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PRESS REPORT

MIDLAND COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP VERSUS WARWICKSHIRE – RESULT

The Gentlemen of the Jackson Grundy sponsored Northamptonshire Bowling Association, faced their counterparts from Warwickshire in the first match of the Midland Counties Championship at Wellingborough BC on Saturday, 17th May, 2008, and on a rather grey and damp afternoon, provided a most entertaining match which went to the last bowl of the very last end for Warwickshire to record a win by just 1 shot.

Senior Team Manager gave two young players a place at lead, Jamie Walker, Northampton West End BC and Callum Height, Thrapston BC, 16 years and 17 years of age respectively, and they both helped their rinks to record a win. Also playing his first competitive match for the County was Ray Castle, Northampton Express, who came to the County from Middlesex, where he earned his Middleton Cup flash.

A recall to the team was Sam Wade, Kingsthorpe, who last played for the County prior to moving to Scotland where he continued his successful bowling career. He returned to the County in December to manage Kingsthorpe Golf Club and he has made himself available again.

Neil Corbyn's rink was playing the last end of the match with the County facing a 2 shot deficit, and after some good bowls by Height, Malins, Tansley, and Corbyn, the position was all square the County rink holding 2 shots, but with his last bowl the Warwickshire skip, Tony Apsley, managed to turn one of his own bowls in for second wood to secure the victory by the smallest margin.

To lose by 1 shot after leading their opponents by 11 shots at the halfway stage, by 17 shots at the three quarter mark, and by 14 shots after 18 ends across the green was very disappointing, but there were some very positive outcomes from the match, not least the performances of the two youngsters, and those others mentioned, all of whom were on winning rinks.

The final score, with the County having 4 winning rinks, was Northamptonshire 110 shots – Warwickshire 111 shots. Points allocation Northamptonshire 8 points – Warwickshire 14 points

Rink scores, Warwickshire skips only, as follows:

Rink 1.

Jamie Walker, West End
Alan Ashby, West End
John Freeman, Abington
Vernon Gearey, Kingsthorpe
27 shots v Andy Smith 8 shots

Rink 2.

Callum Height, Thrapston
Mick Malins, Irchester
Roger Tansley, Kingsthorpe
Neil Corbyn, Wellingborough
21 shots v Tony Apsley 15 shots

Rink 3.

Tony O'Leary, Abington
Richard Mann, Kingsthorpe
Mick Diggin, St Crispin
Phil Reeve, Kingsthorpe
16 shots v Colin Jacox 24 shots

Rink 4.

Malcolm Paul, Desborough
 Ray Castle, Express
 Darren Childs, Thrapston
 Jim McKee, Kingsthorpe
 21 shots v Malc Hawkins 19 shots

Rink 5.

Alun Withers, Desborough
 Colin Fowkes, Kingsthorpe
 Chris Bland, Express
 John Haines, Desborough
 10 shots v Simon Gilbert 33 shots

Rink 6.

Richard Lemon, Express
 Jonathan Brown, Abington
 Sam Wade, Kingsthorpe
 Paul Broderick, Wellingborough
 15 shots v Graham Ashby 12 shots

MIDLAND COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP VERSUS LINCOLNSHIRE – SELECTED TEAM

The following gentlemen have been selected to represent the Jackson Grundy County in a Midland Counties Championship match against Lincolnshire to be played at Wellingborough BC on Saturday, 24th May, 2008, commencing at 2.0 p.m. Players to arrive for 1.15 p.m.

Rink 1.

Jamie Walker, West End
 Alan Ashby, West End
 John Freeman, Abington
 Vernon Gearey, Kingsthorpe

Rink 2.

Peter Ward, Desborough
 Ray Castle, Express
 Darren Childs, Thrapston
 Jim McKee, Kingsthorpe

Rink 3.

Richard Lemon, Express
 Jonathan Brown, Abington
 Sam Wade, Kingsthorpe
 Paul Broderick, Wellingborough

Rink 4.

Alun Withers, Desborough
 Colin Fowkes, Kingsthorpe
 Chris Bland, Express
 John Haines, Desborough

Rink 5.

