

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE BOWLS NEWS REPORTS

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BOWLS REPORT

1. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE WOMEN 'WALKER CUP' – REGIONAL FINALS SUCCESS

The ladies of the Women's Section of the Jackson Grundy sponsored Bowls Northamptonshire have qualified for the National Championships in the National Inter County 'Walker Cup' for Double Rinks – Great News well done to all.

The two County rinks took part in the Regional Finals of the 'Walker Cup' on Sunday, 14th July, 2019, at Kingsthorpe BC, along with **Leicestershire, Essex & Huntingdonshire.**

The County's first opponents in the **Semi-Final were Leicestershire**, which was played in the morning.

This match was pretty evenly contested overall with one rink win for each County, but Northamptonshire prevailed by 5 shots, to progress to the Regional Final.

The Final score versus Leicestershire was **Northamptonshire 38 shots – Leicestershire 33 shots.** Rink details as follows, Leicester skips only named:

Rink 1. Alison Dring, Pat Bodily, Sharon Tansley & Yvonne McKee 14 shots – Jamie-Lea Winch 23 shots

In this match the County rink started with a big 5 on the first end, but then Leicestershire kept them on that 5 whilst they posted 10 shots for a 10-5 lead at 5 ends, and at 10 ends Yvonne & her ladies were still 5 shots adrift at 8-13, and after 15 ends the deficit had grown to 9 at 10-19 behind with 6 ends to pay. Those 6 ends saw Yvonne & her ladies win 4 of them, all in singles, with Leicester matching that scoring with their 2 winning ends

Rink 2. Ann-Marie Waters, Michelle Harris, Katie Smith & Rebecca Wigfield 24 shots – Di Hurst 10 shots

A generally low scoring match for around three quarters of its length, with mostly single and double counts only recorded by either side, but after collecting 2 singles on the opening ends, the County was always in front, being 5-1 up after 5 ends, & 9-3 up after 10 ends. Leicester picked up a 3 on the 11th end, but Rebecca & her ladies struck back with 5 shots on the next 3 ends, and after 15 ends of play were 14-7 ahead. From that point the County won 5 of the remaining ends, collecting 10 shots in the process, to the one pick up of 3 by their opponents on the last end.

In the other Semi-Final Huntingdonshire prevailed against Essex, so it was our near neighbours **Huntingdonshire** who formed the County's opposition in the **Regional Final.**

A little surprising, in view of their very good win against Essex, and the clutch of England Internationals that they had, that Hunts did not provide the County with a sterner test, for both Northants rinks had decent wins, and with the margin being 17 shots, it was so disparate that two ends did not need to be played. The Final score was **Northamptonshire 46 shots – Huntingdonshire 29 shots.** Rink details as follows, Hunts skips only named:

Rink 1. Alison Dring, Pat Bodily, Sharon Tansley & Yvonne McKee 21 shots – Pat Reynolds 15 shots (19 ends only played)

This was quite an even match for half of its length or so, with the score 4-3 in the County's favour after 4 ends, and 8-7 in Hunts favour after 9 ends, but then the 10th end saw the jack moved a little luckily for the County to collect a big pick up of 5 shots, to give Yvonne & her ladies a 12-8 lead. Then followed some pretty low scoring, with the County winning 3 ends with singles, and their opponents winning 1 end with a pair, for a lead of 15-10 shots to the County after 14 ends.

The 15th end, however, was a mini disaster for the County, as Hunts collected a big 5 of their own to draw level with 6 ends left to play. The next 4 ends however, went in favour of the County, with Yvonne bowling several terrific bowls to take the jack away from the Hunts bowls, and in collecting 6 shots on those 4 ends, as the other County rink had finished with an excellent win, Hunts had to concede the victory to the County without playing the last 2 ends.

Rink 2. Ann-Marie Waters, Michelle Harris, Katie Smith & Rebecca Wigfield 25 shots – Catherine Popple 14 shots

This was another top performance by the County rink, with all players producing very good bowls throughout, and they needed to, because the Hunts players also played really well, and the final score belies their contribution. What it did show, however, was that the County rink was a real team, and they played so well together. The match started very well for the County for after collecting a single on the first end, they picked up a huge 5 on the next and then added 3 more singles for a 9-0 lead after 5 ends.

Hunts scored a good 3 shots on the next end, but Rebecca & her ladies reciprocated with profit by collecting 6 shots on the next 2 ends for a 15-3 lead, and although Hunts picked up 4 shots on the next 2 ends, the County replied with 4 more shots on the next 3 for a lead of 19-7 after 13 ends of play. Hunts did reduce their deficit to 9 with 4 ends to play, but the County added 5 more for a 14 shots lead with 2 ends left, which Hunts won, but it was another very good win for the County's rink.

Well done to all the players, not forgetting the Team Manager, Jan Hunt, who selected the team. This win puts them through to the National Championships at Victoria ark, Royal Leamington Spa, on the morning of Sunday, 18th August, 2019

2. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE MEN 'MCBA' versus NOTTINGHAMSHIRE – RESULT

The men of the **Jackson Grundy sponsored Bowls Northamptonshire** took on Nottinghamshire in the Midland Counties Championship on the afternoon of Saturday, 13th July, 2019, at Wellingborough BC, and what a performance they produced. No losing rinks, with 5 winning and 1 drawing, and a massive overall win by 65 shots. The highest scoring for the County was that skipped by Will Walker, which posted an excellent win by 22 shots, and the other 4 winning rinks did so by either 11 shots or 10 shots, and as a result the County obtained 21 points to just 1 point conceded for the drawn rink.

The County team was short of several of the acknowledged 'top players' therefore the style of this excellent win, with the great enthusiasm being shown by the players, was a credit to them and also to the Team Manager Mick Smith and his assistant, Mick Sharpe, for producing such a winning combination.

Final score was Northamptonshire 152 shots (21 points) – Nottinghamshire 87 shots (1 point).

Rink details as follows, Nottinghamshire skips only named:

Rink 1. Danny Walker, Adrian Harris, Adam Pitfield & David Walker 24 shots – S Bailey 13 shots

In this contest the youthful County rink started off very well indeed in winning 7 of the first 8 ends of play, and leading 16-1 shots at that stage before Notts got their game going, which they did over the next 6 ends, in which they kept the County on those 16 shots whilst they scored 8 shots to remind the County that they were still in the game with one third of it left. With 4 ends to play the visitors had further reduced their deficit to just 6 shots, but the next 3 ends belonged to David and his men as they added 7 shots to their score for a 24-11 lead with 1 end left to play.

Rink 2. David Iddles, John Freeman, Nathan Betts & Will Walker 32 shots – M Owen 10 shots

This was a very even and low scoring match in the early stages, with the score 2 shots each after 4 ends of play, but 4 ends later the County had an 8-2 lead and looking very settled, however, Notts had other ideas and after a further 4 ends they had drawn level at 9 shots each when picking up a 4 on the 12th end. The reaction to that dropped 4 was immediate, for on the 13th end Will and his men collected a massive count of 7 shots, and they followed that with three doubles for a 22-9 lead, and after dropping a single they hammered home their dominance with 10 shots on the last 4 ends for a very good win.

Rink 3. Neil Rolfe, Mark Tomkins, Richard Lemon & John Haines 19 shots – A Lockhart 19 shots

This was a very tight contest, with firstly Notts taking a lead at 6-2 after 4 ends and the County drawing level 3 ends later at 6 each, and after taking a small lead, John and his men were tied up again at 10 shots each after 11 ends, and three ends later the two sides were level again on 12 shots. A pick up of 3 shots on the next end gave John and his men a lead, but that disappeared on the next end as Notts collected a 4, followed by a single, to lead by 2 shots at 17-15, and with 1 end to play the County was still 2 shots adrift at 17-19.

