

## **NORTHAMPTONSHIRE BOWLS NEWS REPORTS**

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**PRESS REPORT**

### **NORTHAMPTONSHIRE LADIES 'MIDDLE ENGLAND LEAGUE' versus LEICESTERSHIRE – RESULT**

The Ladies of Jackson Grundy Northamptonshire Women's County Bowling Association visited Loughborough BC on Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> August, 2009, for a 'Middle England League' match against Leicestershire ladies. After a very even match to the three quarters stage with just 9 shots in favour of the home County, the last few ends saw the County go further behind, eventually losing by 22 shots.

Final score was Northamptonshire 94 shots – Leicestershire 116 shots. Rink scores, Leics skips only, as follows:

#### **Rink 1.**

Yvonne McKee  
Jean Frisby  
Pat Gayton  
Jan Bradley v D Brown  
24 shots 13 shots

#### **Rink 2.**

Joyce George  
Ann Lissack  
Jill Welch  
Val Betts v T Bondoft  
17 shots 17 shots

#### **Rink 3.**

Vicki Rushall  
Valerie Blackwell  
Wilma Walker  
Brenda Bishop v J Groves  
14 shots 15 shots

#### **Rink 4.**

Sue Bagshaw  
Margaret Cooper  
Joan Bryan  
Sharon Tansley v D Hurst  
5 shots 28 shots

#### **Rink 5.**

Alison Dring  
May Wiggins  
Pam Lewis  
Audrey Height v J Flippance  
17 shots 25 shots

#### **Rink 6.**

Margaret Watts  
Margaret Cave  
Pat Symonds  
Hilary Sharpe v D Hulbert  
17 shots 18 shots

### **NORTHAMPTONSHIRE MEN FRIENDLY versus CAMBRIDGESHIRE – RESULT**

The Gentlemen of Jackson Grundy Northamptonshire Bowling Association visited Eaton Socon BC on Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> August, 2009, for a friendly match against Cambridgeshire BA, and came away with a most convincing win by 32 shots with 5 winning rinks, and just 1 losing. The final score was Northamptonshire 138 shots – Cambridgeshire 106 shots.

Rink scores, Cambs skips only, as follows:

#### **Rink 1.**

Trevor Tilley  
Albert Oliver  
Tony Coles  
George Warren v K Towson  
27 shots 15 shots

#### **Rink 2.**

Paul Cooke  
Ted Summerton  
William Clelland  
Tracy Nunn v J Southgate  
28 shots 11 shots

#### **Rink 3.**

Stuart Lake  
Brian Fairbairn  
Richard Somerton  
Geoff Hunt v P Dix  
26 shots 16 shots

**Rink 4.**  
Skene McInnes  
Chris Beck  
Walter Stoddard  
Terry James v T Barker  
20 shots 16 shots

**Rink 5.**  
Gordon Morris  
Gordon Dring  
George Willmott  
John Church v J Walker  
17 shots 32 shots

**Rink 6.**  
Roger Summers  
Mick Pullen  
Brian Diver  
Mike King v M Davey  
20 shots 16 shots

### **NORTHAMPTONSHIRE VICE-PRESIDENTS versus BERKSHIRE VP'S – RESULT**

The Northamptonshire Vice Presidents Association visited the village of East Hendred near Abingdon, to play Berkshire VP's at Morland BC. Unfortunately the weather was appalling with rain and high winds throughout the match, and after being equal on 77 shots at the three quarter stage, it was very disappointing to the County players to find themselves succumbing over the last few ends to lose by the considerable margin of 37 shots, despite having wins on two rinks.

The final score was Northamptonshire VP's 95 shots – Berkshire VP's 132 shots. Rink scores, Berks skips only, as follows:

**Rink 1.**  
Gordon Morris  
Peter Byworth  
Tony Hancock  
Tony Essam v A Greenway  
16 shots 22 shots

**Rink 2.**  
Bob Tingle  
Ken Friend  
Dennis Franklin  
Ken Legan v B Greenway  
12 shots 25 shots

**Rink 3.**  
Len Smith  
Barry Thompson  
Walter Stoddard  
Brian Jones v G Oxtoby  
26 shots 17 shots

**Rink 4.**  
Jim Walvin  
Derek Essam  
Tony Buckmaster  
Tony Coles v A Bartter  
18 shots 16 shots

**Rink 5.**  
Willy Wilkin  
Harry Bell  
Ollie Pearson  
Graham Dunscombe v G Thave  
12 shots 22 shots

**Rink 6.**  
Peter Woodhams  
John Broderick  
Mike McKeown  
Brian Langton v B Lucas  
11 shots 30 shots

### **COMMON WEALTH GAMES BOWLS TEAM – PRACTICE MATCH – RESULT**

Bowls England organised a further series of practice matches on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> August, 2009, for the Commonwealth Games Bowls Team for 2010, played at Hopton BC, Suffolk, against a team from the Eastern Counties..

