REPORTS

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PRESS REPORT

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

Well done to the County Over 60's squad for again reaching the Finals stage of the Inter County Over 60 competition.

In the second year of its being the National Inter Club Over 60's competition sees Northamptonshire reaching the Finals Stage again and the county players will be hoping to repeat the success of last year when they lifted the trophy.

The players reached this stage by the skin of their teeth in the final group stage match against Derbyshire played this week. It was known before-hand that the County needed at least 21 points to win the Group, and in accumulating 22 points out of a possible 26 the County just pipped Lincolnshire by 1 point.

The Derbyshire match was played on two successive days with the home 3 rinks playing on Tuesday, 12th January at Kingsthorpe IBC and the away 3 rinks playing on Wednesday, 13th January at Church Gresley IBC. Despite 1 rink losing by 4 shots the home scores showed a massive win for the County with Derbyshire picking up 53 shots to the 106 shots of the County. This score-line meant that the away 3 rinks could only afford to lose on 1 rink and they would need to beat the opposition on the combined score at Church Gresley. This they did by the relatively small margin of 7 shots, with just the one rink losing.

Details of rink scores, Derbyshire skips only, as follows:

At Kingsthorpe:
(12.1.10.)

Rink 1. Alan Spencer/Alan Maden/Maurice Allen/Mick Sharpe beat G Hall 48-11
Rink 2. Bob Care/John Clipston/Colin Jones/Jim McKee lost to D Fewkes 23-27
Rink 3. Pete Maloy/John Baggat/Malc Mattinson/Roger Tansley beat J Bragg 35-15

At Church Gresley:
(13.1.10.)

Rink 4. Jim Diver/Ron Chambers/George Warren/Carl Haines beat K Warren 23-16
Rink 5. Tony Dicks/Mick Richardson/Martin Keech/Mick Worthington lost to T Bosworth 12-30
Rink 6. Roger Summers/Brian Thomas/Walt Winsor/Terry James beat J Barnett 32-14

The semi-final will almost certainly be against Cumbria who top their Group with one match to play against Durham, this match having been postponed to a date to be fixed due to the weather conditions up North. It is mathematically possible for Durham to pip Cumbria but to do so they will need to collect maximum points and that is rather unlikely. The venue for the semi-final is likely to be somewhere like Doncaster, a neutral venue roughly halfway between the two counties, and all 6 rinks will play at that venue in a match which is due to be played by the 29th January, 2010.

2. LADIES MIDLAND COUNTIES LEAGUE versus NOTTINGHAMSHIRE LADIES 17.1.10. – RESULT

Northamptonshire Ladies visited Gedling IBC, Nottinghamshire, on Sunday, 17th January, 2010, to take on Nottinghamshire Ladies in the Midland Counties League, and disappointingly lost by 29 shots, and with just one winning rink picked up only 2 points in the league table. The final score was Northamptonshire Ladies 97 shots – Nottinghamshire 126 shots. Rink scores as follows, no Notts. name provided.

Rink 1. Rebecca Wigfield Jane Maloy Pat Bax Sharon Tansley 20 shots v Notts. 25 shots	Rink 2. Sue Bagshaw Barbara Astle Wilma Walker Hilary Sharpe 13 shots v Notts. 30 shots	Rink 3. Yvonne McKee Joyce George Michelle Tansley Audrey Height 13 shots v Notts. 19 shots
Rink 4. Vicki Rushall Kay Green Barbara Oliver Di Brumwell 28 shots v Notts. 7 shots	Rink 5. Linda Warren Agnes Johnson Jean Watts Joyce Porter 8 shots v Notts. 29 shots	Rink 6. Donna Williamson Barbara Hutt Irene Scoble Jackie Flippance 15 shots v Notts. 16 shots

3. NATIONAL INTER CLUB LADIES ‘LINGFORD TROPHY’ RESULT

Wellingborough IBC is out of the ‘Lingford Trophy’ competition for Under 60’s when they came up against a very strong Diss IBC side on Saturday, 16th January, 2010, playing on their own green. With a very substantial deficit the County ladies conceded defeat after 16 ends. Tina Broderick’s trio’s game was a close affair which had they gone the full distance could have gone their way, and she was playing against England International Carol Baker, but Karen’s triple came up against a trio of ladies who showed no mercy in dominating the encounter. Rink details, Diss skips only, as follows: supplied)