The playing of the last end was very interesting, for it was clear both wanted to win but when John went to bowl he was at least 2 shots down, so he sent a very firm bowl down which 'killed the end' for it to be replayed, and on its replay, the County almost collected the 3 they needed for a win, but had to settle for the 2 shots to draw on their rink.

Rink 4. Tom Wellburn, Paul Green, Alistair Melville & Curtis Johnson 22 shots – I Powdrill 11 shots

This was another pretty low scoring match, certainly in the first 10 ends, with just single counts and two doubles being scored, with the visitors having the better of the scoring at 7-2 at 7 ends played, but the County, with Vice President Paul Green pleased to play at No. 2, then won 4 successive ends and collected 7 shots to go ahead 9-7, and after dropping a single on the 12th end, they won 5 more ends in succession to go well ahead at 17-8 with 4 ends to play. Those 4 ends went 5-3 in Curtis's favour for a very good win.

Rink 5. Tony O'Leary, Simon Coles, Martin Gearey & Roger Tansley 28 shots – J Emmerson 17 shots

In this encounter the County rink started off much the better in posting a 7-1 lead after 5 ends of play, but Notts struck back very firmly in collecting 9 shots on the next 3 ends, including a count of 4, to take the lead at 10-7, however, in winning the next 3 ends with doubles, Roger & his men re-took the lead at 13-10. Notts kept close and with 7 ends to play were just 1 shot adrift but the County men went on a very productive run of 5 successful ends in which they added 11 shots to lead 25-13 with 2 ends to play. Notts picked up a 4 on the 20th end, but in collecting a 3 on the last end the County rink had a very good win.

Rink 6. David Love, Mick Spear, Peter Ward & Vernon Gearey 27 shots – S Robinson 17 shots

This match started brilliantly for the County for they picked up a massive count of 5 on the first end, but Notts struck back quickly and after 6 ends the scores were level on 6's, and in collecting two successive counts of three Notts doubled their score and the lead. After picking up a double on the 9th end, Vernon & his men dropped singles on the next 3 ends to be 7 shots adrift, and with 5 ends left to play they were still 6 shots adrift at 11-17, but then what a turnaround for the County rink.

Some superb bowling by every player saw them scoring very well and with 2 ends to play they got in front 18-17, and then picked up a terrific count of 4 to go further ahead, however, the Notts players were not keen to lose, and although they were not playing badly, when their skip went to bowl he was a shot down so he fired very heavily, and shot the jack off the green at great pace for the end to be replayed. He would, in the event, have been better off accepting one shot down instead of replaying it because Vernon & his men ended the match as they started, with a big pick up of 5 shots for a very good win.

3. DISABILITY BOWLS ENGLAND – COUNTY PLAYERS INVOLVED.

The Disability Bowls England Pairs and Singles competitions were held at Victoria Park, Royal Leamington Spa, on the weekend of 13th/14th July, 2019, and two of the County's young bowlers, were there.

Chris Gray, Burton Latimer Town BC played in the Pairs, and he had Stephen Hartley as his lead.

Kieran Rollings, Kettering Lodge BC played in the Singles and Pairs

Good news for the County – Chris Gray won the Pairs.

In this event he and Stephen beat Thomas Martin & Steve (no surname) 18-7 shots in the Last 16, then beat Colin Milner & Sally-Ann Lewis-Hall 14-12 in the Q-Final; and beat Mike Diston & Mike Birch 17-6 in the Semi-Final

In the Final they beat Jonathan Stokes, Bedfordshire and Mike Robertson, Huntingdonshire 10-9 shots

I am informed by Matt Wordingham, of Bowls England, who I thank for providing the information, that it was a brilliant match. Obviously the final score tells part of the story, but in this 15 ends match, Stephen and Chris were behind all the way to the 14th end when they managed to draw level at 9 shots each. On the last end Chris found himself match down with one bowl left each for him and Mike Robertson. Chris played a perfect backhand trail to move the jack back a couple of feet to his lead's bowl. Mike fired and hit the jack – the jack left the confines of the rink and was therefore placed on the 'T'. In the process of hitting the jack, Mike also hit what was the shot bowl towards the rear of the rink which made it remain as the shot bowl and victory for Stephen & Chris..

Well done Stephen & Chris - they received their trophy from the well known Australian Steve Glasson.

Kieran and Paul Brown, his partner in the Pairs beat Rhys Taylor and Harry Atkin 14-10 shots in the Last 16, but lost to Dave Fisher & Dylan Morton 9-16 in the Quarter Final.

In the Singles, Kieran Rollings, who won the event last year was not so successful this year

8 players had qualified for the Singles from Regional play-offs, and they were split into two groups of 4 for a round robin and Kieran lost to Rhys Taylor 10-15 shots, drew with Steve Ireland 11-11 shots, and lost to Mike Diston 10-16 shots

4. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE MEN 'FRIENDLY' versus ESSEX – RESULT

The players of the men's section of the **Jackson Grundy sponsored Bowls Northamptonshire** took a coach ride to Halstead in Essex on Thursday, 11th July, 2019, to play the men of that County in a friendly match at Courtauld Halstead BC, and in what was ultimately quite a close encounter the County won by the modest total of 5 shots. The County had 4 winning rinks, with 2 losing, one of them by just 1 shot, with the highest scoring of the County's winners being that skipped by 'the evergreen' Terry James, which won by 9 shots.

The final score was Northamptonshire 118 shots – Essex 113 shots. Rink details as follows, Essex skips only named:

Rink 1. Harvey Fruish, Dave Lovell, Paul Cooke & John Church 17 shots – Keith Riley 18 shots

I had the pleasure of skipping this rink, and it really was a pleasure, for in a very tight match in which there was rarely more than a couple of shots between the two sides, the competition was very determined but very sporting and friendly. After 5 ends of play we were level at 5 shots each, and again level at 8 each after 10 ends, and yet again level at 10 each after 13 ends. Essex took a small lead at 13-10, but 3 ends later we had got in front at 16-13, but it was no surprise to anyone that after 20 ends of play we were level again on 17 shots each. The last end was the shoot-out, and when I went to bowl we were holding the shot, so I placed a 'blocker' to make it difficult for the skip to get shot, but with a very well drawn bowl he slipped past my bowl and moved the jack to one of his bowls for shot and I could not get to it

Rink 2. Laurie Harrison, Tom Black, Dave Stewart & Mossy Waters 17 shots – Dave King 29 shots

This was a match in which for the first half it looked like a County win, for after dropping a single on the first end, Mossy and his men kept Essex to that single for the next 5 ends as they picked up 11 shots, including a big 5 on the 6th end, and after dropping a double the County added 4 more shots to be well in front at 15-4. It was at this point that 'the wheels came off' for Mossy and his men for they were to score just 1 more shot in the next 10 ends whilst Essex soared to 28 shots with 2 ends left to play. Those 2 ends saw each side collect a single, but it was a bit of a disappointing defeat for Mossy and his men.

Rink 3. Will Clelland, Eddie Chapman, Brian Jones & Richard Somerton 18 shots – Gary Collis 16 shots

This was also a pretty close affair for ‘Captain of the Day’, Richard Somerton, with the scores level at 5 shots each after 5 ends, and again level at 7 shots each after 8 ends, and yet again level at 12 each after 15 ends of play. With just 3 ends to play Essex took the lead 16-12, but Richard and his men picked up a very welcome count of 4 shots on the 19th end to level the match once more, and he was able to collect two singles for a narrow victory.

