

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE BOWLS NEWS REPORTS

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BOWLS REPORT

1. BRITISH ISLES WOMEN'S SENIOR INTERNATIONAL SERIES – RESULTS

The **Senior Women's British Isles International Series** was held in Jersey from the 16th to 18th June, 2019, at the Les Creux BC, under the auspices of the British Isles Women's Bowls Council, and a County player was in the team and she played a significant part in England's success.

Rebecca Wigfield, Desborough Town BC who has been an England International at Senior and previously at Junior level for a number of years, was the skip of an England rink, and she had with her debutant international Rachel Tremlett of Hertfordshire at Lead, Harriet Stevens of Devon at No. 2 and Sophie Tolchard, a regular International and last year's Ladies National Champion, also of Devon, at No. 3.

England started their campaign in the morning of Sunday, 16th June, 2019, against the host country **Jersey**, and won by 20 shots, the final score being England 133 shots – Jersey 113 shots, and in this match England shared rink wins with Jersey, and **Rebecca's rink** was one of the winners, doing so in a close match 23-21 shots, against a rink skipped by Joan Renouf.

England's second match in the afternoon of the 16th June, 2019, was **Wales**, and in this contest England was very dominant, winning on all 6 rinks, for a win by 69 shots, with the final score England 152 shots – Wales 83 shots. **Rebecca's rink** not only won, of course, but they were the highest winning rink with a 20 shots victory at 34-14 shots, against a rink skipped by Wendy Price.

England's third match of the Series was played at 2.30 pm. on Monday, 17th June, 2019, against **Ireland**, and this was equally dominant for England with no losing rinks for a 70 shots win, with the final score England 161 shots – Ireland 91 shots. **Rebecca's rink** won well again 28-17 shots, against a rink skipped by Jennifer Dowds.

The Final match for **England** was against the 'auld enemy' **Scotland**, and it was a 'winner takes all' for Scotland had also won all three of their matches, although with a much inferior shots aggregate. In this match England won well with one tied rink and just 1 losing rink, and then by only 1 shot, for a final score of England 121 shots – Scotland 100 shots. **Rebecca's rink** could not quite get the 100% record they deserved, for they drew at 23 shots each, against the rink skipped by Caroline Brown.

England therefore secured the British Isles Women's Senior International Series for the third successive year, for which we congratulate them all, but **especially Rebecca** for the significant part she played in the victory.

2. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE WOMEN 'JOHNS TROPHY' versus CAMBRIDGESHIRE – RESULT

The players of the Women's Section of the **Jackson Grundy sponsored Bowls Northamptonshire** took on Cambridgeshire in the 'Johns Trophy' at Wellingborough BC on Saturday, 22nd June, 2019, and although the County shared rink wins, the honours went to Cambridgeshire by 17 shots. The highest scoring of the County's rinks was that skipped by Katie Smith which won by 7 shots, but not far behind, scoring 1 shot less was the rink skipped by Rebecca Wigfield.

The County started pretty well over the first few ends, taking a 32-22 shots lead after 5 ends, but the visitors really got their game going over the next 5 ends to erase that deficit and to take a lead of 17 shots across the green. The County did stem that rate over the next 5 ends to be just 11 shots adrift with 6 ends across the 6 rinks left to be played, but Cambridgeshire kept their noses well in front for a decent win.

The final score was Northamptonshire 111 shots (6 points) – Cambridgeshire 128 shots (16 points)
Rink details as follows, Cambridgeshire skips only named:

Rink 1. Celia Morris, Linda Warren, Hilary Sharpe & Katie Smith 21 shots – Pauline Ayres 14 shots

In this match the County started very well, winning the first 4 ends for a 6-0 lead, but 3 ends later the scores were level on 6 each, and 3 ends later they were still level on 8 shots each, when Cambs picked up a count of 3 for the lead at 11-8. This setback spurred the County players and Katie and her ladies had a very good run of 5 scoring ends to take an 18-11 lead with 5 ends left to play. Those last ends were evenly fought for the County's margin to remain at 7.

Rink 2. Pat Bodily, Audrey Height, Sharon Tansley & Yvonne McKee 16 shots – Ellen Falkner 24 shots

In this match the County was up against one of the best known lady bowlers in the Country, winner of most things, and Ellen Falkner kept up her winning habit, although the early scoring came from the County with a 5-2 lead after 3 ends. Yvonne & her ladies were kept on that 5 for 4 ends as Cambridgeshire picked up 10 shots for a good lead, and although Yvonne and her ladies got to within 2 shots at 10-12 after 10 ends, the 11th end was a mini disaster as Cambridgeshire picked up a big score of 5 shots. A 3 and a single for Yvonne and her ladies followed to reduce their deficit to 3 shots, but on 14 they were kept for 5 ends as Cambridgeshire added 6 shots to their score to lead 23-14 with 3 ends left. Those 3 ends went 2-1 to Yvonne, but it was a decent victory for Ellen and her ladies.

Rink 3. Joyce George, Karon Kerr, Maggie Edwards & Michelle Harris 16 shots – Jean Stephens 31 shots

In this match the selected skip was unwell and unable to play, so Michelle Harris dropped down to skip from the 3rd position and Maggie dropped to No. 3, with reserve Karon coming in at No. 2 for her first Johns Trophy match, and after dropping a 3 on the first end, the County ladies played very well to take the lead 8-3 after 5 ends of play. Unfortunately they were kept on that score of 8 for 5 ends of play as Cambridgeshire added 11 shots to their score, but in winning the next 3 ends, albeit by single shots, Michelle and her ladies did not allow Cambridgeshire to get away from them, and when the visitors picked up a single and a count of 4, Michelle and her players reciprocated with the same to keep close at 16-19 down with 4 ends to play. Unfortunately those 4 ends all went to Cambridgeshire, and they scored 12 shots to record a fairly substantial win in the end.

Rink 4. Velda Cooper, Pat Starsmore, Jill Welch & Barbara Haseldine 13 shots – Cheryl Salisbury 22 shots

In this encounter the County was really up against it from the start, for after dropping a single and picking up a single on the first 2 ends, the visitors scored very well in winning the next 7 ends for a lead at 11-1 shots. After collecting a double, Barbara and her players saw their deficit reduced a little, but after 14 ends of play, as a result of dropping a 4 on that end, they were further adrift at 4-19 shots, and it looked as though a pretty heavy beating might be 'on the cards'. That turned out not to be the case as Barbara and her ladies confined the visitors to just 3 more shots, whilst they picked up 9 shots for a modest defeat in the end.