On the 29<sup>th</sup> Northamptonshire had four players involved, with Michelle Tansley, Kingsthorpe, playing at No. 2 in the Triple skipped by Louise Howlett, Norfolk, with Hannah Overton of Cambridgeshire, and they played two matches against Bowls England opposition. Her first match of 2sets of 9 ends was against Natalie Melmore, Sian Gordon, both of Devon and skipped by Ellen Falkner, Cambridgeshire and wife of Northamptonshire player Chris. Her Triple lost the first set 2-13 but took the second 10-7, and then won the Tie Break end. In her second match, Michelle's Triple was not so successful, playing this time a Bowls England Triple of Sian Gordon, Sandy Hazell of Kent, and skipped by Amy Monkhouse of Lincolnshire. This time they lost both sets 4-10 and 2-15.

Vernon Gearey, Kingsthorpe was accompanied by Dominic Graham, Northampton Express at Lead, and Jamie Walker, Northampton West End at No. 2, in a Triple which played two matches against Bowls England opposition. Their first match of 2 sets of 9 ends was played against Mervyn King, Norfolk at Lead, Stuart Airey, Cumbria at No 2 and skipped by Graham Shadwell of Wiltshire. They lost the first set 5-8, won the second set 11-9 and then lost the Tie Break end. In their second match they played Stuart Airey at Lead, Mark Bantock, Hertfordshire and skipped by Robert Newman also of Berkshire. They lost both sets 5-9 and 5-10.

The 6 Ladies and 6 Gentlemen selected to represent England at the Commonwealth Games at Delhi next year are the top bowlers in the country and our County representatives, and those others from the Eastern Counties who provided the opposition for this practice gave them a thorough test, and they are to be congratulated on their performances.

**(Attached are photographs of Michelle Tansley (013) Jamie Walker and Dominic Graham with Mervyn King (007) and Vernon Gearey with Graham Shadwell (019) all taken at the practice session)**

## **NORTHAMPTONSHIRE LADIES COUNTY TOP CLUB RESULT**

The County Ladies 'Top Club' competition reached the final stage on Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> August, 2009, when in its first year Kettering Lodge ladies competed for the Margaret Cave Trophy, against Rushden Town Ladies in this event sponsored by Co-operative Funeral Care.

Rushden Town won in all four disciplines to lift the trophy which was particularly pleasing for County Ladies President Margaret Cave who not only was honoured by her former employers to have the trophy named after her, but she also played in the victorious team. The trophy was presented by Dan Drewell, Manager of Co-operative Funeral Care.

Results as follows, Rushden names first:

Singles: Joan Honey beat Pat Starsmore 21-8  
Pairs: Blanche Cox/Norma Fentiman beat Sue Briggs/Margaret Haig 25-19  
Triples: Eileen West/Pam Lewis/Audrey Height beat Jan Rhodes/Barbara Harris/Margaret Silsby 27-17  
Fours: Nancy Campbell/Valerie Blackwell/Margaret Cave/Gill Ward beat Anne Breslin/Marjorie Wright/Sue Bagshaw/Margaret Everitt 23-7

(Attached is a photograph of the winning team with Mr Drewell, l to r: Eunice Hanshaw(Reserve) Eileen West, Audrey Height, Valerie Blackwell, Eileen Stubbs (Reserve), Nancy Campbell, Dan Drewell (Sponsors Co-operative Funeral Care), Margaret Cave, Pam Lewis, Joan Honey, Gill Ward, Pam Sallaway, Norma Fentiman, Blanche Cox)

## **NORTHAMPTONSHIRE BOWLS YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SCHEME COMPETITIONS**

The Finals of the outdoor competition organised by the Northamptonshire Bowls Youth Development Scheme will be held on Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> September, 2009, at Abington BC, Park Avenue South, Northampton, commencing at 9.30 a.m.

The Semi-Finals will be as follows:

Under 15 years: William Walker, Northampton West End v Danny Walker, Northampton West End.  
This will be a most keenly fought affair as they are twin brothers!  
Chloe Wordingham, Higham Ferrers v Alice Moore, Kislingbury

15-18 years: Matthew Wordingham, Higham Ferrers v Ryan Jones, Rothwell Conservatives  
Curtis Johnson, Wellingborough v Scott Adams, Kislingbury

Top quality bowls is guaranteed and supporters are most welcome.