Rink 4. Larry Lawrence, Terry Chapman, Peter Mercer & Dave Betts 17 shots – David Watts 16 shots

Yet another very close and low scoring match with rarely more than 1 or 2 shots between the two sides, with the score 3 each after 5 ends 4 each after 7 ends, and after taking an 8-4 lead with 4 successive singles, Dave & his men dropped two doubles to once more be level in the match at 8 shots each after 13 ends. With 5 ends left to play the County was just 1 shot up at 11-10, but then lost the lead as Essex picked up a count of 4 on the next end, and with 2 ends left to play Dave and his men were 3 shots adrift at 12-15, but the first of those ends was very good for the County as they picked up a big 5 to go ahead 17-15, and they were able to restrict Essex to a single on the last end for the smallest of victories for the County.

Rink 5. Darren Lee, Bill Humphries, Keith Thatcher & Terry James 25 shots – Kevin Robertson 16 shots

In this match the County, skipped by Past President and multiple competition winner, Terry James, who at 85 years of age seems still to be bowling as well as ever, started off very well indeed, and after 7 ends were 11-0 ahead, thanks in part to a good pick up of 4 on the 2nd end, and after dropping a single, they added 5 more shots, including another 4, to lead 16-1 after 10 ends of play. The County players dropped a 4 themselves on the next end, followed by a single, for Essex to get within 10 shots, but with 5 ends to play Terry & his men increased their lead to 22-8. Those last 5 ends went much in favour of Essex for they scored 8 shots, including another 4, to the 3 picked up by the County, but it was still a very good win for Terry & his men.

Rink 6. John Higginbottom, Rod Douglas, Peter Kitchener & Norman Gibb 24 shots – Bob Penny 18 shots

In this match the home County played well in the first half, to be 12-6 up after 9 ends, and this score included two counts of 4, but the next 3 ends were all in Norman’s favour for they posted 7 shots to level the score on 12 each, and although Essex added two singles to go ahead, the County added 7 shots on the next 3 ends to take the lead at 20-14 shots with 4 ends to play. Essex came close after adding 3 shots on the first 2 of those ends, but Norman and his men added a very welcome 4 on the 20th end, for a good victory.

5. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE MEN ‘FRIENDLY’ versus BEDFORDSHIRE – SELECTION

The following players have been selected to represent the **Jackson Grundy sponsored Bowls Northamptonshire** in a friendly match against Bedfordshire, to be played at Kettering Lodge BC on Tuesday, 23rd July, 2019, commencing at 2.0 pm.

- Rink 1.** Paul Cook, Carlsberg C/Bob Sullivan, Desborough Town BC/Dave Betts, Higham Ferrers Town BC/Richard Somerton, Brackley & District BC & Executive
- Rink 2.** Dave Lovell, Irchester BC/Tom Black, Corby Seagrave House BC/Dave Stewart, Rushden Town BC/Brian Diver, Corby Seagrave House BC
- Rink 3.** Laurie Harrison, Earls Barton BC/Will Keeney, Corby Seagrave House BC/Geoff Allen, Heyford BC/Paul Green, Northampton Express BC & Executive
- Rink 4.** Larry Lawrence, Kettering Lodge BC/Keith Thatcher, Rushden Town BC/Bob Tingle, Kettering Midland Band BC/John Church, Retired Police BA & Executive
- Rink 5.** Will Clelland, Corby Seagrave House BC/Lynn Ridgeway, Kislingbury BC/Jack Litchfield, Rushden Town BC/Geoff Harris, Higham Ferrers Town BC
- Rink 6.** Harvey Fruish, Abington BC/Rod Douglas, Kettering Lodge BC/John Chester, Desborough Town BC & Executive/Norman Gibb, Corby Seagrave House BC

6. DENNYSIDE BOWLING ASSOCIATION VISIT TO IRCHESTER

The Dennyside Bowling Association (DBA) for men's outdoor bowls was founded in 1936 by Leonard Denny, a Stockbroker and member of the Cambridge Park Bowling Club in Middlesex, and a prominent member of Middlesex Bowling Association.

Although many things have changed since the early days the general aims remain the same and one is conscious of its unique standing in the annals of our national game of bowls. It is an Association that every member has to be invited to join as a reward for the services he has rendered to the game, either at club, county or national level, for no financial standing can be qualification for membership..

The main objective of the DBA is to help bowling clubs raise monies for local charities and worthy causes. The hosting clubs that invite the DBA for a match nominate their chosen charity where the DBA knows the money will be well spent.

How the DBA was formed: In 1935 a touring bowls team from South Africa was due in the country, and owing to the tightness of its itinerary could only play a combination of counties. Leonard Denny tried unsuccessfully to get a match with his County, but an unofficial game was arranged to be played at Cambridge Park BC, where Leonard got together a team of Internationals whom he called "The Rabbits" The game against the South Africans was both enjoyable and successful, for Leonard was the perfect host when it came to entertaining. When 1936 came, there was a general desire to arrange a permanent formation of some sort and Leonard agreed to use his name, provided someone else did the work! Thus was the Dennyside Bowling Association born, replacing "The Rabbits" a name which was deemed to be an inappropriate one, although the DBA still retains the rabbits on its badges to this day.

Various County men have become members and the elected President for 2019, was the late **George Willmott, of Irchester BC**, who sadly died before he was able to commence his duties of office. One of the first fixtures that the DBA plays is the traditional Past President's Team versus the President's Team, played at the President's Club, and this year George's Club hosted the match on **Monday, 3rd June, 2019**, and the President's Team became the Deputy President's Team. The BDA Secretary, Roger Carter, reported to me that it was a great day at Irchester, and the magnificent sum of £1,900.00p was raised for the Warwickshire and Northamptonshire Air Ambulance.

The DBA, as is the practice also played a match at Irchester, against a 'select team' from the Club, County, The Imps & The Midland Counties and this was played on the **8th July, 2019**, at Irchester BC, with a very good match ensuing, with the 'Select Team' just managing a win by 6 shots, with the rink wins shared. The highest scoring rink for the 'Select Team' was that skipped by Keith Gordon which posted a 23 shots win, but not far behind was the rink skipped by yours truly with a 21 shots win. The highest scoring rink for Dennyside was that skipped by Mike Andrew of Oxfordshire, a Past England Indoor President, which won by 23 shots.

More important than the result, however, was the raising of further monies for the Warwickshire and Northamptonshire Air Ambulance, and with the fees, raffle, 'bowls spider' and individual donations from the players, the tremendous sum of **£2000.00p** was raised on the day, which, when the monies raised in the match in June were added, a magnificent sum of £3,900.00p was able to be presented to Keith Brown of the Air Ambulance, by George Willmott's wife Brenice.

The Final score was 'Select Team' 117 shots – Dennyside 111 shots. Rink details, 'Select Team' names first, as follows:

Rink 1. Freddie Austin, Ray Jones, Harold Broughton & Terry James (Representing The Imps BA) 14 shots – C Cole, A Hunt, G Rogers & L Richardson 29 shots

A fairly low scoring match early on with just single counts in the first 5 ends, with 3 to Terry's men, and after adding a double they dropped 5 shots to go 5-7 behind, but a good 4 on the next end gave them a 9-7 lead. The next 3 ends went the way of Dennyside as they posted 8 shots, including a big 5, for a 15-9 lead, and after conceding 3 shots on the next 2, they won 3 successive ends to lead 23-12 with 4 ends to play. Terry & his men scored 2 on the 1st of those ends, but Dennyide won the other 3 and added 6 shots to their total for a very good win.