Triple 1: Joyce George/Alison Dring/Tina Broderick 12 shots – Carol Baker 15 shots
Triple 2: Di Newton/Kay Green/Karen Leveridge 1 shot – P Baker 25 shots

4. NATIONAL INTER CLUB LADIES ‘YETTON TROPHY’ – SELECTION

Northampton & District IBC is the last County Club surviving in the National Inter Club ‘Yetton Trophy’ competition and they are through to the Zone Final against March IBC. This match is arranged for Thursday, 21st January, 2010, with 2 rinks at home and 2 away and victory would put the Club through to the last 16 in the country. The following have been selected to represent their Club:

At Northampton: **Rink 1.** Anita Hickman/Janet Riome/Jackie Dale/Heather Newton
Rink 2. Val Lovatt/Marion Cozens/Pat Weston/Thelma Littlemore
Reserves: Pat Britten/Joyce Burns

At March: **Rink 3.** Linda Warren/Sue Lane/Janet Swift/Di Baggat
Rink 4. Marilyn Oram/Jane Maloy/Victoria Stevenson/Joyce Porter
Reserves: Hannah Biddle/Jean Crane

5. NATIONAL INTER CLUB LADIES ‘MASON TROPHY’

Northampton & District IBC is also the last County Club surviving in the Ladies ‘Mason Trophy’ Over 60 double rink competition and they play Huntingdon IBC at 12 noon on Monday, 18th January, 2010, in the Zone Final. Once more a victory in this match would put Northampton through to in the last 16 in the country. Selected team as follows:

Rink 1. Marilyn Oram/Pat Cherry/Janet Swift/Joyce Porter
Rink 2. Annette Faulkner/Jean Crane/Di Baggat/Jean Chesshire
Reserve: Joyce Burns

6. NATIONAL INTER CLUB MEN'S 'DENNY PLATE' COMPETITION.

Wellingborough IBC is playing in the Quarter Final of the National Inter Club 'Denny Plate' competition for first round losers in the 'Denny Cup' on Saturday, 23rd January, 2010, against Falaise IBC, Hastings. The match will be played at Wey Valley IBC, Guildford, commencing at 12 noon. The team shows no changes from that which was published in my Press Report last week.

7. NATIONAL INTER CLUB MIXED 'TLH TOP CLUB' COMPETITION – RESULT

Wellingborough IBC are out of the National Inter Club Mixed 'TLH Leisure Top Club' competition at the 4th Round stage when they visited Wisbech IBC. This event is a multi-discipline one with 2 wood singles (men & women) then mixed pairs; mixed triples; & mixed fours; and although posting very good wins in the pairs and the triples, narrow defeats in the other 3 saw them lose 3-2, despite the overall shots scores being in Wellingborough's favour 81-70. Full details as follows, Wellingborough names first and Wisbech skips only:

Ladies Singles: Chris Cooper 13 shots – M Wyatt 15 shots
Men's Singles: Callum Height 10 shots – N Franklin 17 shots
Pairs: Pam Reynolds/Paul Broderick 30 shots – R Aves 8 shots
Triples: Tina Broderick/Darren Lyman/Jamie Walker 16 shots – N Carter 11 shots
Fours: Jean Burgess/Margaret Johnson/Bob Fuller/Walt Winsor 12 shots - J Hines 19 shots

8. NATIONAL INDIVIDUAL COMPETITIONS – LATEST RESULTS

LADIES.

PAIRS

Area Semi-Final: Brenda Bishop & partner, Daventry beat Marilyn Oram & partner, Northampton 20-16
Linda Warren/Di Baggat, Northampton beat Jean Burgess/Diane Allen, Wellingborough 24-13

The Daventry Duo now meet Warren & Baggat from Northampton in the Area Final on a date to be fixed.

FOURS

Area Semi-Final: Agnes Johnson and colleagues, Wellingborough beat Hilary Sharpe's rink, Kingsthorpe 20-16

GENTLEMEN

SINGLES

Area Quarter Final: Neil McKee, Kingsthorpe beat Dave Love, Wellingborough 21-2

PAIRS

Area Quarter Final: Callum Height/Jamie Walker, Wellingborough beat Michael Chester/Martin Walker, Wellingborough 23-7
Neil Rees/Paul Broderick, Wellingborough beat Mark & Neil Corbyn, Wellingborough 25-8

FOURS

Area Quarter Final: Neil Rees/Mark Corbyn/Neil Corbyn/Paul Broderick, Wellingborough beat Roger Tansley/N Rolfe(sub)/Andrew Hunter/Calvin Carpenter, Kingsthorpe 20-16
Jason Bryan/John Baggat/Vernon Gearey/Jim McKee, Kingsthorpe beat Dave Flippance's rink, Desborough 24-14

OVER 60 SINGLES

Area Semi-Final: Mick Sharpe, Kingsthorpe beat Bernard Spreadbury, Daventry 21-7
Sharpe now meets Tony Dicks, Daventry in the Area Final on a date to be fixed.