Rink 5. Abby Woodward, Sian Hughes-Jones, Emma Exley & Alison Dring 19 shots – Sue Alexander 17 shots

This was a match of fluctuating fortune for both sides, with firstly the County easing in front at 6-3 shots after 6 ends, then the visitors tying things up at 6 each after 8 ends, and after collecting a single on the next end Alison and her players lost the next 3 ends for 5 shots to Cambridgeshire who then lead 11-7. The County got the lead back at 12-11, lost it at 12-14 shots with 4 ends to play, and the 1st of those ends saw Alison and players pick up a huge count of 6 shots to take the lead again at 18-14, and they were able to hang on for a modest, but welcome win.

Rink 6. Margaret Watts, Joan Sidebottom, Ann-Marie Waters & Rebecca Wigfield 26 shots – Lynne Papworth 20 shots

This match saw our own County's National winner in Rebecca Wigfield, fresh from her marvellous achievements for England in Jersey, skipping her rink, and after winning the first 2 ends for a 4-0 lead, she and her players were in front for the first 9 ends, but only just by 3 shots at 11-8, and on the next end they lost the lead as Cambridgeshire picked up a 3 to tie things up, and then a single to go in front for the first time. Rebecca and her ladies then responded very positively in picking up a big count of 5 on the next end, and in winning the next 4 ends too, they doubled their score to 22 shots, 10 shots up. The visitors were not yet finished, however, for they picked up a 2 on the 17th end, and followed it with a big 5 of their own and a single, to be just 2 shots adrift of the County with 2 ends left to play. Rebecca and her team picked up two doubles on those last ends for a good victory.

3. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE MEN 'MIDLAND COUNTIES' versus WARWICKSHIRE – RESULT

The men of the **Jackson Grundy sponsored Bowls Northamptonshire** visited Nuneaton BC on Saturday, 22nd June, 2019, for a 'Midland Counties' match against Warwickshire, and although having 2 winning rinks, the County came well second by 23 shots. The highest scoring of the County's rinks was that skipped by David Walker, which posted a 10 shots victory.

The final score was Northamptonshire 107 shots (4 points) – Warwickshire 130 shots (18 points).

Rink details as follows, Warwickshire skips only named:

Rink 1. Neil Rolfe, Mark Tompkins, David Jones & John Haines 13 shots – Dan Box 24 shots

This match did not start well for the County as the home team won the first 4 ends to take a 6-0 lead, but the next 4 ends were good for John and his men for they drew level at 7 shots each, and another 4 ends saw them just 1 shot adrift at 10-11. The 13th end, however, was a bit of a disaster for the County as Warwickshire picked up a big 5 followed by a single to be 7 up, with 7 ends left to play, and as John and his men could pick up just three singles, and the home men three singles and a 4 on the penultimate end, the County was well beaten.

Rink 2. Adam Pitfield, Paul Green, Peter Ward & Andrew Manton 29 shots – Calvin Wells 24 shots

The County rink started this match like an express train as they won the first 5 ends, posting 18 shots on the board, including two counts of 5 and a 4, but Warwickshire fought back well in winning the next 4 ends to reduce the County lead to 18-11, and 2 ends later they were just 5 shots behind at 14-19. Another 5 for Andrew and his men reinstated a 10 shots lead, but with 5 ends to play that lead had been reduced to just 3, although in winning 3 of the last 5 ends Andrew and his men recorded a decent win.

Rink 3. Tony O'Leary, David Love, Mick Spear & Vernon Gearey 12 shots – Andy Smith 26 shots

After winning the first 2 ends, the County men were stuck on 3 shots for the next 4 ends as the home team scored 8 shots, but Vernon and his men won the next 3 ends to tie up the score at 8 shots each, and 2 ends later they were just 1 behind at 10-1. Unfortunately the County men were then kept on that score of 10 for 7 ends whilst Warwickshire steadily scored to take a 22-10 shots lead with 3 ends left to play, and those 3 ends went 4-2 in the home men's favour for a very good win to them.

Rink 4. Cameron Knox, Mick Sharp, Jack Tobin & Martin Gearey 16 shots – Martin Timms 18 shots

In this match Team Manager's Assistant Mick Sharpe was roped in to play, and the first few ends went well for the County as they got a 6-2 lead after 6 ends, but in dropping a single followed by a 4, they lost the lead 6-7, however, the 9th end was very good for Martin and his men for they collected a huge count of 6 shots to go 12-7 in front. The home players responded well by winning the next 4 ends, albeit in singles, to get within 1 shot at 11-12, and in a period where it was 'nip and tuck' between the two it was no surprise to find the scores level at 15 shots each with 3 ends left to play. Those 3 ends went 3-1 in Warwickshire's favour for a small defeat for the County.

Rink 5. Chris Gray, Simon Coles, John Freeman & Roger Tansley 12 shots – Colin Jacox 23 shots

A decent start for the County saw them win the first 2 ends for a 3-0 lead, but on that 3 they were kept for 6 ends, and Warwickshire took a 10-3 lead, and after 11 ends of play Roger and his men were still 6 shots adrift. Unfortunately that deficit was doubled on the next 2 ends for the County to be 5-17 in arrears with 7 ends to play. Those 7 ends went marginally better for the County at 7-6, but the end result was a good win for Warwickshire.

Rink 6. David Iddles, Tom Wellburn, Adrian Harris & David Walker 25 shots – Alan Apsey 15 shots

In this match, after dropping a double on the first end, the County rink won the next 5 ends and scored 10 shots in the process, including a big count of 5 shots on the 4th end for a 10-2 lead, but the next 4 ends saw a strong Warwickshire response as they collected 7 shots to just 2 by the County to get within 2 at 9-11 down. The best response to that came as David and his men picked up a double and then another big count of 5, to go 9 shots up at 18-9 with 9 ends to play. Warwickshire won 5 of those 9 ends, picking up 6 shots, but David and his men, in winning 4 of them, posted 7 shots to boost their total for a very good win.

4. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE WOMEN 'WALKER CUP' v CAMBRIDGESHIRE – RESULT

The ladies of the Women's Section of the **Jackson Grundy sponsored Bowls Northamptonshire** embarked on their challenge for the Inter County 'Walker Cup' in its double rink competition on the afternoon of Sunday, 23rd June, 2019, at Wellingborough BC, with their opponents Cambridgeshire again, following their 'Johns Trophy' match defeat against them of the previous day. In consequence of that defeat, it was expected that the County would have a pretty hard battle on their hands, but in the event, they won relatively comfortably by 15 shots, apart from a bit of a blip near the end.

The final score was Northamptonshire 46 shots – Cambridgeshire 31 shots. Rink details as follows, Cambridgeshire skips only named:

Rink 1. Ann-Marie Waters, Michelle Harris, Katie Smith & Rebecca Wigfield 22 shots – Jean Stephens 14 shots

A very low scoring match in the early stages, with the scores level at 3 shots each after 5 ends, and although the shots per end did not increase much, the County won the next 7 ends to open up a 12-3 shots lead, but the 'unlucky for some' 13th end was certainly lucky for Cambridgeshire for they picked up a count of 4 shots with more than a slice of luck with the delivery by their skip, for the gap to be closed. Rebecca and her players, however, reinstated a decent 17-8 lead with 4 ends to go, but those 4 ends saw that 'bit of a blip' referred to, as Cambridgeshire bowled the first 3 of them very well and collected 6 shots to threaten the County. The last end, however, saw Rebecca and ladies recoup almost all of those shots as they picked up a big count of 5 shots for a very good win.

Rink 2. Alison Dring, Pat Bodily, Sharon Tansley & Yvonne McKee 24 shots – Ellen Falkner 17 shots

After picking up two doubles on the first 2 ends, the County dropped a 3 to be just in front 4-3 after 3 ends, but then Yvonne and her ladies had a remarkable run of scoring, which the International star Ellen Falkner was not able to do much about, as the County won 7 successive ends and picked up a mass of shots, 16 to be precise, including a 5 and a 4, to lead 20-3 shots after 10 ends of play. One could not expect that rate of scoring to continue against this opposition, and neither did it, for in the event Yvonne and her players picked up just 4 more shots, whilst Cambridge added 14 shots, to be 17-24 adrift of the County, with a potential of 2 ends to play, but as the other rink had finished 8 up, they all shook hands and the victory was with the County.

This excellent win puts the County through to the Regional Finals to be held on Sunday, 14th July, 2019.

5. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE MEN 'FRIENDLY' versus NORFOLK – RESULT

The men of the **Jackson Grundy sponsored Bowls Northamptonshire** took a coach ride to Wymondham Dell BC, on Tuesday, 18th June, 2019, to take on their counterparts from Norfolk, and were very keen to make it three successes this season against this County, following the Middleton Cup win and the White Rose Trophy win. Their wishes were realised, for on a reasonably dry day for a change, the County won the match by 15 shots. The County had 3 winning rinks, 1 drawn and 2 losing, and the highest scoring of the winners was that skipped by Norman Gibb which posted a very good 19 shots victory. The final score was Northamptonshire 111 shots – Norfolk 96 shots. Rink details as follows, Norfolk skips only:

Rink 1. Neil Moore, Jim Brumwell, Peter Mercer & John Church 16 shots – John Gamblin 22 shots

In this match, after dropping singles on the first 2 ends, the County appeared to be 'in charge' for we won the next 5 ends to get to 11-2 ahead, and this included a massive count of 6 shots on the 4th end, and at that point, I am sure I and my players did not get complacent, but we dropped two successive counts of 3, and after winning the next 2 ends we were on 14-8 up and on that 14 we stayed for the next 5 ends, as the home players got the better of a tricky rink, and with 5 ends left to play had taken the lead at 17-14. Those last 5 ends went in favour of Norfolk as they collected 5 shots to the 2 we picked up, for a decent victory against us.

Rink 2. Will Clelland, Tom Black, John Chester & Terry James 14 shots – Alan Coombe 25 shots

The first few ends were very evenly contested in this match with the score 6 shots each after 6 ends, but then Norfolk went on a 4 end winning run to take the lead 14-6, and after an exchange of doubles, the deficit for Terry & his men was the same 8 shots. After dropping a single on the next end, Terry & his men scored a count of 4 to give them some encouragement with the deficit down to 5 shots, but the home team won the next 3 ends to lead by 9 shots with 4 ends to play. Each side won 2 of those ends, but Norfolk collected 4 shots to the 2 by the County, for a well earned win.

Rink 3. Rod Douglas, Dave Lovell, Michael Moulton & Paul Green 24 shots – David Aldous 12 shots

This was a match of changing fortunes for the 2 sides, with a 2-3 deficit for the County after 5 ends, followed by a good run of 5 ends by Paul and his men in which they took a very good 11-3 shots lead, only to be stuck on that 11 for 6 ends, as the pendulum swung back to Norfolk, and they managed to take the lead 12-11. It was the turn of Norfolk to be kept to a score for the remaining 5 ends of play, as Paul and his men scored 13 shots for a very good win.

Rink 4. Paul Cooke, Dave Stewart, Brian Jones & Dave Betts 16 shots – John Hardy 16 shots

In this contest the County men, after an exchange of singles on the first 2 ends, were then kept just behind for the next 12 ends when the score was 7-9 shots down, but a big pick up of 5 shots, followed by a double, saw Dave & his men take a 5 shots lead at 14-9. That lead was short lived, however, for Norfolk won the next 3 ends to just get their noses in front at 15-14, and when Dave and his men re-took the lead 16-15, they could not prevent the home players from winning the last end by 1 shot for a tied match.

Rink 5. Harvey Fruish, Peter Kitchener, David Bailey & Richard Somerton 16 shots – Barney Wymer 15 shots

This was another match with fluctuating fortunes, with the County being ahead 3-2, and then behind 10-3 after 8 ends, and then Richard and his men keeping Norfolk on that 10 for 5 ends whilst they scored 8 shots to go ahead by 1 shot, and it was then the County's turn to be confined to a score for 4 ends as Norfolk scored 5 shots to take the lead 15-11 with 4 ends to play. The County won all of those 4 ends and just managed to win by the smallest margin.