Rink 2. Dave Lovell, Trevor Tilley, Peter Kitchener & Keith Gordon (Representing Irchester BC) 32 shots – G Loyce, L Mills, P French & I Dudley 9 shots

In this match the local Irchester Club rink, after an exchange of singles on the first 2 ends, went about their business of winning ends with a vengeance as they won the next 7 ends, starting with a big pick up of 5 shots, and added 16 shots for a 17-1 lead, and after dropping a single on the 10th end, scored two successive counts of 4 for a 25-2 lead. After dropping a single on the 13th end, Keith & his men picked up another 4, followed by a ‘tied end’ and a single to Dennyside, for a 29-4 lead. The Irchester men then won the next 3 end with singles to be 32-4 up with 2 ends to play, with Dennyside winning both of them to more than double their score.

Rink 3. Harvey Fruish, John Cooper, John Chester & John Church (Representing Bowls Northamptonshire) 28 shots – John Southern, Roger Carter, John Kemp & John Lonergan 7 shots

This contest had 6 of the 8 players with John as their first name, 3 on each side, with the County John’s having surnames beginning with a ‘C’ so Harvey probably felt ‘out of it’ when we called ourselves the JC Rink! After an exchange of singles, this County rink, skipped by yours truly, won the next 8 ends and added 12 shots for a 13-1 lead, and after conceding a single on the next end we picked up 4 shots on the next 2 for a 17-2 lead. Dennyside collected a count of 3 to reduce their deficit, but the next 3 ends gave us 7 more shots, including another 4, for a 24-5 lead with 4 ends to play, and after dropping 2 singles, we picked up 4 more shots on the last 2 ends.

Rink 4. Laurie Harrison, Richard Somerton, Dave Stewart & Dave Betts (Representing Bowls Northamptonshire) 10 shots – B Bateman, S Gray, R Pearman & Mike Andrew 33 shots

In this match Dennyside started the better, although at 4 ends it was just 3-2 to them, but the next 3 ends saw their score increase quickly to 13-2 as they collected a couple of doubles followed by a massive 6, and then followed a series of low scoring with the County men maintaining the same deficit. After 15 ends of play Dennyside were 20-7 shots up and looking pretty dominant, and they took the next 4 ends with 10 shots for an even bigger lead at 30-7, but Dave and his men got to double figures with a 3 on the penultimate end, but they were well beaten as Mike and his men retaliated with a 3 of their own on the last end.

Rink 5. Trevor Brushfield, Peter Gunn, Ian Roberts & Mick Malins (Representing Irchester BC) 14 shots – M Edwards, T Jackson, A Hunt & J Finch 20 shots

In this match it was good to see Mick Malins turning out for the Irchester rink, after taking a break from bowls for a while, and in this match the scoring was pretty even for most of the game, with the scores level at 5 each after 7 ends, with the next 4 ends going Mick’s way as they added 6 more shots to lead 11-5. Dennyside picked up a 3 on the next end but the Irchester men collected a couple of singles to keep in front at 13-8, at which point they were stuck for 6 ends and Dennyside collected a very lucrative 16 shots, including two counts of 4 and four doubles to take a good lead at 20-13 with 1 end left to play, with Mick and his men getting a single.

Rink 6. J Hollaway, Laurence Juba, Deepak Tanna & Dave Hollaway (Representing Midland Counties BA) 19 shots - Denis Sewell, D Heath, C Hunt & B Gham 13 shots

After an even start with 2 shots each after 3 ends, the Select went behind by 1 and then hit back with a 4 and a double to take the lead 8-3, and although the Dennyside came close at times, Select kept their lead. At 10 ends they were 9-7 up, and with a good run of scoring over the next 6 ends they increased their lead to 15-9 with 5 ends left to play. Those ends were evenly matched with 4 shots going to each side, for a decent win to the Select Team.

7. COUNTY COMPETITIONS – OF INTEREST THROUGHOUT COUNTY

COUNTY COMPETITIONS SPONSORED BY KEMPSTON CONTROLS, SHIRLEY ROAD, RUSHDEN

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2 WOOD SINGLES

- 2nd Round:** **Sian Hughes-Jones, Kettering Lodge BC beat** Katie Smith, Desborough Town BC 20-9 shots
Rebecca Wigfield, Desborough Town BC beat Margaret Watts, Desborough Town BC 16-13 shots
Joyce George, Wellingborough BC beat Gail Wilson, Finedon Town BC 18-9 shots
Alison Dring, Burton Latimer Town BC given walkover by Liz Keeney, Corby Seagrave House BC
Sandra Mawson, Kingsthorpe BC beat Helena Wilson, Finedon Town BC 14-13 shots
Linda Warren, Abbey Park BC beat Chloe Weston, Abbey Park BC 18-8 shots
Lisbeth Milburn, Abington BC beat Janet Ashby, Roade BC 14-13 shots
Jill Welch, Heyford BC beat Sharon Tansley, Kingsthorpe BC 15-10 shots
- 3rd Round:** **Sian Hughes-Jones, Kettering Lodge BC beat** Rebecca Wigfield, Desborough Town BC 15-12 shots

4 WOOD SINGLES

North Area

- 1st Round:** **Alison Dring, Burton Latimer Town BC beat** Margaret Watts, Desborough Town BC 21-9 shots
Lois Woodward, Burton Latimer Town BC beat Sian Hughes-Jones, Kettering Lodge BC 21-18 shots
Marlene Armitage, Wellingborough BC beat Jenny Dempsey, Higham Ferrers Town BC 21-19 shots
Tina Broderick, Burton Latimer Town BC beat Gail Wilson, Finedon Town BC 21-18 shots
Emma Muir, Corby Forest BC beat Abby Woodward, Burton Latimer Town BC 21-11 shots
Rebecca Wigfield, Desborough Town BC beat Helena Wilson, Finedon Town BC 21-6 shots
Jayne Wiggins, Earls Barton BC beat Catherine Gray, Burton Latimer Town BC 21-19 shots
- 2nd Round:** **Alison Dring, Burton Latimer Town BC given walkover by** Lois Woodward, Burton Latimer Town BC
Tina Broderick, Burton Latimer Town BC beat Marlene Armitage, Wellingborough BC 21-7 shots
Emma Muir, Corby Forest BC beat Rebecca Wigfield, Desborough Town BC 21-19 shots
Karon Kerr, Geddington & Newton BC beat Jayne Wiggins, Earls Barton BC 21-17 shots
Katie Smith, Desborough Town BC beat Jo Johns, Geddington & Newton BC 21-4 shots
Joy Gordon, Irchester BC given walkover by Liz Keeney, Corby Seagrave House BC
Emma Exley, Burton Latimer Town BC given walkover by Heather Golding, Swanspool BC
Chris Cooper, Burton Latimer Town BC given walkover by Maggie Lewis, Burton Latimer Town BC

South Area

- 2nd Round** **Gill Crossley, Abington BC beat** Chloe Weston, Abbey Park BC 21-10 shots
Lisbeth Milburn, Abington BC given walkover by Megan Rolfe, Kingsthorpe BC
Pat Bodily, Kingsthorpe BC beat Hilary Sharpe, Kingsthorpe BC 2-18 shots
Sandra Mawson, Kingsthorpe BC beat Elaine Munton, Northampton Whyte Melville BC 21-5 shots
Jill Welch, Heyford BC beat Wen Hill, Northampton Whyte Melville BC 21-13 shots
Linda Warren, Abbey Park BC beat Sharon Tansley, Kingsthorpe BC 21-18 shots
Ann-Marie Waters, Roade BC beat Paige Johnson-Young, Northampton West End BC 21-8 shots
Janet Ashby, Roade BC beat Anita Gearey, Road BC 21-4 shots

CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS SINGLES

Quarter Final:

- Pat Bodily, Northampton Whyte Melville BC beat** Gill Crossley, Abington BC 21-13 shots
Sharon Tansley, Kingsthorpe BC given walkover by Karen Collins, Desborough Town BC
Ann-Marie Waters, Roade BC beat Jenny Dempsey, Higham Ferrers Town BC 21-14 shots
Linda Warren, Abbey Park BC beat Liz Davison, Heyford BC (no score provided)

Semi-Final:

Pat Bodily, Northampton Whyte Melville BC beat Sharon Tansley, Kingsthorpe BC 21-14 shots
Linda Warren, Abbey Park BC beat Ann-Marie Waters, Roade BC 21-15 shots

The 2 winners will now contest the County Final later this month.