Tony O'Leary, Abington
 Richard Mann, Kingsthorpe
 Mick Diggin, St. Crispin
 Phil Reeve, Kingsthorpe

Rink 6.

Callum Height, Thrapston
 Mick Malins, Irchester
 Roger Tansley, Kingsthorpe
 Neil Corbyn, Wellingborough

Travelling Reserves:

Martin Walker

Dominic Graham

Jeff Newitt

Non-Travelling Reserves:

Steve Norman

Carl Haines

Alan Coleman

Michael Chester

George Warren

LADIES MID ENGLAND CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH VERSUS CAMBRIDGESHIRE – RESULT

The Ladies of the Jackson Grundy Northampton Women's County Bowling Association played their counterparts from Cambridgeshire in a Mid England Championship match held on Thursday, 15th May, 2008, at Newmarket Avenue BC. With both teams fielding the permitted maximum of 18 potential Johns Trophy players in their teams, a very close fought match was experienced, with an excellent standard of play.

Northamptonshire lead all the way until the last end across the green, at that point having a 3 shots advantage, but by losing the last end 2 shots to 9 against the win went to Cambridgeshire by 4 shots. A 6 points haul for the County from the 3 winning rinks was a little disappointing after playing so well. Final score was Northamptonshire 95 shots – Cambridgeshire 99 shots. Rink scores, Cambs skips only, as follows:

Rink 1.

Doreen Bedford, Finedon
 Jean Frisby, Wellingborough
 Wilma Walker, Corby Forest
 Barbara Hasledine, Finedon
 18 shots v S Alexander 16 shots

Rink 2.

Alison Dring, Swanspool
 May Wiggins, Corby Forest
 Margaret Cave, Rushden
 Jan Bradley, Daventry Town
 15 shots v V Hughes 17 shots

Rink 3.

Yvonne McKee, Kingsthorpe
 Pat Starsmore, Kettering Lodge
 Hilary Sharpe, Kingsthorpe
 Pam Lewis, Rushden
 17 shots v S Matthews 13 shots

Rink 4.

Helen Jones, Wellingborough
 Ann Lissack, Rushden
 Margaret McGillivray, Desborough
 Audrey Height, Rushden
 17 shots v S Watson 21 shots

Rink 5.

Mary Forrester, Kettering Lodge
 Sue Bagshaw, Kingsthorpe
 Pat Gayton, Swanspool
 Sharon Tansley, Kingsthorpe
 15 shots v D Smith 14 shots

Rink 6.

Margaret Watts, Desborough
 Barbara Oliver, Kislingbury
 Bev Manning, Kislingbury
 Brenda Bishop, Daventry Town
 13 shots v P Mead 18 shots

LADIES FRIENDLY MATCH VERSUS COUNTY VICE-PRESIDENTS ASSOCIATION –TEAM

The following Ladies have been selected to represent the Jackson Grundy sponsored County in a Friendly match against the Northants Honorary Vice Presidents Association at Kislingbury BC on Wednesday, 21st May, 2008, commencing at 2.0 p.m. – players to arrive by 1.30 p.m.

Rink 1

Brenice Willmott, Irchester
Beryl Rylott, Kettering Athletic
Sylvia Brown, Abbey Park Ladies
Bev Manning, Kislingbury

Rink 2.

Alison Dring, Swanspool
Sue Prior, Brackley
Rhona Holland, Daventry
Christine Barlow, Abbey Park Ladies

Rink 3.

Helen Jones, Wellingborough
Ina Layland, St. Crispin
Valerie Blackwell, Rushden
Joan Bryan, Burton Latimer

Rink 4.

Sue Fincham, Wellingborough
Betty Tilley, Irchester
Margaret Cave, Rushden
Rita Bell, Kettering Athletic

Rink 5.

Margaret Ruff, St. Crispin
Ann Lissack, Burton Latimer
Pat Gayton, Swanspool
Audrey Height, Rushden

Rink 6.