OVER 60 FOURS

Area Final: Bob Care/Alan Spencer/John Clipston/Colin Manton, Kingsthorpe beat Tony Dicks/Mick Richardson/Bernard Spreadbury/Mick Worthington, Daventry 18-17

The Kingsthorpe four now play in the National Finals to be held at Northampton & District IBC commencing on the 12th February, 2010.

9. ENGLISH BOWLS YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SCHEME – COUNTY SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE

The English Bowls Youth Development Scheme Northamptonshire ‘School of Excellence’ for players under 15 years of age was held at Northampton IBC on Saturday, 16th January, 2010. The Northamptonshire Bowls Youth Development Scheme organised the day under the direction of County Co-ordinator and County Ladies Indoor President, Irene Scoble, Wellingborough IBC, and a number of volunteer members from clubs across the County assisted to ensure the smooth running of the event, including umpires, markers, scorers and secretarial input.

A good number of parents, friends, relatives, and officers from County bowls associations, were privileged to see some very good bowling and an exhibition of many bowling skills from the 35 young people taking part aged from 7 years to 14 years.

The morning was taken up with a series of 7 end matches played in groups on a round robin basis, with points awarded according to success, with this to be followed up by a some skills exercises which included jack casting; controlled weight; correct green choice; and long distance delivery.

The afternoon was then completed by a semi-final between the four highest scoring players.

Nathan Betts, Rushden was the outright winner with a total of 125 points, followed by Connor Cinato, Desborough with 116 points; Chloe Wordingham, Rushden with 92 points; and Adam Pitfield, Rushden with 91 points. Just a note of sympathy for Matthew Cattell, Rushden who also had a total of 91 points, but his young club colleague Adam just pipped him with a better shots advantage in his matches.

In the Semi-Finals, Nathan Betts beat Adam Pitfield and Connor Cinato beat Chloe Wordingham. The final was therefore between Connor and Nathan, and despite some tremendous bowls from both players Connor Cinato came out as winner. This gave Connor a 100% record in the matches he played during the day.

Nathan and Connor will now play in the Regional Finals to be played at Melton & District IBC in April.

10. MIDLAND COUNTIES INDOOR CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS – RESULT

Last year’s County Fours Champions played Derbyshire’s Fours Champions at Leicester IBC on Saturday, 16th January, 2010, and came away with a very good win. Details, Derbyshire skip only, as follows:

Dominic Graham/Richard Lemon/Alan Ramscar/Chris Bland 23 shots beat John Hughes 9 shots

11. COUNTY COMPETITIONS – LATEST RESULTS

County men’s competitions are mostly into the second round, and the following results are to hand:

SINGLES

1st Round: Martin Underwood, Rushden beat Cameron Know, Desborough
Martin Cinato, Desborough beat Malcolm Paul, Desborough
Robert Norman, Wellingborough beat Chris Bland, Northampton
Matt Pownall, Desborough given walk-over by David Masters, Northampton

2nd Round: Martin Cinato, Desborough beat Martin Underwood, Rushden
Dominic Graham, Northampton beat Rob Vowles, Desborough
Will Hill, Desborough beat Derek Douglas, Desborough
Matt Pownall, Desborough beat Doug Mitchell, Daventry

PAIRS

1st Round: Martin Keech, Rushden beat Dave Flippance, Desborough
2nd Round: Graham Southgate, Desborough beat Graham Maddams, Wellingborough
Bob Fuller, Wellingborough beat Will Hill, Desborough

TRIPLES

2nd Round: Richard Lemon, Northampton beat Martin Underwood, Rushden
Graham Southgate, Desborough beat Brian Jones, Daventry
Wayne Gregory, Wellingborough beat Bob Collyer, Rushden
Will Hill, Desborough beat Jim McKee, Kingsthorpe

FOURS

1st Round: Chris Bland, Northampton beat Mick Corbyn, Rushden
Doug Mitchell, Daventry beat Richard Horrell, Wellingborough

