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SUPPLEMENTARY PRESS REPORT

CHANTREY VELLACOTT DFK COUNTY COMPETITIONS FINALS STAGES

The **Chantrey Vellacott DFK sponsored** County competitions are reaching the finals stages for 2008. All the Quarter Finals apart from one Pairs, have now been concluded, and that one, plus the Semi-Finals of the Singles, Pairs and Executive Triples are being held at Wellingborough BC on Monday and Tuesday, 14th and 15th July, 2008, commencing at 6.0 p.m.

SINGLES:

In three of the **Chantrey Vellacott DFK sponsored** Quarter Finals held at Brackley BC on Thursday, 10th July, 2008, six bowlers were competing to get their name on the Trophy for the first time, and in the fourth Quarter Final, played at Irchester BC the following evening, 2 more first-timers were also competing. On both evenings the players had to contend with rainy conditions, but a very good standard of bowls was played.

At Brackley, last year's Champion of Champions, **Darren Childs**, of Thrapston BC managed to see off a fellow County Middleton Cup colleague Tony O'Leary of Abington, 21-16.

Adrian Harris, of Kettering Lodge, a member of the County Under 25 squad for a number of years overcame an 'old stager' Dougie Mitchell, of Daventry Town, 21-14.

Up and coming 16 year old Jamie Walker, of Northampton West End, came a cropper against **Keith Height**, of Thrapston, 21-15.

In the last of the Quarter Final Matches, played at Irchester BC on Friday, 11th July, 2008, after a tremendous battle which could have gone either way, **Darren Lyman**, of Wellingborough managed to overcome Mick Spear, of Northampton West End, 21-20, after being match down and drawing shot with his last bowl.

PAIRS:

Three of the four **Chantrey Vellacott DFK** sponsored Pairs Quarter Finals were played at Irchester BC on Friday, 11th July, 2008, in very wet atrocious conditions, but despite the weather the competition was good. The fourth Quarter Final could not be played that evening due to weather interruptions and another competition involving the two pairs, and this is being played on Monday, 14 July 2008, at Wellingborough.

At Irchester last year's Runners-up, **Colin Fowkes and Vernon Gearey**, from Kingsthorpe, put paid to the hopes of the father and son combination from Thrapston, Keith and Callum Height, 20-12.

Another fancied pair from Kingsthorpe, **Sam Wade and Phil Reeve**, defeated Bryn Walker and Mick Lee, of Wellingborough, 23-19. Sam has just returned to the County from a few years working in Scotland, and both he and Phil have been to the National Championships before in the Pairs.

The third clash at Irchester was between **Malcolm Paul and Carl Haines**, of Desborough, and Robin Frost and Dougie Ainsworth of Bugbrooke, and this went the way of the Desborough duo, 21-15.

The fourth and final Quarter Final of the Pairs will be played between last year's winners, **Neil Rees and Paul Broderick** of Wellingborough and Kingsthorpe's **Roger Tansley & Iain Walker**. This is expected to be a very keenly contested match as the Wellingborough duo have won the title twice before and been runners-up three times, and Tansley/Walker have also won the competition twice and been runners-up once.



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