Alison Northey, Earls Barton
Sheila Bonham, Irchester
Elsie Hatton, Brackley
Jan Hunt, Irchester

Travelling Reserves:

Elaine Urquhart, Brackley

Lilian Allen, Kettering Lodge

Non-Travelling Reserves:

Jo Garratt, Wellingborough

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE UNDER 25'S DOUBLE RINK VERSUS HERTFORDSHIRE - RESULT

The County Under 25's male section opened their Inter County Double Rink competition with a first round encounter against Hertfordshire played on Sunday morning, 18th May, 2008, at Abington Bowling Club, Northampton.

The match started under cloudy conditions with a strong cold breeze, but these hardy young men mostly played in their shirt-sleeves and ignored the conditions. The County two rinks were a well assembled team combining experience and real youth, and at the end of the first quarter the match was relatively even, just one shot in favour of Northants. At the half-way stage Northants were surging ahead by 15 shots, thanks to a massive pick-up of 7 shots by Graham's Rink on the 8th end, but over the next 5 ends the County could only add one more shot to their advantage. By the 18th end with just 6 ends left in the match the scores were very much in favour of the County who held a 20 shot lead, and the local players cruised to the end, finally winning by 16 shots.

The final score was Northamptonshire 49 shots – Hertfordshire 33 shots. Rink scores, Herts skips only, as follows:

Rink 1.

Adam Brown, Abington
Jack Tobin, Rushden
Michael Chester, Wellingborough
Dominic Graham, Express
17 shots v Stuart Wright 22 shots

Rink 2.

Connor Cinato, Kettering Midland Band
Callum Height, Thrapston
Matthew Pownall, Geddington & Newton
Jamie Walker, West End
32 shots v Ross Kilford 11 shots

The Under 25's Double Rink team now plays in the regional Finals at Bedford Borough on the 15th June, 2008, hoping to qualify for the National Finals at Worthing in August.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE HON VICE-PRESIDENTS VERSUS NORFOLK 13TH May, 2008. RESULT

The County Vice-Presidents Association played their counterparts from Norfolk at County Arts BC, Norwich, on Tuesday, 13th May, 2008, and enjoyed a 10 shot victory over a very strong County. Final score was Northamptonshire VP's 117 shots – Norfolk VP's 107 shots. Rink scores as follows, Norfolk skips only:

Rink 1.

Peter Woodhams
Clyde Hulbert
Barry Thomson
Roy Cave v Ray Hunn
24 shots 16 shots

Rink 2.

Philip Miller
Harry Bell
Trevor Tilley
Bob Jones v Angus Gray
17 shots 18 shots

Rink 3.

Paul Cooke
Peter Woods
Derek Essam
Graham Dunscombe v Bryan Nicholls
13 shots 17 shots

Rink 4.

Mick Garley
 Graham Cashmore
 Mick Pullen
 Tony Buckmaster v Peter Jackman
 19 shots 22 shots

Rink 5.

Peter Byworth
 Ray Timson
 Walter Stoddard
 Ken Legan v Geoff Middleton
 12 shots 20 shots

Rink 6.

Tony Coles
 Geoff Care
 Gerard Stephenson
 Ron Chambers v Derek Carr
 32 shots 14 shots

The VP's next match against Northampton Women's County Bowling Association on Wednesday, 21st May, 2008, at Kislingbury, and the following week they play Lincolnshire VP's at Oundle on the 29th.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE UNDER 25'S versus ABINGTON BC – RESULT

For the second time in the day Under 25 Team Manager was able to report an excellent win for his players, when, following on from the Double Rink win in the morning against Hertfordshire at Abington BC, the full Under 25 squad played the hosting Club in a match in the afternoon and recorded a win by 12 shots.

Many of the young players gave a very good account of themselves, and special mention is made of Jack Tobin skipping a rink for the first time and collecting a handsome victory 27 shots to 10 shots against Middleton Cup player Tony O'Leary. Two players turning out in a match for the Under 25's were Matt Cattell and Georgia White, both giving a good account of themselves.

The final score was Under 25's 133 – Abington BC 121. Rink scores, Abington skips only, as follows:

Rink 1.

Adam Hawkings
 Jade Hawkins
 Chris Wright
 Matt Pownall v M Taylor
 25 shots 20 shots

Rink 2.

Trudy Beard
 Georgia White
 Will Hill
 Matt Wordingham v J Brown
 15 shots 30 shots

Rink 3.

