

## **NORTHAMPTONSHIRE BOWLS NEWS REPORTS**

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**PRESS REPORT**

### **NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS – LATEST RESULTS**

#### **FOURS CHAMPIONSHIP**

**3<sup>RD</sup> Round:** After relatively easy passages through the first two rounds, the Wellingborough BC rink of Neil Rees/Darren Lyman/Neil Corbyn/Paul Broderick, met in the third round a rink from Halls BC, Dartford, Kent, skipped by Barry Collins.

The match did not start too well for the County rink and after 5 ends they were 1 – 8 shots adrift, and despite playing several very good bowls, the rub of the green was going with the Kent four and their lead increased to 8 shots by the half-way stage. By 15 ends the lead had been reduced to 6 shots, and at the 17<sup>th</sup> end it was down to just 3 shots at 13-16 and there was a glimmer of hope that this recovery could be maintained.

Unfortunately, again with a certain amount of luck, the Kent rink managed to pick up a count of 3 following a speculative shot by the skip which presented them with a lead of 6 shots, and despite their best efforts, the Wellingborough players could not get a multiple score which could have given them a chance and on the 21<sup>st</sup> end needing 6 shots to force an extra end, despite 'killing' an end it was really an impossible task, and just 1 shot added to their score meant a loss by 15 – 20 shots.

**A very good effort by the Wellingborough rink to get to the last 16 in the country.**



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