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PAIRS

Area Finals: Wayne Stanley & Partner, Northampton Express BC beat Kevin Mawson & Partner, Kislingbury BC 22-8 shots

EXECUTIVE TRIPLES

SOUTH AREA

2nd Round: Pat Bodily's Triple, Northampton Whyte Melville BC beat Michael Sheehan's Triple, Kislingbury BC 24-6 shots
David Fages' Triple, Abington BC beat Richard Lemon's Triple, Northampton Express BC 23-10 shots
Paul Green's Triple, Northampton Express BC beat David Cox's Triple, St Crispin BC 21-15 shots
Andy Carter's Triple, Wootton Grange BC beat Mick Isom's Triple, Daventry Tigers BC 22-8 shots

COUNTY LEAGUE – latest position

Division 1.

The latest matches are as follows:

Kettering Midland Band BC (12 points) beat Geddington & Newton BC (2 points) 69-35 shots
Desborough Town BC (2 points) beat Thrapston BC (2 points) 65-39
Wellingborough BC (10 points) beat Corby Seagrave House BC (4 points) 58-56 shots
Burton Latimer Town BC (12 points) beat Irchester BC (2 points) 68-40 shots

At around the halfway position in the season, the following is the League position:

Kettering Midland Band BC leads the way at his stage with 3 wins from 3 matches played, accumulating 37 points, and having a shots aggregate of +80, and following them are Wellingborough BC, Desborough Town BC & Burton Latimer Town BC, each having 2 wins from 3 played, and having 28 points, 25 points & 23 points, respectively.

Division 2.

The latest matches are as follows:

Higham Ferrers Town BC (12 points) beat Northampton Whyte Melville BC (2 points) 63-42 shots
Corby Forest BC (10 points) beat Rushden Town BC (4 points) 67-48 shots
Kettering Lodge BC (9 points) beat Northampton BBOB BC (5 points) 50-43 shots
Higham Ferrers Town BC (10 points) beat Northampton BBOB BC (4 points) 55-49 shots

At around the halfway stage of the season, the following is the League position:

Corby Forest BC leads the way at this stage with 3 wins from 3 matches played, accumulating 35 points and having a shots aggregate of +97 shots, but Higham Ferrers Town, in 2nd place, also has won 3 from 3 and has 34 points and a shots aggregate of +49 shots. Rushden Town are in 3rd place with 2 wins from 3 played and 27 points.

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4 WOOD SINGLES

SOUTH AREA

Area Finals: **Tom Wellburn, Northampton Express BC beat Danny Walker, Northampton West End BC 21-13 shots**
Ben Sharpe, Kingsthorpe BC beat Tony O’Leary, Abington BC 21-15 shots

NORTH AREA

Area Finals: **Connor Cinato, Kettering Midland Band BC beat Ian Roy, Wellingborough BC 21-16 shots**
Peter Ward, Desborough Town BC beat Jack Tobin, Burton Latimer Town BC 21-16 shots
David Love, Wellingborough BC beat John Gunning, Wellingborough BC 21-4 shots
Neil Corbyn, Wellingborough BC beat Pat Crouch, Desborough Town BC 21-11 shots

QUARTER FINALS

1. Jamie Walker, Northampton West End BC beat Tom Wellburn, Kingsthorpe BC 21-11 shots

In this match, after dropping a single on the first end, Jamie scored a maximum on the next end to take the lead, and although Tom won the next 2 ends with singles, 5 ends later he found himself 3-13 down and although Tom picked up a good 3 on the next end, Jamie won the next 3 ends to be in sight of the winning post at 17-6. The win eluded him as Tom collected a 3 and a 2, to much reduce his deficit, but Jamie tied things up with a pair of doubles for his win after 17 ends of play.

2. Peter Ward, Desborough Town BC beat Dominic Graham, Northampton Express BC 21-7 shots

Peter started off very well in picking up a 3 on the first end, and after dropping a single, he posted two doubles for a 7-1 lead. Dominic picked up a 2 on the 5th end of play, but Peter hit back decisively with a maximum 4 on the very next end, plus 4 more shots on the succeeding 3 ends for a very good lead at 15-3. Three ends later his lead was 18-4 with victory looking likely very shortly, and after dropping 3 shots on the next 2 ends, Peter claimed his win after 16 ends of play.

3. Ben Sharpe, Kingsthorpe BC beat Neil Corbyn, Wellingborough BC 21-14 shots

This was a very close encounter for the first 10 ends, with the scores level at 6 each and again at 7 shots each, but then Ben had a good scoring run of 3 ends in which he collected 7 shots for a 14-7 lead, but Neil is a very experienced player and he reduced his deficit on the next 2 ends to 11-14. Ben, however, won the following 4 ends, adding 6 shots to be within 1 shot of victory at 20-11, and although Neil picked up a 3 on the next end, Ben sealed his victory on the 21st end of play.

4. Connor Cinato, Kettering Midland Band BC beat David Love, Wellingborough BC 21-18 shots

Connor started much the better in this match, posting 5 shots for no return in the first 3 ends, and after dropping a single he increased his lead to 8-1 after 6 ends of play, but David is a very determined player and over the next 11 ends he won 8 of them to the 3 by Connor, and much reduced his deficit in the process to be just 3 behind at 11-14 shots. Connor reached the edge of victory in picking up 5 shots in the next 3 ends, but David’s determination shone through when he won the next 5 ends of play to get within 1 shot of Connor at 18-19 down, but the victory went to Connor on the next end, the 26th played.

The winners will now contest the Semi-Finals at 6.0 p.m. on Thursday, 18th July, 2019, at Wellingborough BC, when Jamie Walker will play Connor Cinato and Peter Ward will play Ben Sharpe.

UNDER 25 SINGLES

Quarter Finals:

Adam Pitfield, Burton Latimer Town BC beat Cameron Knox, Burton Latimer Town BC 21-20 shots

Conor Bryan, Kingsthorpe BC beat Jack Botterill, Northampton Express BC 21-19 shots

Kieran Rollings, Kettering Lodge BC beat Connor Cinato, Kettering Midland Band BC 21-19 shots

Will Walker, Northampton West End BC beat Nathan Betts, Northampton West End BC 21-20 shots

2 WOOD SINGLES

SOUTH AREA PLAY-OFFS - played at Kislingbury BC n Sunday, 14th July, 2019.