Rebecca Wigfield
 Chloe Wordingham
 Curtis Johnson
 Jamie Walker v P Kneeshaw
 27 shots 13 shots

Rink 4.

Jasmin Spear
 Chris Gray
 Sam Gamble
 Jack Tobin v T O'Leary
 27 shots 10 shots

Rink 5.

Adam Brown
 Matt Cattell
 Aaron bell
 Ashley Linnell v D Fage
 26 shots 15 shots

Rink 6.

Adam Pitfield
 Tyler Richards
 Emma Gray
 Richard lemon v John Freeman
 13 shots 27 shots

Northants Under 25's now look forward to defending the Midland Counties Championship title won last season on June 1st against Nottinghamshire.

COMPETITIONS AROUND THE COUNTY – LOCAL AND NATIONAL

NORTH AREA (OF INTEREST MORE TO EVENING TELEGRAPH READERS)

LADIES.

COUNTY FOURS (Of interest across whole County)

QUARTER FINALS:

Pat Coles/Tricia Basford/Jill Nutt/Linda Tomlinson (Geddington & Newton) beat Marje Farmer/Chris Abbott/Margaret Saunders/Barbara Oliver (Kislingbury) 17-14
 Sally Row/Cynthia Cherry/Barbara Astle/Di Brumwell (Kingsthorpe) beat Caroline Cinato/Margaret Tyler/Heather Lack/Audrey McMillan (Burton Latimer) 19-17
 Brenda Ellis/Helena Norman/Chris Turner (Higham Ferrers) beat Ivy Dodd/Jean Vincent/Sue Ainsworth/Sandy Hayter (Bugbrooke) 21-11
 Doreen Bedford/Debbie Cox/Barbara Haseltine/Gill Letts (Finedon Town) beat Elaine Urquhart/J Adamthwaite/Elsie Hatton/Sue Prior (Brackley) 18-16

SEMI-FINALS: Di Brumwell's Kingsthorpe Rink beat Linda Tomlinson's Geddington Rink 20-11
Chris Turner's Higham Ferrers Rink beat Gill Letts's Finedon Rink 24-7

**TOP CLUB
PRELIM.** Geddington & Newton BC beat Swanspool BC 3-1
Wellingborough 'A' beat Earls Barton 'A'

Corby Forest 'A' beat Rushden 'A' 2-2 (83-60)
1ST ROUND: Higham Ferrers beat Irchester 2-2 (1 shot advantage win)

OVER 55 SINGLES: Heather Golding (Rothwell Manor Park) beat Delia Panther (Kettering Lodge) 21-10

OVER 55 PAIRS: Linda Tomlinson (Geddington & Newton) beat Pat Starsmore (Kettering Lodge) 28-15
Margaret Davey (Corby Forest) beat Shirley Ongley (Irchester) 21-14
Eileen West (Rushden) beat Velda Cooper (Irchester) 21-7
Margaret Watts (Desborough) beat Di Allen (Wellingborough) w/o
Pam Holdaway (Irchester) beat Janet Childs (Wellingborough) 22-15
Eleanor Winters (Corby Forest) beat Jan Hunt (Irchester) 25-18

MOTHER & DAUGHTER: Beryl & Alison Dring (Swanspool) beat Rosemary & Jenny Grove (Earl Shilton, Leics) 21-18
This is an excellent result for the County Pair because Jenny Grove is an England Triallist.

UNDER 25 SINGLES: Rebecca Wigfield (Desborough) beat Hannah Dockerill (Burton Latimer) w/o

UNDER 25 PAIRS: Vicky Stevenson (Whyte Melville) beat Hannah Dockerill (Burton Latimer) w/o

GENTLEMEN

COUNTY FOURS:

3rd Round

Bill McGillivray (Desborough) beat Ron Plimmer (Higham Ferrers)
Darren Childs (Thrapston) beat Brian Tipler (Earls Barton)
William Keeney (Corby S & L) beat Robert Norman (Higham Ferrers)
Rod Chapman (Irthlingborough CI) beat Terry James (Thrapston)
Dave Haseldine (Kettering Cons) beat Neil Corbyn (Wellingborough)
Alan Jeyes (Earls Barton) beat Graham Smyth (Higham Ferrers)
Roy Cave (Rushden) beat M Lee (Oundle)
Mick Lee (Wellingborough) beat Steve Dockerill Burton Latimer)

Area Finals

Darren Childs' Thrapston Rink beat Bill McGillivray's Desborough Rink
William Keeney's Corby S & L rink beat Rod Chapman's Irthlingborough CI Rink
Alan Jeyes Earls Barton Rink beat David Haseldine's Kettering Cons Rink
Roy Cave's Rushden Rink beat Mick Lee's Wellingborough Rink.

