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PRESS REPORT

1. NATIONAL COMPETITIONS LATEST RESULTS

LADIES.

SINGLES

Quarter Finals: Jane Redfern, Rushden beat Vicki Rushall, Daventry 21-10

PAIRS

Quarter Finals: Linda Warren/Di Baggat, Northampton beat Terri Hepburn/Di Brumwell, Kingsthorpe 21-14
Marilyn Oram & partner, Northampton beat Margaret Watts & Sharon Hall, Desborough 26-11

TRIPLES

Quarter Finals: Marilyn Oram's triple, Northampton beat Tina Broderick's triple, Wellingborough 16-15
Sharon Hall's triple, Desborough beat Linda Warren's triple, Northampton 23-15
Donna Williams/Michelle & Sharon Tansley, Kingsthorpe beat Linda Cooper's triple,
Kempston 27-13

FOURS

Quarter Final: Agnes Johnson's rink, Wellingborough beat Sally Row's rink, Kingsthorpe 22-7
Hilary Sharpe's rink, Kingsthorpe beat Mary Stringer's rink, Desborough 21-15

UNBADGED PAIRS

1st Round: Jeannie Flippance & partner, Desborough beat Margaret Johnson & partner, Wellingborough 20-14
Brenda Bishop & partner, Daventry beat Di Brumwell & partner, Kingsthorpe 18-15
Hilary Sharpe & partner, Kingsthorpe beat Mary Stringer & partner, Desborough 25-15

MIXED

PAIRS

Area Semi-Final: Tina & Paul Broderick, Wellingborough beat Jane Redfern/Matthew Wordingham, Rushden 23-21

The Area Final will now be an all Wellingborough affair between Jean Burgess/Jamie Walker and Tina Broderick/Paul Broderick. An interesting contest in prospect between Tina's mum Jean paired with the rising talent 18 years old Jamie, against the established mixed pairing husband and wife Tina and Paul Broderick. This is to be played on a date to be fixed.

FOURS

Area Semi-Final: Linda Warren/Dena Bryan/Andy Smith/Phil Reeve, Northampton beat Marilyn Oram/Di Baggat/Dominic Graham/Chris Bland, Northampton 21-16
Tina Broderick/Margaret Johnson/Neil Rees/Paul Broderick, Wellingborough beat Vicki Rushall/Barbara Hutt/Mick Richardson/Mick Worthington, Daventry 27-13

The Phil Reeve rink now plays the Broderick rink in the Area Final on a date to be fixed

GENTLEMEN

SINGLES

3rd Round: Matt Pownall, Desborough beat Paul Broderick, Wellingborough 21-16
Graham Maddams, Wellingborough beat Derek Douglas, Desborough 21-13

PAIRS

3rd Round: Callum Height/Jamie Walker, Wellingborough beat Ray Castle/Ollie Kirkwood, Northampton 27-18
Tony Dicks/Mick Worthington, Daventry beat Bob Fuller/Mick Cooper 22-14
Mark & Neil Corbyn, Wellingborough beat Jason Bryan/Vernon Gearey, Kingsthorpe 22-4

TRIPLES

2nd Round: Jim Diver/Matt Pownall/John Hines, Desborough beat Darren Lewis/Paul Maynard/Richard Mann, Kingsthorpe 20-16
Chris Maden/Iain Walker/Sam Wade, Kingsthorpe beat G Moss/Peter Morris/Colin Jones, Kingsthorpe 22-14
John Pickaver/Carl Wigfield/Graham Southgate, Desborough beat Bob Fuller/Alan Coleman/Martin Walker, Wellingborough 23-16

FOURS

2nd Round: Callum Height/Michael Chester/Martin Walker/Jamie Walker, Wellingborough beat Tony Dicks/Mick Richardson/Bernard Spreadbury/Mick Worthington, Daventry 21-17
Malcolm Paul/George Warren/Dave Flippance/Peter Ward, Desborough beat Mick Malins' rink, Rushden 27-13

OVER 60 SINGLES

Quarter Final: Tony Dicks, Daventry beat Tony Asher, Wellingborough 21-8
Bernard Spreadbury, Daventry beat Pete Maloy, Northampton 21-1

OVER 60 PAIRS

Quarter Final: John Baggat/Mick Sharpe, Kingsthorpe beat Jim Diver/George Warren, Desborough 35-15
Tony Dicks/Mick Worthington, Daventry beat Andy Redfern/Martin Keech, Rushden 22-18
C Cooper & partner, Kettering beat Doug Cooper & partner, Kingsthorpe 20-18

OVER 60 FOURS

Area Semi-Final: Tony Dicks/Mick Richardson/Bernard Spreadbury/Mick Worthington, Daventry beat Tony Centrella/Drew Russell/Colin Dalgleish/Stuart Letts, Northampton 24-16
John Clipston/Alan Spencer/Bob Care/Colin Manton, Kingsthorpe beat Terry Britten/Pete Couzens/Roy Rigby/Dave Masters, Northampton 22-14

