

## **NORTHAMPTONSHIRE BOWLS NEWS REPORTS**

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**PRESS REPORT**

**MEN'S NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS LATEST REPORT**

The National Championships for men continued at Beach House Park, Worthing, on Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> August. 2010, but unfortunately it also ended this day for Northamptonshire qualifiers, both our men in the singles losing out.

**SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP**

**1<sup>st</sup> Round Proper:** After his excellent match in the Preliminary Round yesterday against former International Mel Biggs, Westlecot BC, Wiltshire, **Peter Ward, Desborough BC**, confidently faced Junior International Wayne Willgress, Norfolk BC, in the 1<sup>st</sup> Round proper.

Unfortunately Willgress was in fine form and, despite his best efforts in wet and windy conditions, Ward was defeated 7-21.

In his last of 4 visits to the Championships this year, following his play in the Fours, Pairs and Inter County Top Two Fours, **Vernon Gearey, Kingsthorpe BC**, met a regular England International, Mark Read, Stenalees BC, Cornwall. This match turned out to be of the highest standard and the lead changed between the two several times, but after about 2 hours of play with the scores on 17-17 the Cornishman managed to pull out the shots which mattered to secure victory, which he did 21 shots to 17.



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