The Quarter Finals will be played on Tuesday, 20th May, 2008, at Kislingbury BC at 6.0 p.m. and will be contested by the Winners of the Area Finals as follows:

Darren Childs (Thrapston) versus Andrew Manton (Kingsthorpe)
William Keeney (Corby S & L) versus Martin Gearey (PSL Roade)
Alan Jeyes (Earls Barton) versus Mick Diggin (St Crispin)
Roy Cave (Rushden) versus Dave Masters (Express)

The Semi-Finals of the County Fours will be played between the winners of above, on Thursday, 22nd May, 2008, at Wellingborough BC commencing at 6.0 p.m.

OVER 55 SINGLES: James Butts (Earls Barton) beat Tony Paul (Desborough) 21-18
Mick Corbyn (Rushden) beat Steve Jackson (Brackley) w/o

OVER 55 PAIRS: Dave Stewart (Irchester) beat Arthur Morson (Irthlingborough CI) 27-5
Dennis Morson (Irthlingborough CI) beat Tony Paul (Desborough) 23-11
Walt Winsor (Wellingborough) beat P Starsmore (Kettering Lodge) w/o
Colin Tebbutt (Kettering Mid Band) beat Graham Norman (Higham Ferrers) w/o

Malc Mattinson (Thrapston) beat Sal Pepe (Kettering Mid Band) 26-16
John Haines (Desborough) beat Ollie Pearson (Geddington & Newton) 19-15

DOUBLE RINKS:

Sawtry & District Hunts. beat Corby Forest 'A' 46-37
Wellingborough 'B' beat Corby S & L on w/o
Earls Barton 'A' beat Desborough 'A' 46-33
Rushden 'B' beat Corby S & L 46-31

CHAMP OF CHAMPS:

PRELIM:

Neil Corbyn (Wellingborough) beat Mick Burns (Corby S & L) 21-10
Barry Waterfield (Rushden) beat Terry Gallagher (Corby Forest) w/o
Mick Malins (Irchester) beat Paul Broderick (Wellingborough) 21-12. This was a fantastic result for Mick, as Paul is a Past National Winner in this event.

1ST ROUND:

Mark Turner (Kettering Mid Band) beat Robert Norman (Higham Ferrers) 21-10
Mick Catlin (Thrapston) beat Ron Chambers (Desborough) 21-15
Mark Turner (Kettering Mid Band) beat Mick Malins (Irchester) 21-8

TOP CLUB 1ST ROUND:

Kettering Midland Band beat Desborough 3-2, detail as follows, Mid Band names first:
2 wood Singles: Mark Turner beat Peter Ward 15-14
4 wood Singles: Martin Cinato beat Nigel Mason 21-13
Pairs : Rob Vowles/Denis Mole lost to Alun Withers/John Haines 10-25
Triples: Dave Keller/Connor Cinato/Dick Cole beat Malcolm Paul/Tony Stratford/Carl Haines
Fours: Colin Tebbutt/Tom Ashley/Len Webb/Ian Gillham lost to Graham Southgate/John Pickaver/Ron Chamber/John Hall 9-32

MIXED

MIXED FOURS:

Paul Broderick (Wellingborough) beat Gordon Dring (Swanspool) 19-18 In this match the 'underdogs' Swanspool almost pulled off a great victory, leading almost throughout the match, but with his last bowl on the last end, as he seems to do so often Paul Broderick won the match for his rink, and so keeping them on course to repeat their successes of recent years. Well done to Swanspool for running them so close.
Alan Withers (Desborough) beat Herbert Starsmore (Kettering Lodge) 22-15
Adrian Harris (Kettering Lodge) beat Mick Malins (Irchester) w/o

SOUTH AREA (OF INTEREST MORE TO CHRONICLE & ECHO READERS)

LADIES.