OVER 50 TRIPLES

Area Semi-Final: Paul Coley/Walt Winsor/Mick Cooper, Wellingborough beat Dennis Collins/Graham Reynolds/Bryan Williams, Wellingborough 21-5

2. COUNTY MEN'S COMPETITIONS – LATEST RESULTS

The Men's County competitions have got under way this month and the following are the latest results:

SINGLES

1st Round: Graham Southgate, Desborough beat Matthew Wordingham, Rushden
Rob Vowles, Desborough beat Martin Keech, Rushden
Dominic Graham, Northampton, last year's Champion beat Dave Love, Wellingborough

PAIRS

1st Round: Matthew Wordingham & partner, Rushden beat Martin White & partner, Desborough
Graham Maddams & partner, Wellingborough beat Doug Mitchell & partner, Daventry
Graham Southgate & partner, Desborough beat Matt Pownall & partner, Desborough
Will Hill & partner, Desborough beat Richard Horrell & partner, Wellingborough
Bob Fuller & partner, Wellingborough beat Jim McKee & partner, Kingsthorpe
Darren Lewis & partner, Kingsthorpe, last year's champions beat Richard Lemon & partner, Northampton
Martin Cinato & partner, Desborough beat Keith Howlett & partner, Desborough
Wayne Gregory & partner beat Dave Masters & partner, Northampton
Robert Norman & partner, Wellingborough beat Martin Underwood & partner, Rushden
Ollie Kirkwood & partner, Northampton beat Scott Johnson & partner, Wellingborough

TRIPLES

1st Round: Richard Lemon's triple, Northampton beat Richard Horrell's triple, Wellingborough
Martin Underwood's triple, Rushden beat Keith Howlett's triple, Desborough
Graham Southgate's triple, Desborough beat Brian Jones' triple, Daventry
Martin Cinato's triple, Desborough beat Doug Mitchell's triple, Daventry
Wayne Gregory's triple, Wellingborough beat Malc Mattinson's triple, Rushden
Bob Collyer's triple, Rushden beat Matt Pownall's triple, Desborough

FOURS

1st Round: Martin Cinato's rink, Desborough beat Tony Burns' rink, Kingsthorpe

3. COUNTY PLAYER SELECTED FOR ENGLAND

Congratulations are due to Neil McKee, Kingsthorpe IBC who has been selected to represent England.

The England Senior Men's Trial was held last Sunday, 13th December, 2009, with 4 County players involved. Initially Paul Broderick, Wellingborough & Neil McKee, Kingsthorpe, plus Andrew Manton, Kingsthorpe as a Reserve, had been named, but following the unavailability of 5 players originally named for the Trial, Vernon Gearey, Kingsthorpe, was also brought in as a reserve.

Andrew Manton played a full game, as did Paul Broderick and Neil McKee, and Vernon Gearey played a half game.

Manton's rink, skipped by Jamie Chestney, Gallow IBC, Norfolk, lost 15-21 to a rink skipped by Graham Smith, Spalding IBC; Paul Broderick's rink, with him playing at No 3 for Ian Bond, Exonia IBC, Devon at skip, Brett Arkley, Stanley IBC at lead and Jason Parkinson, Blackpool Newton Hall IBC at No 2, lost 14-19 to the rink skipped by Brett Morley, Nottingham IBC, which had Vernon Gearey playing the second half at No 2; and Neil McKee, playing at No. 2 with Mark O'Riordan, Hartlepool leading, K Wall, Stanley IBC at No 3 and Gary Smith at skip lost 16-23 to a rink skipped by Mark Walton, Hornsea IBC, Yorkshire.

Despite playing in a losing rink, Neil McKee has regained his England place at No 2 together with his lead and his skip in the Trial, Mark O'Riordan, Hartlepool IBC and Gary Smith, Stanley IBC, respectively. They are joined by Robert Chisholm, also of Stanley IBC who will play at No. 3 in the International Series at Perth IBC, Scotland, on the 11th March, 2010.

Unfortunately Paul Broderick, Andrew Manton, and Vernon Gearey do not feature in the England team for the International Series, and Paul Broderick must consider himself to be rather unlucky as all other members of his Trial rink have been selected.

(You may have a decent photograph of Neil McKee – but I attach a copy of the only one I have, which is not his best!)

4. LADY BOWLER WITH COUNTY CONNECTIONS PLAYING FOR SCOTLAND

A lady bowler with very close ties to Northamptonshire, who is currently living and playing bowls in Scotland, has been selected to play for Scotland in the International Series at Perth IBC, on the 11th & 12th March, 2010. She is Val Wade, formerly a long serving member at Kingsthorpe BC and IBC, and wife of County Indoor and Outdoor bowler, Sam Wade, also from Kingsthorpe.