1st Round: **Jamie Walker, Northampton West End BC beat Mick Taylor, Abington 14-8 shots**
 Andy Fowkes, Northampton West End BC beat Kevin Mawson, Kislingbury BC 19-13 shots
 Will Walker, Northampton West End BC beat Adam Hawkins, Abington BC 16-13 shots
 Rob White, Northampton Express BC beat Mick Spear, Kingsthorpe BC 18-13 shots

2nd Round: **Jonathan Brown, Abington BC beat Adam Brown Abington BC 13-10 shots**
 Danny Walker, Northampton West End BC beat Conor Bryan, Kingsthorpe BC 15-14 shots
 John Moore, Daventry BC beat Shaun Marriott, Northampton West End BC 15-11 shots
 Jamie Walker, Northampton West End BC beat Alan Dunkley, Abington BC 17-13 shots
 Tim Dawkins, Kingsthorpe BC given walkover by Neil Rolfe, Northampton Express BC
 David Walker, Northampton West End BC beat Ben Sharpe, Kingsthorpe BC 14-11 shots
 Martin Walker, Northampton West End BC given walkover by Simon Coles, Northampton
 Express BC
 Andy Fowkes, Northampton West End BC beat Michael Moulton, Heyford BC 19-4 shots
 Mark Tomkins, Kingsthorpe BC beat Pete Milburn, Abington BC 12-11 shots
 John Freeman, Abington BC beat Dave Fage, Abington BC 16-11 shots
 David Kovacs, Northampton West End BC given walkover by Darren Childs, Northampton West
 End BC
 Will Walker, Northampton West End BC beat Richard Lemon, Northampton Express BC 16-11
 shots
 Nick Hulatt, Wootton Grange BC beat Tom Wellburn, Northampton Express BC 17-13 shots
 Paul Green, Northampton Express BC given walkover by Dominic Graham, Northampton Express
 BC
 David Iddles, Kingsthorpe BC beat Rick Singleton, Northampton Whyte Melville BC 16-11 shots
 Rob White, Northampton Express BC given walkover by virtue of neither 1st Round players
 competing.

3rd Round: **Danny Walker beat Jonathan Brown 14-9 shots**
 Jamie Walker beat John Moore 18-5 shots
 David Walker beat Tim Dawkins 14-11 shots
 Andy Fowkes beat Martin Walker 15-8 shots
 John Freeman beat Mark Tomkins 16-11 shots
 Will Walker beat Dave Kovacs 15-12 shots
 Paul Green beat Nick Hulatt 15-11 shots
 Rob White beat David Iddles 14-12 shots

Area Finals: **Jamie Walker beat Danny Walker 16-9 shots**
 David Walker beat Andy Fowkes 17-12 shots
 Will Walker beat John Freeman 16-13 shots
 Rob White beat Paul Green 19-9 shots

TRIPLES

NORTH AREA

1st Round: **Allen Simms' Triple, Kettering Lodge BC** beat Robert Emery's Triple, Rothwell Manor Park BC 22-9 shots
Paul Melville's Triple, Corby Forest BC given walkover by Steve Bunker's Triple, Higham Ferrers Town BC
John Haines' Triple, Desborough Town BC beat Phil Exley's Triple, Burton Latimer Town BC 20-10 shots
Keith Gordon's Triple, Irchester BC beat Louis Gadke's Triple, Corby Seagrave House BC 22-20 shots

2nd Round: **Brian Hickman's Triple, Higham Ferrers Town BC** beat Richard Horrell's Triple, Thrapston BC 17-8 shots
Neil Gould's Triple, Earls Barton BC beat Neil Corbyn's Triple, Wellingborough BC 16-5 shots
Steve Norman's Triple, Higham Ferrers Town BC beat Chris Stanyon's Triple, Thrapston BC 21-10 shots
Allen Simms' Triple, Kettering Lodge BC beat Scott Fleming's Rink, Earls Barton BC 18-13 shots
Will Keeney's Triple, Corby Seagrave House BC beat Paul Broderick's Triple, Burton Latimer Town BC 18-14 shots
David Smith's Triple, Kettering Midland Band BC beat Kevin Dexter's Triple, Oundle BC 28-5 shots
Kieran Rollings' Triple, Kettering Lodge BC beat Malcolm Winckles' Triple, Desborough Town BC 26-5 shots
David Love's Triple, Wellingborough BC beat Paul Melville's Triple, Corby Forest BC 24-3 shots
Alistair Melville's Triple, Corby Forest BC beat Carl Love's Triple, Irchester BC 21-15 shots
Mark Turner's Triple, Kettering Midland Band BC given walkover by Graham Dartnell's Triple, Earls Barton BC
Pat Crouch's Triple, Desborough Town BC beat Steve Villiers' Triple, Irchester BC 25-5 shots
John Marlow's Triple, Wellingborough BC beat John Haines' Triple, Desborough Town BC 22-16 shots
Rod Douglas's Triple, Kettering Lodge BC beat Richard Bailey's Triple, Higham Ferrers Town BC 24-9 shots
David Harvey's Triple, Geddington & Newton BC beat Pete Saddington's Triple, Islip BC 20-10 shots
Keith Gordon's Triple, Irchester BC beat Carl Haines' Triple, Desborough Town BC 21-9 shots

SOUTH AREA

1st Round: **John Freeman's Triple, Abington BC** beat Chris Bland's triple, Northampton Express BC 24-8 shots
Pete Milburn's Triple, Abington BC beat Mick Taylor's Triple, Abington BC 18-16 shots
Mick Moulton's Triple, Heyford BC beat Kevin Mawson's Triple, Kissingbury BC 22-4 shots
Darrell Welch's Triple, Daventry Town BC beat David Blencowe's Triple, Brackley & District BC 17-6 shots

2nd Round: **Will Walker's Triple, Northampton West End BC** beat Bob Cross's Triple, Byfield BC 15-10 shots
Jamie Walker's Triple, Northampton West End BC beat Vernon Gearey's Triple, Kingsthorpe BC 17-16 shots
David Williamson's Triple, Northampton BBOB BC beat Marcus Clayson's Triple, Cogenhoe BC 20-17 shots
Tom Wellburn's Triple, Northampton Express BC beat John Freeman's Triple, Abington BC 19-8 shots
David Fage's Triple, Abington BC beat John Hodgkinson's Triple, Daventry Town BC 20-11 shots

Dominic Graham's Triple, Northampton Express BC beat Jonathan Brown's Triple, Abington BC 21-4 shots
David Walker's Triple, Northampton West End BC beat Mick Spruels' Triple, Bugbrooke BC 18-6 shots
Pete Milburn's Triple, Abington BC beat Pat McAlwane's Triple, Abington BC 17-14 shots
Martin Gearey's Triple, Kingsthorpe BC beat Ivan Wilson's Triple, Kingsthorpe BC 19-17 shots
Geoff Hayter' Triple, Bugbrooke BC beat Phil Manley's Triple, Cogenhoe BC 25-8 shots
Gavin Taylor's Triple, Northampton Express BC given walkover by Mark Dickens' Triple, St Crispin BC
Michael Moulton's Triple, Heyford BC beat Adam Hawkins' Triple, Abington BC 15-10 shots
Jason Bryan's Triple, Kingsthorpe BC given walkover by Paul Green's Triple, Northampton Express BC
R Humphries' Triple, Byfield BC beat Martin Walker's Triple, Northampton West End BC 28-16 shots
Mick Spear's Triple, Kingsthorpe BC given walkover by Tony Hartwright's Triple, Roade BC
Ben Sharpe's Triple, Kingsthorpe BC beat Darrell Welch's (Roberts') Triple Daventry Town BC 20-14 shots

8. NATIONAL COMPETITIONS – OF INTEREST COUNTY WIDE

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SENIOR SINGLES

2nd Round: **Tina Broderick, Burton Latimer Town BC beat Margaret Watts, Desborough Town BC 21-11 shots**
Pat Bodily, Northampton Whyte Melville BC beat Janet Ashby, Roade BC 21-18 shots

TOP CLUB

Burton Latimer Town BC beat Desborough Town BC 84-83

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PAIRS

5th Round: **Wayne Stanley & Partner, Northampton Express BC lost to Andy Smith & Partner, Avenue Leamington BC 8-27 shots**

FOURS

4th Round: **Lois Woodward, Abby Woodward, Adam Pitfield & Matt Pownall, Burton Latimer Town BC lost to Nicky Brett's Rink, Warboys BC 16-20 shots**

GENTLEMEN

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CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS SINGLES

3rd Round: **John Freeman, Abington BC beat Trevor Spear, Northampton Whyte Melville BC 21-8 shots**

SENIOR PAIRS

Martin Gearey & Vernon Gearey, Kingsthorpe BC beat Tony O'Leary & Partner, Abington BC 20-17 shots

9. RUSHDEN & DISTRICT 'TIPLER' TRIPLES LEAGUE - LATEST RESULTS

With this season's Rushden & District 'Tipler Triples League' about two thirds through the campaign, the following are the latest match scores and league positions:

Division A

Matches played on Monday, 8th July, 2019.