COUNTY FOURS (Of interest across County – see above in [NORTH AREA Section](#))

TOP CLUB

Daventry Town beat Abington 2-2 (78-58)

PRELIM.

Brackley beat Kingsthorpe 3-1
Kislingbury beat St Crispin 4-0

1st ROUND

Daventry Town beat Brackley 4-0

OVER 55 SINGLES:

Barbara Oliver (Kislingbury) beat Jill Welch (Daventry Town) 21-17
Brenda Bishop (Daventry Town) beat Jan Bradley (Daventry Town) 21-10

GENTLEMEN

COUNTY FOURS:

3rd Round

Stuart Letts (West End) beat Mick Hall (Abington) 27-9
Andrew Manton (Kingsthorpe) beat Dave Symonds (Daventry Tigers)
Martin Gearey (PSL Roade) beat Reg Jones (Abington) 30-22
Phil Boseley (Abington) beat Roger Miller (Cold Ashby) 25-11
Martin Walker (West End) beat Colin Fowkes (Kingsthorpe) 23-17 **Note: Colin Fowkes' Rink was the County Champion in the fours last year.**
Mick Diggin (St. Crispin) beat Neville Bodily (Whyte Melville) 23-21
Richard Lemon (Express) beat Ollie Kirkwood (Express) 21-9
Dave Masters (Express) beat John Dunn (Kislingbury)

Area Final

Andrew Manton's Kingsthorpe Rink beat Stuart Letts' West End Rink 20-19 after an extra end. With 2 ends to go West end were 8 shots up.
Martin Gearey's PSL Rink beat Phil Boseley's Abington Rink 20-10
Mick Diggin's St Crispin Rink beat Martin Walker's West End Rink 21-9
Dave Masters Express Rink beat Richard Lemon's Express Rink 15-14.

The Quarter Finals will be held at Kislingbury BC on Tuesday, 20th May, 2008, commencing at 6.0 p.m. And will be contested by the Four Area Winners from each area. See above in the [North Area Section](#)

OVER 55 SINGLES:

David Cox (St. Crispin) beat Dave Masters (Express) 21-18
John Hodgkinson (Daventry Town) beat Dave Fage (Abington) 21-18
Stuart Letts (West End) beat Mick Moulton (Daventry Town) 21-18
Brian Jones (Heyford) beat Bernard Spreadbury (Daventry Town) 21-17

OVER 55 PAIRS:

Ian Daverson (West End) beat Phil Boseley (Abington) 21-18
David Cox (St Crispin) beat Mick Moulton (Daventry Town) 21-18
Colin Brock (Woodford-cum-Membris) beat Mick Hall (Abington) 20-18
Bernard Spreadbury (Daventry Town) beat Reg Jones (Abington) 24-10
Don Crowson (Kingsthorpe) beat Stuart Letts (West End) 23-11

DOUBLE RINKS:

Prelim. Round

West End 'B' beat Daventry 'A' 48-23
Kingsthorpe 'C' beat Kislingbury 'A' 39-28
Abington 'A' beat Express 'B' 47-18

1st Round

Abington 'A' beat West End 'B' 54-32 Rink scores as follows West End skips only:
Rink 1. Stuart Cadd/Alan Ward/Dave Fage/Jonathan Brown beat Martin Walker 22-20
Rink 2. Tony O'Leary/Alan Coleman/Reg Jones/John Freeman beat Tony Weston 32-12
Abington 'B' beat Sherwood Park, Birmingham 41-25, Rink scores, Abington names only
Rink 1. Harvey Fruish/Graham Fruish/Peter Kneeshaw/Mick Taylor 19 Sherwood 15
Rink 2. Pat McAlwane/Alec McDonnell/Peter Milburn/Terry Brown 22 Sherwood 7
St. Crispin beat Daventry

TOP CLUB:

CHAMP OF CHAMPS:

PRELIM

Richard Lemon (Express) beat George Hall (Brackley) 21-14
Martin Gearey (PSL Roade) beat Tony Fairey (West End) 21-14
John Freeman (Abington) beat Phil Reeve (Kingsthorpe) 21-2
John Hodgkinson (Daventry Town) beat Robert White (Express) 21-16

MIXED

MIXED FOURS:

Sally Row (Kingsthorpe) beat John Freeman (Abington) 19-16
Jamie Walker (West End) beat Stuart Cadd (Abington)
Dougie Mitchell (Daventry) beat Don Smith (Abington) w/o
Sharon Tansley (Kingsthorpe) beat Margaret Sidebottom (Abington) 22-17
Yvonne McKee (Kingsthorpe) beat Martin Walker (West End) 24-17

CLUB NEWS AROUND THE COUNTY

NORTH AREA (OF INTEREST MORE TO EVENING TELEGRAPH READERS)

Corby Forest BC

24.5.08. Kingsthorpe BC visits for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
24.5.08. Members visit Irchester BC for a Ladies match at 2.30 p.m.

Corby Stewarts & Lloyds

15.5.08. Kettering Lodge BC visited and beat the home team 76 shots – 56 shots
17.5.08. S & L's near neighbours Corby Forest BC visited for a friendly match with the home side victorious by 136 shots to 94 shots.
17.5.08. The Ladies match against Oundle was abandoned due to heavy rain.

Desborough BC

22.5.08. The Club Over 65's play the Club Under 65's at 6.30 p.m.
24.5.08. Members visit St Crispin BC for a 5 rink men's match at 2.30 p.m.
24.5.08. Stewarts & Lloyds BC visits for a 3 rink Ladies Triples match at 2.30 p.m.

Earls Barton BC

24.5.08. Members visit Whyte Melville BC for a 5 rink match at 2.30p.m.

Geddington & Newton BC

22.5.08. Members visit Thrapston for a 3 rink ladies match at 6.30 p.m.
24.5.08. Cogenhoe BC visits for a 5 rink mixed match at 2.30 p.m.
25.5.08. Golden Horse BC visits for a 4 rink mixed match at 2.30 p.m.

Higham Ferrers BC

22.5.08. Bedford Borough BC visits for a 4 rink mixed match at 2.30 p.m.
24.5.08. Corby Grampian BC visits for a 5 rink men's match at 2.30 p.m.

Irchester BC

21.5.08. The Club holds its 'Mansil' Cup competition on 6 rinks at 6.30 p.m.
22.5.08. Abington Ladies BC visits for a 3 rink match at 2.30 p.m.
24.5.08. Corby Forest BC visits for a 3 rink ladies match at 2.0 p.m.
25.5.08. Old Grammarians visit for a 5 rink mixed match at 2.30 p.m.

Ise BC

22.5.08. Burton Latimer BC visits for a 5 rink mixed match at 6.30 p.m.
24.5.08. Harpole BC visits for a 5 rink mixed match at 2.30 p.m.

Kettering Lodge BC

- 22.5.08. Rothwell Manor BC visits for a 4 rink men's match at 6.30 p.m.
- 24.5.08. Members visit Irchester BC for a 6 rink men's match at 2.30 p.m.
- 24.5.08. Higham Ferrers BC visits for a 3 rink ladies match at 2.30 p.m.
- 25.5.08. Members visit Grampian BC for a 5 rink match at 2.30 p.m.
- 27.5.08. The men's Captain's team plays the Ladies' Captain's team at 6.30 p.m.

Rushden Town BC

- 22.5.08. Members visit Sharnbrook BC for a 3 rink ladies match at 2.30 p.m.
- 22.5.08. West End BC visits for a 5 rink men's match at 2.30 p.m.
- 24.5.08. St.Neots BC visits for a 6 rink men's match bat 2.30 p.m.

Stanwick BC

- 22.5.08. Old Grammarians BC visits for a 4 rink match at 6.30 p.m.
- 24.5.08. Members visit Rothwell Cons BC for a 4 rink match at 2.30 p.m.
- 25.5.08. Swanspool BC visits for a 4 rink match at 2.30 p.m.