12. NORTHANTS VICE-PRESIDENTS versus WELLINGBOROUGH – RESULT

Northamptonshire Honorary Vice Presidents played Wellingborough IBC on Sunday, 10th January, 2010, and after a very tight game indeed the host club managed to sneak a 1 shot win, the same winning margin as the corresponding match last season. Rink wins were shared and the match was played in a great spirit. Final score was Northamptonshire VP's 102 shots – Wellingborough IBC 103 shots. Rink details, Wellingborough skips only, as follows:

Rink 1. Sheila Legan Liz Howell Ray Campbell Dave Williamson 21 shots v Bill O'Dell 13 shots	Rink 2. Len Smith Mary Clarke Peter Byworth Margaret Cave 11 shots v Roy Worthington 18 shots	Rink 3. Sue Campbell Harry Bell Joyce Porter Roy Cave 16 shots v Anne Reed 11 shots
Rink 4. Trevor Tilley Diane Talbot Bob Jones Rita Bell 12 shots v Chris Cory 23 shots	Rink 5. Jim Diver Betty Tilley Dick Howell Donna Williamson 24 shots v John Chester 26 shots	Rink 6. Dorothy Diver Jeff Talbot Mary Grewcock Ken Legan 18 shots v Steve Norman 12 shots

13. NORTHANTS VICE PRESIDENTS versus CAMBRIDGESHIRE VP'S – RESULT

Northamptonshire Hon Vice Presidents Association members entertained Cambridgeshire VP's at Desborough IBC on Sunday, 17th January, 2010, and came away with a very good 17 shot victory, although the rink wins were shared. The victory was due to 14 shot and 11 shot victories by Tony Essam's and Tracy Nunn's rinks respectively. The final score was Northants Vp's 127 shots – Cambridgeshire VP's 110 shots. Rink details, no Cambs. name provided, as follows:

Rink 1.
Graham Chambers
Dennis Franklin
David Thurlow
John Cooper
14 shots v Cambs. 25 shots

Rink 2.
Peter Woodhams
Clyde Hulbert
Tony Buckmaster
Tony Essam
30 shots v Cambs. 16 shots

Rink 3.
Jim Diver
Peter Byworth
Mick Pullen
Brian Jones
15 shots v Cambs. 17 shots

Rink 4.
Len Smith
Geoff Care
Derek Essam
Tracy Nunn
24 shots v Cambs. 13 shots

Rink 5.
Ray Timson
Percy Griffiths
Phil Bates
Dave Williamson
22 shots v Cambs. 26 shots

Rink 6.
Ken Black
Harry Bell
Dick Howell
Roy Cave
21 shots v Cambs. 13 shots

14. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE UNDER 25'S versus LINCOLNSHIRE – RESULT

Northamptonshire Under 25's played their third Midland Counties Championship match against Lincolnshire Under 25's on Sunday, 17th January, 2010, at Northampton & District IBC, and unfortunately lost the 5 rink match by 14 shots. With one rink winning and another drawn the County picked up just 3 points to the 19 picked up by Lincolnshire. Final score was Northamptonshire 91 shots – Lincolnshire 105 shots. Rink details, Lincs skips only, as follows:

Rink 1.
Jasmin Spear, Northampton
Hannah Biddle, Northampton
Victoria Stevenson, Northampton
Jack Tobin, Rushden
18 shots v C Leuty 23 shots

Rink 2.
Connor Cinato, Desborough
David Walker, Kingsthorpe
Scott Johnson, Wellingborough
Ross Knox, Desborough
18 shots v M Whyers 25 shots

Rink 3.
Scott Adams, Northampton
Nathan Betts, Rushden
Adam Brown, Northampton
Chris Wright, Northampton
17 shots v M Spencer 17 shots

Rink 4.
Matt Cattell, Rushden
Will Hill, Desborough
Sam Gamble, Kettering
Matt Wordingham, Rushden
13 shots v A Dawson 19 shots

Rink 5.
Louise Haladij, Northampton
Trudy Beard, Northampton
Curtis Johnson, Wellingborough
Matt Pownall, Desborough
25 shots v B Wilson 21 shots

15. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE MEN – MCIBA CHAMPIONSHIP versus WORCESTERSHIRE - SELECTION

The following have been selected to represent Northamptonshire men in a Midland Counties Championship match against Worcestershire to be played on Sunday, 24th January, 2010, at Bromsgrove IBC, commencing at 2.0 p.m. Once again Team Manager John Haines is giving a number of young players an opportunity to show their worth, including 14 years old Connor Cinato and regular Under 25 players Matthew Wordingham, Jack Tobin and Matt Pownall.