Rink 6. Larry Lawrence, Bob Sullivan, Allen Simms & Norman Gibb 25 shots – Don Whyatt 6 shots

After an exchange of singles, the County rink won 6 ends on the trot and picked up 9 shots, including a count of 4 and 5 singles, for a 10-1 lead, and after Norfolk won the next 2 ends with 3 shots added to their score, Norman and his men won 5 more ends in succession to add 7 shots for a 17-4 lead, and after dropping a single on the 16th end, they scored well on the next 4 ends to add 8 more shots to their score, and although Norfolk won the last end with a single, it was a pretty dominant win for the County.

6. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE WOMEN 'FRIENDLY' versus NORFOLK – SELECTION

The following players have been selected to represent the women's section of the **Jackson Grundy sponsored Bowls Northamptonshire** in a friendly match against Norfolk on Thursday, 27th June, 2019, at Burton Latimer Town BC, commencing at 1.30 p.m.

- Rink 1.** Velda Cooper, Finedon Town BC/Brenice Willmott, Irchester BC/Eleanor Winters, Corby Forest BC/Di Brumwell, Kingsthorpe BC
- Rink 2.** Sue Collins & Phyll Parry, Wellingborough BC/Maggie Edwards, Kingsthorpe BC/Jan Hunt, Wellingborough BC
- Rink 3.** Joyce George, Wellingborough BC/Sandy Hayter, Bugbrooke BC/Linda Warren, Abbey Park BC/Yvonne McKee, Kingsthorpe BC
- Rink 4.** Pat Coles, Geddington & Newton BC/Elaine Munton, Northampton Whyte Melville BC/Janet Swift, Abbey Park BC/Hilary Sharpe, Kingsthorpe BC
- Rink 5.** Sandra Lake & Linda Walsh, Wellingborough BC/Liz Keeney, Corby Seagrave House BC/Sharon Tansley, Kingsthorpe BC
- Rink 6.** Celia Morris, Kingsthorpe BC/Margaret Tyler, Burton Latimer Town BC/Pat Starsmore, Kettering Lodge BC/Joan Sidebottom, Roade BC
- Travelling Reserves:** Pat Mattinson, Thrapston BC/Marilyn Dunkley, Wellingborough BC/Anita Gearey, Roade BC/Helen Milner, Northampton Whyte Melville BC

7. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE MEN INDOOR COMPETITION ENTRIES

A reminder from the **Northamptonshire Indoor Bowling Association** Competition Secretary, John Chester, that the closing date for competition entries for the 2019/2020 season, is approaching fast, for entries must be submitted by the **30th June, 2019**. Only a week hence, so do not delay if your entries are not yet in. Entry forms are available at the Indoor Clubs via the Secretary, or if in difficulty, they may be downloaded from **the NIBA website**, at <https://northantsiba.com>

8. COUNTY COMPETITIONS – OF INTEREST THROUGHOUT COUNTY

COUNTY COMPETITIONS SPONSORED BY KEMPSTON CONTROLS, SHIRLEY ROAD, RUSHDEN

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PAIRS

North Area

- 2nd Round:** **Tina Broderick & Partner, Burton Latimer Town BC beat** Barbara Haseldine & Partner, Finedon BC 24-15 shots
- 3rd Round:** **Rebecca Wigfield & Partner, Desborough Town BC beat** Tina Broderick & Partner, Burton Latimer Town BC 25-18 shots
- Pam Reynolds & Partner, Wellingborough BC beat** Audrey Height & Partner, Kettering Lodge BC 22-14 shots
- Val Betts & Partner, Higham Ferrers Town BC beat** Marilyn Dunkley & Partner, Wellingborough BC 22-14 shots
- Jan Hunt & Partner, Wellingborough BC beat** Pet Winyard & Partner, Thrapston BC 21-13 shots

These four winners will now play in the County Quarter Finals on Sunday 30th June, 2019, at Thrapston BC

South Area

2nd Round: **Jill Welch & Partner, Heyford BC beat Sharon Tansley & Partner, Kingsthorpe BC 21-14 shots**
Ann-Marie Waters & Partner, Roade BC beat Serena Santer & Partner, St Crispin BC 30-10 shots
Hilary Sharpe & Partner, Kingsthorpe BC beat Helen Blaby & Partner, Kislingbury BC 19-15 shots
Janet Swift & Partner, Abbey Park BC beat Chris Cross & Partner, Byfield BC 20-4 shots

These four winners will now play in the County Quarter Finals on Sunday, 30th June, 2019, at Thrapston BC

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PAIRS

1st Round: In my Report on the 16th June, 2019, I referred to a North Area Mixed Pairs result incorrectly. The BN Yearbook shows there to be two entries from an S Norman of Higham Ferrers Town BC, one in Section B & the other in Section C. I was aware that the C Section one was Steve Norman losing to Brian Hickman, but I had been informed that a B Norman had won the B Section match against E Fairbairn, but as there is not a B Norman at Higham Ferrers, I assumed incorrectly, in the absence of any response to my queries, that it was Helena and Graham Norman. In fact the pairing is Helena Norman and Peter Knight, both of Higham Ferrers Town BC.

2nd Round: **Kevin Mawson & Partner, Kislingbury BC beat Alan Coleman & Partner, Abington BC 23-12 shots**

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SINGLES

Round 3.