Swanspool BC

- 21.5.08. Members visit Cogenhoe BC for a 3 rink ladies match at 6.30 p.m.
- 24.5.08. Members visit Managers and Foremen BC for a 4 rink match at 2.30pm
- 25.5.08. Members visit Stanwick BC for a 4 rink match at 2.30 p.m.

Wellingborough BC

- 22.5.08. Members visit Kingsthorpe for a men's match at 2.30 p.m.
- 24.5.08. Members visit Banbury Borough BC for a 6 rink men's match at 3.0 p.m.
- 24.5.08. The Club plays host to a MCBA Match between Northamptonshire and Lincolnshire at 2.0 p.m.
- 26.5.08. The Club joins forces with Irchester & Rushden BC's to play 11 rinks against Devon Tourists at 2.0 pm
- 27.5.08. West End BC visits for a 3 rink ladies match at 6.30 p.m.

SOUTH AREA (OF INTEREST TO CHRONICLE & ECHO READERS)

Abington BC

- 22.5.08. Irchester BC visits for a 3 rink ladies match at 2.30 p.m.
- 24.5.08. Members play Bedford Borough BC for the Bells Trophy, 4 rinks away and 4 rinks at home, at 2.30 p.m.
- 27.5.08. The Club plays host to the Devon Tourists playing Northamptonshire BA at 2.0 p.m.

Brackley BC

- 21.5.08. Buckingham West End BC visits for a ladies match at 6.15 p.m.
- 24.5.08. Members visit Kislingbury for a ladies match at 2.30 p.m.
- 25.5.08. Woodstock BC visits for a 4 rink mixed match at 3.0 p.m.

Daventry Town BC

- 14.5.08. The Club played a mixed match against Daventry & District BC with a win for Daventry Town 74 shots to 52 shots, with 3 winning rinks and 1 tied. Highest winners were K Metcalfe/D Welch/J Walvin/A Gardner, who after being 0-12 down came storming back to win 26-16.
- 16.5.08. In the Friday evening Ladies Triples League the Town had a narrow win, winning on both rinks to take 4 points against St. Crispin Ladies.
- 17.5.08. The Town Ladies played Kislingbury in a friendly match and lost by just 2 shots.

Heyford BC

- 8.5.08. Heyford played Woodford Halse and lost 56-67
- 10.5.08. Heyford played Daventry Tigers at Daventry and had a good win 85-74.

- 15.5.08. Heyford played Cold Ashby BC and in a very close match lost by 3 shots, score Heyford 79 Cold Ashby 82
Heyford's rink scores, skips only, Ian Smith 21-8; Keith Clarke 16-18; David Juland 16-17; Peter Clues 13-
20; Tony Gough 13-19.
- 18.5.08 The Club played Golden Horse BC and again lost by just 3 shots, score Heyford 68 Golden Horse 71.
Rink scores, skips only, Peter Clues 29-13; Tony Gough 16-19; Brian Jones 12-21; Keith Clarke 11-18.
- 21.5.08. Abbey Park Ladies visit for a 3 rink triples match at 6.30 p.m.
- 24.5.08. Bugbrooke visits for a 5 rink mixed match at 3.0 p.m.

26.5.08. Annual Duck Race.

Heyford BC together with Heyford Cricket Club are holding their Annual Duck Race at the Playing Field on Monday, 26th May, 2008. First race is at 2.15 p.m. Running alongside the racing will be a 6 a-side cricket competition, and there will be bar and refreshments. On the Bowls side there will be a Target Bowls competition, and other attractions to make a good afternoon out for the family will be a bouncy castle, tombola, coconut shy, and many other pursuits. There will be a barbecue in the evening to round off the day.

Ducks cost £1, and may be purchased on the day, and there are usually as many as 100 ducks per race, with a programme of as many as 6 races. Cash prizes to the winners.

Northampton Express BC

- 24.5.08. The Club Members visit BBOB BC for a 5rink match at 2.30 p.m.

Northampton West End BC

- 22.5.08. Members visit Rushden Town BC for a 5 rink men's match at 2.30 p.m.
- 24.5.08. Members visit PSL Roade BC for a 6 rink men's match at 2.30 p.m.
- 27.5.08. Members visit Wellingborough BC for a 3 rink ladies match at 6.30 p.m.



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