She played in the Scottish Trial on Saturday, 12th December, 2009, after which she has received her call-up to the National team where she will lead on a rink skipped by Josephine Williamson, Auchinleck IBC, with Vicki Leishman, Falkirk IBC at No 2 and Lorraine Molloy, Balbardine IBC, at No 3.

Val is the daughter of Past President Mel Hunter, and brother to Andrew Hunter, all playing from Kingsthorpe over many years. Mel, of course, returned to his native Scotland after retirement. She and her husband Sam migrated to Scotland a number of years ago and Sam returned a year ago to manage the Kingsthorpe Golf Club, and Val will join him as soon as she is able.

5. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE MEN versus LEICESTERSHIRE IBA 16.12.09. – RESULT

Northamptonshire men visited Melton & District IBC on Wednesday, 16th December, 2009, to play Leicestershire IBA in a friendly match, and after a very close affair where the rink wins were shared the County lost by the smallest margin of 1 shot, and for the second game in succession too!

The final score was Northamptonshire 120 – Leicestershire 121 shots. Rink scores, Leics skips only as follows:

Rink 1. John Smith Willy Clelland Mike Weatherill	Rink 2. Malcolm Tait Martin Horsham Norman Gibb	Rink 3. Trevor Tilley Jim Walvin Mick Pullen
Richard Somerton v G Piperides 14 shots 28 shots	Brian Sherwood v J Barrowcliff 22 shots 13 shots	Keith Howlett v C Dixon 7 shots 30 shots
Rink 4. Peter Maloy Gordon Morris Walter Stoddard George Warren v T Bryan 22 shots 23 shots	Rink 5. John Pickaver Ernie Earp Doug Hatton Brian Langton v K Startin 26 shots 10 shots	Rink 6. Mick Hall Mick York Tim Hawtin Peter Wood v D Bunting 29 shots 17 shots

6. COUNTY PLAYERS AT DARLINGTON IBC 'HIGH FIVES' COMPETITION

Two teams of players from Northamptonshire are visiting Darlington IBC after Christmas for the 'Darlington High Fives' Tournament, and the Select Northants Team will be looking to go one better than the Runners-up spot achieved last year. This year they are joined by an Under 25's Team.

The event is one for teams of 5 players, playing 2 hour sessions in Pairs and Triples format, over the two days of the 29th and 30th December, 2009, with a prize of £500 to the winning team, and monetary prizes for the second and third placed.

Teams are attracted mainly from the North-East area, including Stanley IBC, Darlington IBC, The Parks IBC, but others, in addition to our County, who are drawn to what is seen as a very competitive but social week-end for male bowlers only.

Northants Select Team is: Graham Southgate, Desborough/Shawn Jones, Malvern Hills – playing Pairs
Malcolm Paul/Martin Cinato, both Desborough/Chris Bland, Northampton – playing Triples

Northants Under 25's: Will Hill, Desborough/Jack Tobin, Rushden – playing Pairs
Ashley Linnell, Northampton/Shawn Marriott, Kingsthorpe/Jamie Walker, Wellingborough –
Playing Triples

7. THE 'FAMOUS GROUSE' OPEN TRIPLES COMPETITION AT DESBOROUGH IBC

The 10th consecutive annual running of the 'Famous Grouse' Open Triples competition came to a conclusion on Sunday, 13th December, 2009, when the finals were held at Desborough IBC, organisers of the event. Four qualifying events during October & November, 2009, brought together 12 Triples to do battle throughout the day with each triple playing 5 sessions of 6 ends, in two Groups, to produce the top 4 triples. The Groups top 2 then played a final and the Group's Runners-up played for 3rd & 4th place, each session again of 6 ends. Desborough IBC took all 4 top prizes.

The winning Triple was: Jeff Newitt/Bill Brune/Carl Haines, Desborough
Runner-up: Malcolm Paul/Alec McKim/Graham Blythe, Desborough
3rd place: Tony Paul/Ross Knox/Graham Southgate, Desborough.
4th place: Jeannie Flippance/Dave Flippance/John Haines, Desborough.

(I understand an ET Photographer attended this event)

NEWS FROM THE CLUBS IN THE COUNTY

OUR COUNTY BOWLS CLUBS IN THE MAIN DO NOT HAVE FIXTURES DURING THE CHRISTMAS PERIOD, AND ALL HAVE CONCLUDED THEIR 2009 PROGRAMME OF MATCHES APART FROM THE ONE WHICH FOLLOWS.

MOST CLUBS RESUME IN THE FIRST WEEK IN JANUARY, 2010.

KINGSTHORPE IBC & NORTHAMPTON & DISTRICT IBC

Fixture:
27.12.09. The two clubs play a mixed match at Northampton & District IBC at 2.15 p.m.

May I take the opportunity of wishing everyone a very Happy and Peaceful Christmas, with a Prosperous and Successful year to follow in 2010.



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