South Area: **Danny Walker, Northampton West End BC beat Andy Fowkes, Northampton West End BC 21-17 shots**
Tony O'Leary, Abington BC beat Sean Rowlands, Northampton Whyte Melville BC 21-20 shots
Jamie Walker, Northampton West End BC beat Darren Childs, Northampton West End BC 21-7 shots
Dominic Graham, Northampton Express BC beat John Moore, Daventry Town BC 21-7 shots
Alan Dunkley, Abington BC beat Peter Milburn, Abington BC 21-13 shots

North Area: **Ian Roy, Wellingborough BC given walkover by Tony Knowles, Irchester BC**
Connor Cinato, Kettering Midland Band BC beat Alan Muir, Corby Forest BC 21-10 shots
Peter Ward, Desborough Town BC beat Kenny Muir, Corby Forest BC 21-9 shots
Jack Tobin, Burton Latimer Town BC beat Neil Gould, Earls Barton BC 21-16 shots
David Love, Wellingborough BC beat Adam Pitfield, Burton Latimer Town BC 21-6 shots
John Gunning, Wellingborough BC beat Carl Wigfield, Desborough Town BC 21-16 shots
Neil Corbyn, Wellingborough BC beat David Smith, Kettering Midland Band BC 21-7 shots

UNDER 25 SINGLES

South Area:

Area Finals: **Will Walker, Northampton West End BC beat Danny Walker, Northampton West End BC 21-14 shots**
Conor Bryan, Kingsthorpe BC given walkover by Jordan Dickens, St Crispin BC

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2nd Round:

- North Area** **Allen Simms' Rink, Kettering Lodge BC given walkover by** Robert Emery's Rink, Rothwell Manor Park BC
Phil Exley's Rink, Burton Latimer Town BC beat Will Keeney's Rink, Corby Seagrave House BC 25-16 shots
Connor Cinato's Rink, Kettering Midland Band BC beat Neil Gould's Rink, Earls Barton BC 22-11 shots
Mick Corbyn's Rink, Rushden Town BC beat Paul Broderick's Rink, Burton Latimer Town BC 27-23 shots
Paul Melville's Rink, Corby Forest BC beat Carl Haines' Rink, Desborough Town BC 28-18 shots
Walt Winsor's Rink, Wellingborough BC beat Robert Bellairs' Rink, Oundle BC 22-20 shots
Malc Mattinson's Rink, Thrapston BC beat David Smith's Rink, Kettering Midland Band BC 23-11 shots
Will Hill's Rink, Kettering Lodge BC beat John Marlow's Rink, Wellingborough BC 21-17 shots
- South Area** **Tom Wellburn's Rink, Northampton Express BC beat** Paul Green's Rink, Northampton Express BC 22-20 shots
Mick Taylor's Rink, Abington BC beat Rob Archer's Rink, Abington BC 16-10 shots
Vernon Gearey's Rink, Kingsthorpe BC beat Tony Hartwright's Rink, Roade BC 25-11 shots
Trevor Wright's Rink, Cold Ashby BC beat Martin Walker's Rink, Northampton West End BC 15-14 shots
Alan Ashby's Rink, Northampton West End BC beat Jonathan Brown's Rink, Abington BC 20-13 shots
Gavin Taylor's Rink, Northampton Express BC beat Mark Dickens' Rink, St Crispin BC 29-14 shots
Will Walker's Rink, Northampton West End BC beat Pete Milburn's Rink, Abington BC 18-2 shots
Dominic Graham's Rink, Northampton Express BC beat Jamie Walker's Rink, Northampton West End BC 18-17 shots

Area Finals:

- North Area:** **Phil Exley's Rink, Burton Latimer Town BC beat** Allen Simms' Rink, Kettering Lodge BC 24-6 shots
Connor Cinato's Rink, Kettering Midland Band BC beat Mick Corbyn's Rink, Rushden Town BC 26-24 shots
Paul Melville's Rink, Corby Forest BC beat Walt Winsor's Rink, Wellingborough BC 28-19 shots
Malc Mattinson's Rink, Thrapston BC beat Will Hill's Rink, Kettering Lodge BC 23-14 shots
- South Area** **Tom Wellburn's Rink, Northampton Express BC beat** Mick Taylor's Rink, Abington BC 18-17 shots
Vernon Gearey's Rink, Kingsthorpe BC beat Trevor Wright's Rink, Cold Ashby BC 23-0 shots
Gavin Taylor's Rink, Northampton Express BC given walkover by Alan Ashby's Rink, Northampton West End BC
Dominic Graham's Rink, Northampton Express BC beat Will Walker's Rink, Northampton West End BC 18-15 shots

11. NATIONAL COMPETITIONS – OF INTEREST COUNTY WIDE

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SENIOR SINGLES

- 1st Round:** **Margaret Watts, Desborough Town BC beat** Margaret Cave, Thrapston BC 21-11 shots
Janet Ashby, Roade BC beat Jenny Dempsey, Higham Ferrers Town BC 21-14 shots

SENIOR PAIRS

- 1st Round:** **Tina Broderick & Partner, Burton Latimer Ton BC beat** Linda Simms & Partner, Kettering Lodge BC 20-17 shots
Viv Gaudyn & Partner, Higham Ferrers Town BC beat Barbara Haseldine & Partner, Finedon Town BC 20-9 shots
Sharon Tansley & Partner, Kingsthorpe BC beat Jill Welch & Partner, Heyford BC 18-13 shots

CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS SINGLES

- 2nd Round:** **Tina Broderick, Burton Latimer Town BC beat** Sian Hughes-Jones, Kettering Lodge BC 21-14 shots

TOP CLUB

- 1st Round:** **Burton Latimer Town BC beat** Kettering Lodge BC 2.5 – 1.5

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PAIRS

- 3rd Round:** **Adrian Harris & Partner, Kettering Lodge BC beat** Adam Pitfield & Partner, Burton Latimer Town BC 20-11 shots
Emma Exley & Partner, Burton Latimer Town BC beat Steven Gentle & Partner, Eynesbury BC 26-14 shots

FAMILY PAIRS

- 3RD Round:** **Will Walker & Partner, Northampton West End BC beat** Rob White & Partner, Northampton Express BC 22-20 shots

GENTLEMEN

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CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS SINGLES

- 1st Round:** **Trevor Spear, Northampton Whyte Melville BC beat** John Hodgkinson, Daventry Town BC 21-10 shots

SENIOR SINGLES

- 2nd Round:** **Michael Moulton, Heyford BC beat** David Jones, Abington BC 21-13 shots

SENIOR PAIRS

- 1st Round:** **Steve Norman & Partner, Higham Ferrers Town BC beat** Bryn Walker & Partner, Wellingborough BC 18-13 shots
David Bailey, Thrapston BC & Mick Catlin, Kettering Lodge BC beat Will Clelland & Norman Gibb, Corby Seagrave House BC 18-15 shots
Alan Coleman & Partner, Abington BC beat Ivan Wilson & Partner, Kingsthorpe BC 20-13 shots
Allen Simms & Partner, Kettering Lodge BC beat Tony Gilbert & Partner, Desborough Town BC 22-11 shots