New Order Team beat Rushden Town BC 'A' 61-34 shots

Thrapston BC beat Rebels Team 8-29 shots

Irchester BC 'D' beat Higham Ferrers Town BC 'B' 49-36 shots

The match between Irchester BC 'B' and Higham Ferrers Town BC 'A' was postponed on the 8th July due to another event at Irchester BC

The current League standings are Team New Order at the top with 28 points & a +117 shots aggregate, followed in second place by Thrapston BC with 23 pints and a +70 aggregate, and in third place is Team Rebels with 20 points and a -69 shots aggregate

Division B

Matches played on Tuesday, 9th July, 2019.

Finedon Town BC beat Team Wanderers 45-41 shots

Raunds Conservatives BC beat Team RAFA 58-54 shots

Team Barton Saxons beat Team Barton Knights 50-37 shots

The current League standings are Finedon Town BC at the top with 32 points and a +121 shots aggregate, followed in second place by Team RAFA with 29 points, and in third place Team Barton Knights with 26 points and a +102 shots aggregate.

10. COUNTY CLUB NEWS

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

ABINGTON BC

Fixtures:

- 18.7.19. Club plays Bedford Borough BC at home at 2.30 p.m.
- 19.7.19. Club plays its President v Past President match at 6.30 p.m.
- 19.7.19. Club plays Abbey Park BC at home in the women's Triples League at 6.30 p.m.
- 20.7.19. Club plays Corby Seagrave House BC at home at 2.0 p.m.
- 21.7.19. Club plays Heyford BC away at 2.30 p.m.
- 22.7.19. A Team plays Kingsthorpe BC away & B Team plays Daventry Town BC at home in the men's Triples League at 6.30 p.m.
- 23.7.19. Club holds its Women's Pairs Day at 10.0 a.m.

BRACKLEY BC

Fixtures:

- 22.7.19. Club plays Cold Ashby BC away in the men's Triples League at 6.30 p.m.
- 24.7.19. Club plays Banbury Borough BC at home at 6.15 p.m.

BUGBROOKE BC

Fixtures:

- 20.7.19. Club plays Cold Ashby BC away at 2.30 p.m.
- 22.7.19. Club plays Byfield BC at home in the men's Triples League at 6.30 p.m.

BYFIELD BC

Fixtures:

20.7.19. Club plays Leamington Hastings BC away at 2.30 p.m.

CARLSBERG BC

Fixtures:

20.7.19. Club plays Finedon Town BC away at 2.30 p.m.

21.7.19. Club plays Stony Stratford BC at home at 2.30 p.m.

COGENHOE BC

Fixtures:

20.7.19. Club plays Sharnbrook BC at home at 2.0 p.m.

21.7.19. Club plays Wellingborough OG's BC at home at 2.0 p.m.

22.7.19. Club plays Harpole BC at home in the men's Triples League at 6.30 p.m.

COLD ASHBY BC

Fixtures:

18.7.19. Club plays Heyford BC away at 6.30 p.m.

20.7.19. Club plays Bugbrooke BC at home at 2.30 p.m.

DAVENTRY TOWN BC

Fixtures:

19.7.19. Club plays St Crispin BC away in the women's Triples League at 6.30 p.m.

20.7.19. Club plays Daventry Tigers BC away at 2.0 p.m.

22.7.19. A Team plays St Crispin BC at home & B Team plays Abington BC away in the men's Triples League at 6.30 p.m.

HARPOLE BC

Fixtures:

18.7.19. Club plays Caldecott Park BC away at 2.30 p.m.

20.7.19. Club plays Wolverton Park BC at home at 2.30 p.m.

23.7.19. Club plays Woodford-cum-Membris BC at home at 2.30 p.m.

HEYFORD BC

Fixtures:

18.7.19. Club plays Cold Ashby BC at home at 6.30 p.m.

21.7.19. Club plays Abington BC at home at 2.30 p.m.

24.7.19. Club plays Kislingbury BC at home at 6.30 p.m.

KINGSTHORPE BC

Fixtures:

18.7.19. Club plays St Crispin BC at home at 2.0 p.m.

20.7.19. Club plays Kislingbury BC away at 2.30 p.m.

20.7.19. Club plays Nothampton West End BC at home at 2.30 p.m.

21.7.19. Club plays its 'Foran Fours' internal competition.

23.7.19. Club plays Desborough Town BC at home at 6.30 p.m.

KISLINGBURY BC

Fixtures:

- 18.7.19. Club hosts a match between Northamptonshire men and Surrey at 2.0 p.m.
- 20.7.19. Club plays Kingsthorpe BC at home at 2.0 p.m.
- 20.7.19. Club plays Stony Stratford BC away at 2.0 p.m.
- 24.7.19. Club hosts a match between the County VP's and Gloucestershire VP's at 2.0 p.m.
- 24.7.19. Club plays Heyford BC away at 6.30 p.m.

NORTHAMPTON EXPRESS BC

Fixtures:

- 20.7.19. Club plays Kettering Midland Band BC away at 2.0 p.m.
- 22.7.19. A Team plays Northampton West End BC 'A' away & B Team plays Northampton West End BC 'B' at home in the men's Triples League at 6.30 p.m.

NORTHAMPTON WEST END BC

Fixtures:

- 18.7.19. Club plays Wellingborough BC away at 2.0 p.m.
- 20.7.19. Club plays Kingsthorpe BC away at 2.30 p.m.
- 22.7.19. A Team plays Northampton Express BC 'A' away & B Team plays Northampton Express BC 'B' at home in the men's Triples League at 6.30 p.m.

NORTHAMPTON WHYTE MELVILLE BC

Fixtures:

- 18.7.19. Club plays Rushden Town BC at home at 2.0 p.m.
- 19.7.19. Club plays Woodford-cum-Membris BC away in the women's Triples League at 6.30 p.m.
- 20.7.19. Club plays Higham Ferrers Town BC at home at 2.0 p.m.
- 21.7.19. Club plays St Crispin BC at home at 2.0 p.m.
- 22.7.19. A Team plays Desborough Town BC away & B Team plays Daventry Tigers BC at home in the men's Triples League at 6.30 p.m.
- 24.7.19. Club hosts BN Women's President's 'Fun Day' at 2.0 p.m.

ROADE BC

Fixtures:

- 19.7.19. Club plays Byfield BC at home in the women's Triples League at 6.30 p.m.
- 20.7.19. Club plays Earls Barton BC away at 2.0 p.m.
- 22.7.19. Club plays Heyford BC at home in the men's Triples League at 6.30 p.m.

