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PRESS REPORT

MEN'S NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS – LATEST RESULTS

SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP

Preliminary Round:

County Singles Champion, **Peter Ward, Desborough BC**, had a preliminary round match on Wednesday, 25th August, 2010, at Beach House Park, Worthing, against a former England International Mel Biggs, of Westlecot BC, Wiltshire.

In atrocious conditions of rain and wind, with the rain being quite heavy at times, the match which these two players put on was absolutely first class bowling. It was always close, with only a shot or two separating the players throughout, with first one taking the lead, and then the other.

Peter appeared to have the match in his grasp at 18-16 up and having a favourable lie, but Mel played a superb bowl to pick up 3 shots and go one ahead. That lead was, however, short-lived because on the next end with 3 bowls counting Peter saw Mel's running bowl to take the jack through, or at least reduce the count, slip through without touching a thing and the match was his 21-19.

In the first round proper Peter Ward will face a Junior England International from Norfolk, Wayne Wilgress, Norfolk BC, on Thursday morning 26th August, 2010.

Also playing in the first round proper on Thursday morning is **Vernon Gearey, Kingsthorpe BC**, when he faces Mark Read, Stenalees BC, Cornwall, who is yet another England International player.



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