## **NORTHAMPTONSHIRE MEN versus BERKSHIRE BA 9.9.09. – selected team**

The following have been selected to represent Jackson Grundy Northamptonshire Bowling Association in a friendly match versus Berkshire BA to be played at Abingdon BC, Albert Park, Park Crescent, Abingdon, on Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> September, 2009, commencing at 2.0 p.m.

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| <b>Rink 1.</b><br>D Williams, Swanspool<br>D Scott, Brackley<br>Norman Gibb, Stewarts & Lloyds<br>Mike King, Wellingborough                        | <b>Rink 2.</b><br>Len Smith, Geddington & Newton<br>Walter Stoddard, St Crispin<br>Laurie Harrison, Earls Barton<br>Terry James, Thrapston | <b>Rink 3.</b><br>Bob Tingle, Geddington & Newton<br>Brian Fairbairn, Swanspool<br>Tony Coles, Geddington & Newton<br>Tracy Nunn, Corby Forest |
| <b>Rink 4.</b><br>Skene McInnes, St Crispin<br>William Clelland, Stewarts & Lloyds<br>Neville Bodily, Whyte Melville<br>Richard Somerton, Brackley | <b>Rink 5.</b><br>Frank Craven, Whyte Melville<br>Peter Mercer, West Haddon<br>Roger Summers, West End<br>Geoff Hunt, Irchester            | <b>Rink 6.</b><br>Hugh Taylor, Heyford<br>Gordon Dring, Swanspool<br>George Willmott, Irchester<br>George Warren, Stewarts & Lloyds            |
| Reserves: Chris Hawkins, Rothwell Manor  | Alf Hudson, West Haddon  | Brian Diver, Stewarts & Lloyds   |

## **CLUB NEWS AROUND THE COUNTY**

### **NORTH AREA – MOSTLY OF INTEREST TO READERS OF THE EVENING TELEGRAPH**

#### **BURTON LATIMER BC**

**Fixtures:**

- 5.9.09. Members visit Abington BC for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.  
5.9.09. Northampton Whyte Melville BC visits for a ladies match at 2.30 p.m.

#### **CORBY FOREST BC.**

**Fixtures:**

- 4.9.09. Ladies hold their Gala Day at 2.30 p.m.  
5.9.09. Men hold their Captain's Day at 2.30 p.m.  
6.9.09. Kettering Conservatives BC visits for a mixed match at 3.0 p.m.

#### **EARLS BARTON BC.**

**Fixtures:**

- 3.9.09. Members visit Olney BC for a men's match at 6.30 p.m.  
5.9.09. Members visit St Crispin BC for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.  
6.9.0.9. The Club holds its Finals Day 1.  
8.9.09. Irchester BC visits for a ladies match at 2.30 p.m.

#### **GEDDINGTON & NEWTON BC.**

**Fixtures:**

- 5.9.09. Members visit Kettering Conservatives BC for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.  
6.9.09. Club holds its Gala Day  
7.9.09. Little Bowden BC visits for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.  
9.9.09. Members visit Rothwell Manor BC for a ladies match at 2.30 p.m.

#### **HIGHAM FERRERS TOWN BC.**

**Fixtures:**

- 5.9.09. Wellingborough BC visits for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.  
6.9.09. Club Finals Day

#### **IRCHESTER BC.**

**Fixtures:**

- 5.9.09. Club holds its 'Club Gala' at 2.0 p.m.  
8.9.09. Members visit Earls Barton BC for a ladies match at 2.30 p.m.

#### **IRTHLINGBOROUGH CHURCH INSTITUTE BC**

**Fixtures:**

- 5.9.09. Members visit Kettering Athletic BC for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.  
6.9.09. The Club holds its Pairs Competition at 10.30 a.m.

#### **ISE BC.**

**Fixture:**

- 5.9.09. Members visit Stanwick BC for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.

### **KETTERING ATHLETIC BC.**

**Fixtures:**

5.9.09. Irthlingborough Church Inst. BC visits for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.

### **KETTERING LODGE BC.**

**Fixtures:**

4.9.09. Castle Hill BC visits for a men's match at 6.0 p.m.  
5.9.09. Northampton West End BC visits for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.  
6.9.09. Club hosts the Kettering 'Borough Championship Finals' all day.  
8.9.09. Club Ladies President's team plays the Ladies Captain's team at 2.0 p.m.