ST. CRISPIN BC

Fixtures:

- 18.7.19. Club holds its 'Ladies Gala'
- 18.7.19. Club plays Kingsthorpe BC away at 2.0 p.m.
- 19.7.19. Club plays Daventry Town BC at home in the women's Triples League at 6.30 p.m.
- 20.7.19. Club plays Rugby Railway BC at home at 2.0 p.m.
- 20.7.19. Club plays Newport Pagnell BC away at 2.0 p.m.
- 21.7.19. Club plays Northampton Whyte Melville BC away at 2.0 p.m.
- 22.7.19. A Team plays Kingsthorpe BC at home & B Team plays Daventry Town BC away in the men's Triples League at 6.30 p.m.

WEST HADDON BC

Fixtures:

- 21.7.19. Club plays Primrose Hill BC at home at 2.30 p.m.
22.7.19. Club plays Harpole BC away in the men's Triples League at 6.30 p.m.
24.7.19. Club plays Lutterworth BC at home at 6.30 p.m.

WOODFORD-cum-MEMBRIS BC

Fixtures:

- 20.7.19. Club plays Adderbury BC away at 2.30 p.m.
23.7.19. Club plays Harpole BC away at 2.30 p.m.

WOOTTON GRANGE BC

Fixtures:

- 22.7.19. A Team plays Earls Barton Away & B Team plays Kislingbury BC at home 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:

- 18.7.19. Club plays Rothwell Manor Park BC away at 6.30 p.m.
18.7.19. Club plays Wellingborough OG's BC away at 2.30 p.m.
23.7.19. Club plays Thrapston BC at home at 6.30 p.m.
23.7.19. Club plays Geddington & Newton BC away at 6.30 p.m.

CORBY FOREST BC

Fixtures:

- 18.7.19. Club plays Kettering Midland Bnd BC at home at 6.30 p.m.
20.7.19. Club plays Corby Seagrave House BC at home at 2.0 p.m.

CORBY SEAGRAVE HOUSE BC

Fixtures:

- 18.7.19. Club plays Geddington & Newton BC away at 6.30 p.m.
20.7.19. Club plays Corby Forest BC away at 2.0 p.m.
20.7.19. Club plays Abington BC away at 2.0 p.m.

DESBOROUGH TOWN BC

Fixtures:

- 18.7.19. Club plays the Licensed Victuallers BA a home at 2.0 p.m.
19.7.19. Club plays BN Men in a 50th Anniversary celebration match at 6.30 p.m.
20.7.19. Club plays Thrapston BC away at 2.0 p.m.
20.7.19. Club plays Finedon Twn BC at home at 2.0 p.m.
23.7.19. Club plays Kingsthorpe BC away at 6.30 p.m.

EARLS BARTON BC

Fixtures:

- 18.7.19. Club plays Olney BC away at 6.30 p.m.
20.7.19. Club plays Roade BC at home at 2.0 p.m.

GEDDINGTON & NEWTON BC

Fixtures:

- 18.7.19. Club plays Corby Seagrave House BC at home at 6.30 p.m.
20.7.19 Club plays Swanspool BC away at 2.0 p.m.
21.7.19. Club plays Golden Horse BC away at 2.0 p.m.
23.7.19. Club plays Burton Latimer Town BC at home at 6.30 p.m.

HIGHAM FERRERS TOWN BC

Fixtures:

- 18.7.19. Club plays Ise BC at home at 6.30 p.m.
20.7.19. Club plays Northampton Whyte Melville BC away at 2.0 p.m.
22.7.19. Club A Team plays Team Rebels away & Club B Team plays Team New Order at home in the Tipler Triples League at 6.30 p.m.

IRCHESTER BC

Fixtures:

- 18.7.19. Club plays Kempston Hammers BC away at 2.30 p.m.
18.7.19. Club plays Northants Retired Police BA at home at 6.30 p.m.
20.7.19. Club plays Brington BC at home at 2.0 p.m.
21.7.19. Club plays Swanspool BC at home at 2.0 p.m.
22.7.19. Club B Team plays Club D Team in the Tipler Triples league at 6.30 p.m.

ISE BC

Fixtures:

- 18.7.19. Club plays Higham Ferrers Town BC away at 6.30 p.m.
20.7.19. Club plays Kettering Lodge BC away at 2.0 p.m.
24.7.19. Club plays Woodsend BC away at 2.0 p.m.

ISLIP BC

Fixtures:

- 18.7.19. Club plays Stanwick BC \way at 6.30 p.m.
21.7.19. Club plays its 'Stanley Cup' at 2.0 p.m.

KETTERING LODGE BC

Fixtures:

- 20.7.19. Club hosts some County competition Q-Finals and Semi-Finals at 9.0 a.m.
20.7.19. Club plays Ise BC at home at 2.0 p.m.
21.7.19. Club hosts some County competition Q-Finals and Semi-Finals at 9.0 a.m.
21.7.19. Club plays the County Under 25's at 2.30 p.m.
23.7.19. Club hosts match between Northamptonshire men and Bedfordshire men at 2.0 p.m.
23.7.19. Club plays Corby Seagrave House BC away at 2.0 p.m.
24.7.19. Club plays the Northants Retired Police at home at 2.0 p.m.

KETTERING MIDLAND BAND BC

Fixtures:

- 18.7.19. Club plays Corby Forest BC away at 6.30 p.m.
20.7.19. Club plays Northampton Express BC at home at 2.0 p.m.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE RETIRED POLICE BA

Fixtures:

- 18.7.19. Club plays Irchester BC away at 6.30 p.m.
24.7.19. Club plays Kettering Lodge BC away at 2.0 p.m.

OUNDLE BC

Fixtures:

- 18.7.19. Club plays Thrapston BC at home at 6.30 p.m.
20.7.19. Club plays Stanwick BC away at 2.30 p.m.
23.7.19. Club plays Thrapston BC away at 2.30 p.m.

ROTHWELL MANOR PARK BC

Fixtures:

- 18.7.19. Club plays Burton Latimer Town BC at home at 6.30 p.m.
23.7.19. Club holds its 'President's Day' at 2.0 p.m.

RUSHDEN TOWN BC

Fixtures:

- 18.7.19. Club plays Northampton Whyte Melville BC away at 2.0 p.m.
20.7.19. Club plays Raunds Conservatives BC at home at 2.0 p.m.
22.7.19. Club plays Thrapston BC at home in the Tipler Triples league at 6.30 p.m.

SWANSPOOL BC

Fixtures:

- 20.7.19. Club plays Geddington & Newton BC at home at 2.0 p.m.
21.7.19. Club plays Irchester BC away at 2.0 p.m.

THRAPSTON BC

Fixtures:

- 18.7.19. Club plays Oundle BC away at 6.30 p.m.
20.7.19. Club plays Desborough Town BC at home at 2.0 .m.
21.7.19. Club holds a 'Gala Day'
22.7.19. Club plays Rushden Town BC away in the Tipler Triples league t 6.30 p.m.
23.7.19. Club plays Burton Latimer Town BC away at 6.30 p.m.
23.7.19. Club plays Oundle BC at home at v2.30 p.m.

WELLINGBOROUGH BC

Fixtures:

- 18.7.19. Club plays Northampton West End BC at home at 2.0 p.m.
18.7.19. County hosts some BN competitions quarter and semi finals at 6.0 p.m.
20.7.19 Club plays Wolvey BC away at 2.30 p.m.

WELLINGBOROUGH OG'S BC

Fixtures:

- 18.7.19. Club plays Burton Latimer Town BC at home at 2.0 p.m.
21.7.19. Club plays Cogenhoe BC away at 2.0 p.m.

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