CLUB TWO FOURS

- 2nd Round:** **Earls Barton BC lost to** Somersham BC 28-38 shots
Northampton Whyte Melville BC 'A' beat Northampton Express BC 'B' 35-30 shots
Northampton Express BC 'A' lost to Erdington Court BC 37-38 shots

TOP CLUB

2nd Round: **Kettering Lodge BC beat** Irchester BC 3-2
 Northampton West End BC beat Daventry Town BC 5-0
 Kingsthorpe BC ‘A’ beat Northampton Express BC 3-2
 Desborough Town BC lost to St Ives BC 2-3
 Burton Latimer Town BC beat Earls Barton BC 5-0

UNDER 25 ‘WHITE ROSE TROPHY’

The Bowls England National Inter County competition, the White Rose Trophy will be played to a conclusion on **Sunday 1st September, 2019**, during the National Championships at Victoria Park, Royal Leamington Spa. Following the success of the two County Rinks at Peterborough last Sunday, the ‘**Northamptonshire Saints**’ and the ‘**Northamptonshire Cobblers**’, both will be at Leamington Spa, for the Quarter Finals, the draw for which is:

Quarter-Final draw:

Northumberland Geordie Boys versus Surrey Swifts;
Northamptonshire Saints versus Warwickshire Bears;
Durham Dynamos versus Wiltshire Moonrakers;
Hampshire Hogs versus **Northamptonshire Cobblers**

12. RUSHDEN TIPLER TRIPLES LEAGUE – LATEST INFORMATION

After the last series of matches the following is the position of teams in the League:

Division ‘A’ The top of the table is shared by ‘New Order’ and ‘Rebels’, each with 17 points from their 5 matches played, with ‘New Order’ in 1st place with a superior shot aggregate. These teams are followed by Higham Ferrers Town BC ‘A’ which has 15.5 points.

Division ‘B’ The top of the table sees Finedon Town BC sitting on their own with 23 points from their 6 matches, with ‘RAFA’ in second place with 19 points and in third place ‘Barton Knights’ with 18 points

13. NATIONAL BOWLS NEWS

BOWLS ENGLAND NEWS

1. Hat Trick of Titles for England at the British Isles Women’s Championships

England’s representatives secured a hat-trick of titles at the British Isles Women’s Bowls Council Championships this weekend. The Championships commenced at Les Creux, Jersey, on Friday 14th June, with all finals taking place on Saturday 15th June.

Suzanne Cotton and Diana Jones enjoyed success in the pairs with victories over representatives from Ireland (21-13) in the semi-final and Wales (24-17) in the final.

Sophie Tolchard, Kelly Atkinson, Lorraine Hackett and Natalie Chestney secured the fours title by also defeating Ireland and Wales. A 20-16 defeat of Ireland in the semi-final was followed up by a five-shot win over Wales in the final.

Bowls England President Hazel Marke was part of the Hampshire quartet that claimed the senior fours crown. Lesley Johnson, Brenda Plumpton, Marke and Margaret Holden defeated a Jersey rink by two shots in the semi-final, before enjoying a 10-shot victory over Scotland’s representatives in the final.

2. Bowls England to Establish Sponsorship Working Group

A working group with the aim to aid affiliated Clubs and County Associations with obtaining sponsorship is to be launched by Bowls England. Chaired by Stephen Hemsley, Bowls England's Director of Finance, the group will prepare guidance and resources to assist with securing addition income. The Group will work on a voluntary basis, but reasonable expenses will be provided in accordance with Bowls England policy. It is envisaged that the group will complete its work within six months.

Expressions of interest from people willing to participate in the initiative are invited from people with experience of, but not limited to:

- successfully raising sponsorship for Clubs / Counties
- successfully raising sponsorship for other sports
- granting sponsorship to sports organisations as part of their employment

Anyone interested in joining the working group should complete the attached form expressing their interest.

Expressions of interest must be returned to tony@bowlsengland.com no later than 9am on Wednesday 17th July 2019.

14. OBITUARY

John Crowther, 73 years, Daventry Town BC & Daventry IBC

John died on the 18th June, 2019, in an Oxford Hospital. He was a most valuable member, and a very keen bowler and good club man, who did not just bowl but took up office as a Director & member of the Bowls Committee at Daventry Town BC, and will be sadly missed.

Our deepest sympathies are extended to his beloved wife, Jean, and the family.

No funeral arrangements available at this time.

15. COUNTY CLUB NEWS

SOUTH AREA – OF INTEREST THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY BUT IN PARTICULAR TO READERS OF THE CHRONICLE & ECHO

ABINGTON BC

Fixtures:

- 28.6.19. Club plays Kingsthorpe BC at home in the women's Triples League at 6.30 p.m.
29.6.19. Club plays in the 'Manfield Cup competition at 2.0 p.m.
1.7.19. A Team plays Northampton Express BC at home & B Team plays Wootton Grange BC away in the men's triples League at 6.30 p.m.
2.7.19. Club plays Northampton Whyte Melville BC at home at 2.30 p.m.

BRACKLEY BC

Fixtures:

- 27.6.19. Club plays Abington BC at home at 2.30 p.m.
29.6.19. Club plays in the Manfield Cup competition at 2.0 p.m.
1.7.19. Club plays Northampton Express BC away in the men's Triples League at 6.30p.m.

BUGBROOKE BC

Fixtures:

- 29.6.19. Club plays in the Manfield Cup competition at 2.0 p.m.
30.6.19. Club plays Golden Horse BC at home at 2.30 p.m.
1.7.19. Club plays Roade BC in the men's triples league at 6.30 p.m.