### **ROTHWELL CONSERVATIVES BC.**

**Fixture:**

5.9.09. Cold Ashby BC visits for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.

### **ROTHWELL MANOR PARK BC.**

**Fixture:**

5.9.09. Captain versus President match

### **RUSHDEN TOWN BC.**

**Fixtures:**

3.9.09. Daventry Town BC visits for a men's match at 2.30 pm.  
5.9.09. Wilstead BC, Beds., visits for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.  
5.9.09. Members visit Finedon Town BC for a ladies match at 2.30 p.m.

### **STANWICK BC.**

**Fixtures:**

5.9.09. Ise BC visits for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.  
8.9.09. Members visit Swanspool Senior Citizens BC for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.

### **STEWARTS & LLOYDS BC.**

**Fixtures:**

5.9.09. Market Harborough BC visits for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.  
6.9.09. Scots Tourists visit.

### **THRAPSTON BC.**

**Fixtures:**

3.9.09. Members visit Swanspool BC for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.  
5/6.9.09. Club holds its Finals  
8.9.09. Members visit Kettering Park BC for a mixed match at 2.0 p.m.

### **WELLINGBOROUGH BC.**

**Fixtures:**

3.9.09. Members visit Desborough BC for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.  
5.9.09. Members visit Higham Ferrers BC for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.  
5/6/9/09/ Club hosts the Fire Service BA competitions at 10.0 a.m. each day.  
8.9.09. Olney BC visits for a men's match at 6.30 p.m.  
8.9.09. Members visit South Warwickshire BA for a ladies match at 2.30 p.m.

**Men's Tour:** Club members tour to Northumberland 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> September, inclusive.

## SOUTH AREA – MOSTLY OF INTEREST TO READERS OF THE CHRONICEL & ECHO

### ABINGTON BC.

#### **Fixtures:**

- 3.9.09. Members visit Northampton West End BC for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
- 5.9.09. Members visit Kingsthorpe BC for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
- 5.9.09. Burton Latimer BC visits for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
- 5/6.9.09. Ladies Finals.
- 6.9.09. Club hosts the Northamptonshire Bowls Youth Development Scheme competition finals at 9.30 a.m.
- 8.9.09. Members visit Rushden Town BC for a ladies match at 2.30 p.m.

### BRACKLEY BC.

#### **Fixtures:**

- 5.9.09. Members visit Upper Heyford BC for a mixed match at 3.0 p.m.
- 6.9.09. Buckingham West End BC visits for a mixed match at 3.0 p.m.

### BUGBROOKE BC.

#### **Fixtures:**

- 5.9.09. L.M.R.C.A. Rugby visits for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.
- 6.9.09. Wootton Grange BC visits for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.

### BYFIELD BC.

#### **Fixtures:**

- 2.9.09. Members visit Adderbury BC for a ladies match at 6.0 p.m.
- 3.9.09. Woodford-cum-Membris BC visits for a mixed match at 6.0 p.m.
- 5.9.09. Members visit BBOB BC for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.
- 6.9.09. The Club holds its 'Greenkeeper's Day' at 2.0 p.m.

### COLD ASHBY BC.

#### **Fixtures:**

- 3.9.09. LVA BC visits for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.
- 5.9.09. Members visit Rothwell Conservatives BC for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.
- 6.9.09. Members visit Harpole BC for a mixed match at 2.30 p.m.

### DAVENTRY TOWN BC.

#### **Fixtures:**

- 2.9.09. Members visit Kislingbury BC for a ladies match at 2.30 p.m.
- 3.9.09. Members visit Rushden Town BC for a men's match at 2.30 pm..
- 5.9.09. Club holds its Mixed Singles day followed by a BBQ

### HEYFORD BC.

#### **Fixtures:**

- 5/6/9.09. The Club holds its Finals this week-end at 2.0 p.m. each day.

### KINGSTHORPE BC.

#### **Fixtures:**

- 3.9.09. Members visit Little Bowden BC for a men's match.
- 5.9.09. Abington BC visits for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.

**KISLINGBURY BC.**

**Fixtures:**

- 2.9.09. Daventry Town BC visits for a ladies match at 6.30 p.m.  
5.9.09. Roade BC visits for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.  
7.9.09. The Club plays for the Derry Shield at 7.0 p.m.

**NORTHAMPTON WHYTE MELVILLE BC**

**Fixtures:**

- 5.9.09. Members visit Burton Latimer for a ladies match at 2.30 p.m.  
5.9.09. Kettering Midland Band BC visits for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.  
6.9.09. The Club plays the Centenary Invitation match at 2.0 p.m.



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