Rink 1.
Connor Cinato, Desborough
Matt Wordingham, Rushden
Bill Brune, Desborough
Terry James, Rushden

Rink 2.
Roger Tansley, Kingsthorpe
Jason Bryan, Kingsthorpe
Andy Smith, Northampton
Jim McKee, Kingsthorpe

Rink 3.
Pete Maloy, Northampton
Graham Maddams, Wellingborough
Dominic Graham, Northampton
John Haines, Desborough

Rink 4.
Brian Thomas, Desborough
Jack Tobin, Rushden
Richard Lemon, Northampton
Calvin Carpenter, Kingsthorpe

Rink 5.
Malcolm Paul, Desborough
Martin Cinato, Desborough
Carl Haines, Desborough
David Flippance, Desborough

Rink 6.
Matt Pownall, Desborough
Malc Mattinson, Rushden
Ollie Kirkwood, Northampton
Vernon Gearey, Kingsthorpe

16. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE MEN versus NORTHAMPTONSHIRE POLICE – SELECTION

The following men have been selected to represent the County in a friendly match against Northamptonshire Police BC To be played on Wednesday, 27th January, 2010, at Kingsthorpe IBC commencing a 2.0 p.m.

Rink 1.

Stuart Lowe, Brackley
Mick Pullen, Rushden
Walter Stoddard, Kingsthorpe
John Chester, Wellingborough

Rink 2.

Malcolm Tait, Kingsthorpe
Dave Williams, Kettering
Will Clelland, Desborough
Terry James, Rushden

Rink 3.

Jim Walvin, Daventry
Graham Young, Rushden
Tim Hawtin, Brackley
Richard Somerton, Brackley

Rink 4.

John Smith, Kettering
Clyde Hulbert, Desborough
Keith Howlett, Desborough
Norman Gibb, Desborough

Rink 5.

Len Smith, Desborough
Mick York, Desborough
Stan Alton, Daventry
Brian Langton, Kettering

Rink 6.

Brian Hawtin, Brackley
Chris Hawkins, Desborough
Jim Headington, Desborough
Brian Sherwood, Rushden

17. CLUB NEWS AROUND THE COUNTY

BRACKLEY IBC & DAVENTRY IBC – NO INFORMATION SUPPLIED.

DESBOROUGH IBC

Fixtures:

- 23.1.10. Cold Ashby BC visits for a mixed match at 2.0 p.m.
- 24.1.10. Rothwell Manor BC and Geddington & Newton BC visit for a mixed match at 2.0 p.m.
- 25.1.10. Members visit Harborough & District IBC for a ladies match at 2.0 p.m.

KETTERING LODGE IBC

Fixtures:

- 23.1.10. Wellingborough IBC visits for a men's match at 2.0 p.m.
- 24.1.10. The County Under 25's visit for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.
- 25.1.10. The Club Ladies play Club competitions.

KINGSTHORPE IBC

Fixtures:

- 21.1.10. Luton BC visits for a men's match at 2.15 p.m.
- 23.1.10. The England Ladies visit to play the Club's men at 1.0 p.m.
- 24.1.10. The Club hosts a County Coaching 'Skills Day' at 2.0 p.m.

NORTHAMPTON & DISTRICT IBC

Fixtures:

- 20.1.10. Members visit Stoke Mandeville IBC for a ladies match at 2.30 p.m.
- 21.1.10. Daventry IBC visits for a men's match at 2.15 p.m.
- 23.1.10. Marconi Barbarians BC visits for a mixed match at 2.15 p.m.
- 24.1.10. Barwell IBC visits for a mixed match at 2.15 p.m.

RUSHDEN IBC

Fixtures:

- 21.1.10. Northants Hon Vice Presidents visit for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
- 23.1.10. Greyfriars IBC, Coventry visit for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
- 24.1.10. Mears Ashby British Legion BC visits for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.

WELLINGBOROUGH IBC

Fixtures:

- 20.1.10. Club hosts match between the Cavaliers and Northamptonshire Police BC at 2.15 p.m.
- 21.1.10. Harborough & District IBC visits for a men's match at 2.15 p.m.
- 23.1.10. Members visit Kettering Lodge IBC for a men's match at 2.0 p.m.
- 24.1.10. The English Prison Service BA visits for a mixed match at 2.15 p.m.



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