BYFIELD BC

Fixtures:

2.7.19. Club plays Banbury Borough BC at home at 6.15 p.m.

CARLSBERG BC

Fixtures:

29.6.19. Club plays Cold Ashby BC at home at 2.30 p.m.

COGENHOE BC

Fixtures:

29.6.19. Club plays in the Manfield Cup competition

30.6.19. Club plays Wellingborough OG's BC away at 1.30 p.m.

1.7.19. Club plays Northampton West End BC at home in the men's Triples League at 6.30 p.m.

COLD ASHBY BC

Fixtures:

29.6.19. Club plays Carlsberg BC away at 2.30 p.m.

3.7.19. Club plays Rothwell Manor Park BC at home at 2.30p.m.

DAVENTRY TOWN BC

Fixtures:

28.6.19. Club plays Kislingbury BC at home in the women's Triples League at 6.30 p.m.

29.6.19. Club plays in the Manfield Cup competition at 2.0 p.m.

1.7.19. A Team plays Heyford BC away & B Team plays Wootton Grange BC at home in the men's Triples League at 6.30 p.m.

HARPOLE BC

Fixtures:

2.7.19. Club plays Kislingbury BC at home at 2.30 p.m.

29.6.19. Club plays in the Manfield Cup competition at 2.0 p.m.

HEYFORD BC

Fixtures:

29.6.19. Club plays in the Manfield Cup competition at 2.0 p.m.

29.6.19. Club holds its 'Ladies Day' at 2.0 p.m.

3.7.19. Club plays St Crispin BC at 6.30 p.m.

KINGSTHORPE BC

Fixtures:

29.6.19. Club plays in the Manfield Cup competition at 2.0 p.m.

1.7.19. Club hosts the BN Women's Challenge Cup at 1.30 p.m.

3.7.19. Club hosts the BN Men's Fours Quarter Finals at 6.0 p.m.

KISLINGBURY BC

Fixtures:

29.6.19. Club plays in the Manfield Cup competition at 2.0 p.m.

2.7.19. Club plays Harpole BC away at 2.30 p.m.

3.7.19. Club plays Abbey Park BC away at 2.30 p.m.

NORTHAMPTON EXPRESS BC

Fixtures:

- 29.6.19. Club plays in the Manfield Cup competition at 2.0 p.m.
1.7.19. A Team plays Abington BC away & B Team plays Brackley & District BC at home in the men's Triples League at 6.30 p.m.

NORTHAMPTON WEST END BC

Fixtures:

- 27.6.19. Club plays Wellingborough BC at home at 2.0 p.m.
29.6.19. Club plays in the Manfield Cup competition at 2.0 p.m.
1.7.19. A Team plays St Crispin BC at home & B Team plays Cogenhoe BC away in the men's Triples League at 6.30 p.m.

NORTHAMPTON WHYTE MELVILLE BC

Fixtures:

- 27.6.19. Club plays the Northants Retired Police BA at Wellingborough BC at 2.0 p.m.
28.6.19. Club plays St Crispin BC at home in the women's Triples League at 6.30 p.m.
29.6.19. Club plays in the Manfield Cup competition at 2.0 p.m.
30.6.19. Club plays Raunds Conservatives BC at home at 2.0 p.m.
30.6.19. Club plays Higham Ferrers Town BC in the County League at 10.0 a.m.
1.7.19. A Team plays Kingsthorpe BC at home & B Team plays St Crispin BC away in the men's Triples league at 6.30 p.m.
2.7.19. Club plays Abington BC away at 2.30 p.m.

ROADE BC

Fixtures:

- 29.6.19. Club plays in the Manfield Cup competition at 2.0 p.m.
30.6.19. Club plays St Crispin BC away at 2.0 p.m.
1.7.19. Club plays Bugbrooke BC away in the men's Triples League at 6.30 p.m.

ST. CRISPIN BC

Fixtures:

- 28.6.19. Club plays Northampton Whyte Melville BC away in the women's Triples League at 6.30 p.m.
29.6.19. Club plays in the Manfield Cup competition at 2.0 p.m.
29.6.19. Club ladies play their 2 wood competition
30.6.19. Club plays Roade BC at home at 2.0 p.m.
1.7.19. A Team plays Northampton West End away & B Team plays Northampton Whyte Melville BC at home in the men's triples League at 6.30 p.m.
2.7.19. Club plays the Northants VP's at home at 2.15 p.m.

WEST HADDON BC

Fixtures:

- 27.6.19. Club plays Rugby Thornfield BC at home at 6.30 p.m.
29.6.19. Club plays in the Manfield Cup competition at 2.0 p.m.
1.7.19. Club plays Kislingbury BC away in the men's Triples league at 6.30 p.m.
2.7.19. Club plays Rugby BC away at 2.0 p.m.

WOODFORD-cum-MEMBRIS BC

Fixtures:

- 29.6.19. Club plays Leamington Hastings BC at home at 2.30 p.m.

WOOTTON GRANGE BC

Fixtures:

- 29.6.19. Club plays in the Manfield Cup competition at 2.0 p.m.
1.7.19. A Team plays Abington BC at home & B Team plays Daventry Town BC away in the men's Triples League at 6.30 p.m.

NORTH AREA – OF INTEREST THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY BUT IN PARTICULAR TO READERS OF THE EVENING TELEGRAPH

BURTON LATIMER TOWN BC

Fixtures:

- 27.6.19. Club hosts a match between Northamptonshire women and Norfolk women at 1.30 p.m.
29.6.19. Club plays in the Manfield Cup competition at 2.0 p.m.
30.6.19. Club plays Kettering Lodge BC away at 2.30 p.m.

CORBY FOREST BC

Fixtures:

- 27.6.19. Club plays Kettering Athletic BC at home at 6.30 p.m.
29.6.19. Club plays in the Manfield Cup competition at 2.0 p.m.
30.6.19. Club plays Rushden Town BC in the County League at 10.0 a.m.
2.7.19. Club plays Kettering Lodge BC away at 2.0 p.m.

CORBY SEAGRAVE HOUSE BC

Fixtures:

- 27.6.19. Club plays Rothwell Manor Park BC at home at 6.30 p.m.
29.6.19. Club plays in the Manfield Cup competition at 2.0 p.m.
1.7.19. Club plays its A Hardie competition at 6.0 p.m.
2.7.19. Club hosts a match between Northamptonshire men and Middlesex men at 2.0 p.m.
2.7.19. Club plays Rothwell Manor BC away at 2.30 p.m.
3.7.19. Club plays Wellingborough BC in the County League at 6.30 p.m.

DESBOROUGH TOWN BC

Fixtures:

- 27.6.19. Club plays Countesthorpe BC at home at 2.0 p.m.
29.6.19. Club plays in the Manfield Cup competition at 2.0 p.m.
30.6.19. Club holds its Captain & President Day at 2.0p.m.
2.7.19. Club plays Geddington & Newton BC at home at 6.30 p.m.

EARLS BARTON BC

Fixtures:

- 29.6.19. Club plays in the Manfield Cup competition at 2.0 p.m.
30.6.19. Club holds its Captain & President day at 10.0 a.m.
1.7.19. Club plays Byfield BC away in the men's Triples League at 6.30 p.m.

GEDDINGTON & NEWTON BC

Fixtures:

- 27.6.19. Club plays Kettering Lodge BC away at 6.30 p.m.
29.6.19. Club plays in the Manfield Cup competition at 2.0 p.m.
30.6.19. Club plays Kettering Midland Band BC in the County League at 10.0 a.m.
30.6.19. Club plays its Brian Cook match at home at 2.0 p.m.
2.7.19. Club plays Wellingborough BC at home at 6.30 p.m.
2.7.19. Club plays Desborough Town BC away at 6.30 p.m.

HIGHAM FERRERS TOWN BC

Fixtures:

- 27.6.19. Club plays Finedon Pensioners at home at 2.0 p.m.
- 29.6.19. Club plays in the Manfield Cup competition at 2.0 p.m.
- 30.6.19. Club plays Northampton Whyte Melville BC in the County League at 10.0 a.m.
- 1.7.19. Club A Team plays Rushden Town BC A Team at home & Club B Team plays Irchester BC B Team at home in the Tipler Triples League at 6.30 p.m.

IRCHESTER BC

Fixtures:

- 27.6.19. Club plays Thrapston BC at home at 6.30 p.m.
- 29.6.19. Club plays in the Manfield Cup competition at 2.0 p.m.
- 30.6.19. Club plays Northampton BBOB BC at home at 2.0 p.m.
- 1.7.19. Club B Team plays Higham Ferrers Town BC B team away & Club D Team plays Thrapston BC at home in the Tipler Triples League at 6.30 p.m.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH CHURCH INSTITUTE BC

Fixtures:

- 29.6.19. Club plays Stanwick BC away at 2.30 p.m.

ISE BC

Fixtures:

- 27.6.19. Club plays Wellingborough OG's BC away at 6.30 pm.
- 29.6.19. Club plays Finedon Town BC away at 2.30 p.m.

ISLIP BC

Fixtures:

- 27.6.19. Club plays Stanwick BC at home at 6.30 p.m.
- 29.6.19. Charter Fair to be held.

KETTERING LODGE BC

Fixtures:

- 27.6.19. Club plays Geddington & Newton BC at home at 6.30 p.m.
- 29.6.19. Club plays in the Manfield Cup competition at 2.0 p.m.
- 30.6.19. Club plays Northampton BBOB BC in the County League at 10.0 a.m.
- 30.6.19. Club plays Burton Latimer Town BC at home at 2.30 p.m.
- 2.7.19. Club plays Corby Forest BC at home at 2.0 p.m.

KETTERING MIDLAND BAND BC

Fixtures:

- 27.6.19. Club plays its Triples competition at 6.30 p.m.
- 29.6.19. Club plays in the Manfield Cup competition at 2.0 p.m.
- 30.6.19. Club plays Geddington & Newton BC in the County League at 10.0 a.m.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE RETIRED POLICE BA

Fixtures:

- 27.6.19. Club plays Northampton Whyte Melville BC at home at 2.0 p.m.
- 29.6.19. Club plays in the Manfield Cup competition at 2.0 p.m.

OUNDLÉ BC

Fixtures:

- 27.6.19. Club plays Woodsend C away at 2.30 p.m.
- 29.6.19. Club plays in the Manfield Cup competition at 2.0 p.m.
- 2.7.19. Club plays Wellingborough BC at home at 2.30 p.m.

ROTHWELL MANOR PARK BC

Fixtures:

- 27.6.19. Club plays Corby Seagrave House BC away at 6.30 p.m.
- 2.7.19. Club plays Corby Seagrave House BC at home at 2.0 p.m.
- 3.7.19. Club plays Cold Ashby BC away at 2.30 p.m.

RUSHDEN TOWN BC

Fixtures:

- 29.6.19. Club plays in the Manfield Cup competition at 2.0 p.m.
- 30.6.19. Club plays Corby Forest BC in the County League at 10.0 a.m.
- 30.6.19. Club plays Irchester BC at home at 2.0 p.m.
- 1.7.19. Club plays Higham Ferrers BC away in the Tipler Triples League at 6.30 p.m.

SWANSPPOOL BC

Fixtures:

- 29.6.19. Club plays in the Manfield Cup competition at 2.0 p.m.

THRAPSTON BC

Fixtures:

- 27.6.19. Club plays Irchester BC away at 6.30 p.m.
- 29.6.19. Club plays in the Manfield Cup competition at 2.0 p.m.
- 30.6.19. Club hosts the BN Women's Pairs Q/F & S/F from 9.30 a.m
- 1.7.19. Club plays Irchester BC away in the Tipler Triples League at 6.30 p.m.
- 2.7.19. Club plays Desborough Town BC in the County League at 6.30 p.m.

WELLINGBOROUGH BC

Fixtures:

- 27.6.19. Club plays Northampton West End BC away at 2.0 p.m.
- 27.6.19. Club hosts a match between Northants Retired Police BA & Northampton Whyte Melville BC at 2.0 p.m.
- 29.6.19. Club plays in the Manfield Cup competition at 2.0 p.m.
- 2.7.19. Club plays Oundle BC away at 2.30 p.m.
- 2.7.19. Club plays Geddington & Newton BC away at 6.30 p.m.
- 3.7.19. Club plays Corby Seagrave Huse BC in the County League at 6/30 p.m.

WELLINGBOROUGH OG'S BC

Fixtures:

- 27.6.19. Club plays Ise BC at home at 6.0 p.m.
- 29.6.19. Club plays in the Manfield Cup competition at 2.0 p.m.
- 30.6.19. Club plays Cogenhoe BC at home at 1.30 p.m.

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