



**NATIONAL INDOOR BOWLS CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS AT MELTON MOWBRAY**  
*8-17 April, 2016*

**DAY TWO - SATURDAY, 9 APRIL**

**MEN'S & WOMEN'S PAIRS DOWN TO LAST EIGHT**



The new electronic scoreboard provides a background to this morning's action at Melton

**BROTHERS EXPERIENCE MIXED FORTUNES**

**Men's Pairs - last 16**

Three sets of brothers were among the 32 players who were vying for places in the quarter finals of the men's pairs this morning, but while the Dawes brothers from Blackpool Newton Hall and the Elmores from the City of Ely got through, the Alcocks from Charnwood (Loughborough) fell by the wayside.

John and Mark Dawes, who were runners up four years ago, enjoyed a pivotal run of 1-5-2-1-3-1 mid-game to turn a 4-7 deficit into a 17-7 advantage, and went on to defeat Adam Watts and Peter Wilkinson, from the County Arts club, Norwich, 25-13.

The City of Ely's reputation is built on the success of its high profile stars, like Greg Harlow, Nick Brett, Ellen Falkner and Sarah Seymour - but there are new faces on the block these days, with Robert and Ed Elmore making their mark at national level, and they cruised to a 26-17 win over Stuart Irwin and Kevin Harrison, from the Cumbria club in Carlisle.

James and Tom Alcock did not have to travel far to get to Melton, but, apart from a brief spell mid-game, when they scored nine shots in six ends, they were comprehensively beaten by Cyphers (Beckenham) duo Taylor Monk and Martyn Sekjer, who returned a 19-14 card.

Welford-on-Avon duo Mark Burdett and Martin Timms, who led 13-11 after 18 ends, lost a cliff-hanger to Essex County hopefuls James Fuge and Ed Morris, but the morning's most exciting finish saw Jason Bryan and Connor Cinato, from Kingsthorpe beat Nottingham's Tom Doig and Phil Broughton, 19-18.

With the scores level, 18-18, after 21 ends, Nottingham lead Doig, who skipped the winning Cyphers triple last year, audaciously ditched the jack.

Doig's bowl that did the damage followed the jack into the ditch, but was eighteen inches or so from the jack, and Kingsthorpe's young skip Cinato, who is only 18, managed to hit his lead's toucher into the ditch in a closer position for the winning single.

**Men's Pairs - last 16 - results**

Taylor Monk & Martyn Sekjer (Cyphers) bt James Alcock & Tom Alcock (Charnwood) 19-14;  
James Fuge & Ed Morris (Essex County) bt Mark Burdett & Martin Timms (Welford-on-Avon) 15-13;  
Neil Chandler & Dave Howes (Cotswold) bt Bill Nelson & Jamie Holmes (Barking) 23-17;  
Rob Elmore & Ed Elmore (City of Ely) bt Stuart Irwin & Kevin Harrison (Cumbria) 26-17;  
Louis Ridout & Sam Tolchard (Torquay United) bt Kieran Earnshaw & Mark Hughes (Featherstone) 23-2 (16);  
Jason Bryan & Connor Cinato (Kingsthorpe) bt Tom Doig & Phil Broughton (Nottingham) 19-18;  
John Dawes & Mark Dawes (Blackpool NH) bt Adam Watts & Peter Wilkinson (County Arts) 25-13;  
Duncan Heard & Jon Wilson (Wey Valley) bt Phil Dixon & Gary Farquhar (South Shields) 22-10.

# THE CHANGING FACE OF WOMEN'S BOWLS



Devon Cooper (14), Rachel Tremlett (17), Annie Bellamy (28) and Rebecca Simpson (30) represent the changing face of women's bowls

## Women's Pairs - last 16

The field for the women's pairs was littered with high quality qualifiers who are household names in the world of bowls - and interest centred on the arrival of Katherine Rednall, who only yesterday (FRI) won the WIBC women's indoor singles title in Jersey.

There were also a number of rising stars, who were hoping to take a notable scalp - and spectators discussed who might perform the first giant-killing act. In the event, most of the favourites got through to tonight's quarter finals, but the game on Rink 2 in which Hitchin-based Riverain defeated Spalding was worth watching.

Devon Cooper, who is only fourteen, led extremely well for her 17-year-old clubmate Rachel Tremlett, and, with a combined age of 31, the Hertfordshire duo raced into a big lead over two members of the young Spalding trio who were runners up in last year's triples championship.

Spalding's Rebecca Simpson and Annie Bellamy were both members of the England team that contested the recent women's home international series in Llanelli, while Cooper and Tremlett helped England juniors win the British Under 25 team title in Paisley in February.

Simpson and Bellamy dropped a seven on the 8th end, and found themselves 23-10 in arrears after 13 ends - and, although they fought back with spirit, it was, in truth, a damage limitation exercise, and the Riverain teenagers held on to win, 27-20.

Among the stars to clinch places in the quarter finals were former champions Sarah Seymour and Ellen Falkner, from the City of Ely, Ipswich aces Anna Chalk and Katherine Rednall, Clevedon internationals Laura Holden and Stef Branfield, and pairs from Adur (Southwick) and Bournemouth, skipped by Lorraine Kuhler and Julie Leake.

Plymouth's Linda Sampson and Sara Quayle led Acle's Sheila Stacey and Jenny Kirby by nine shots (20-11) with only four ends left to play, but haemorrhaged shots, and lost 23-20.

Bournemouth's Jean Arnaud and Julie Leake were four shots adrift with four ends to play, but strung together a 5-1-2 sequence, and beat Jayne Lee and former winner of the title Pam Cutts, from Nottingham, 22-19.

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Sandra Hind & Anne Bernard (Durham) bt Gill Cliff & Angela Farrar (Bromsgrove) 24-20;  
Devon Cooper & Rachel Tremlett (Riverain) bt Rebecca Simpson & Annie Bellamy (Spalding) 27-20;  
Linda Gray & Lorraine Kuhler (Adur) bt Pat Hilson & Shirley Pratchett (Cheshunt) 23-10;  
Laura Holden & Stef Branfield (Clevedon) bt Glenda Dexter & Norma Beales (Egham) 23-12;  
Sheila Stacey & Jenny Kirby (Acle) bt Linda Sampson & Sara Quayle (Plymouth) 23-20;  
Anna Chalk & Katherine Rednall (Ipswich) bt Maggie Standley & Kim Saxton (Angel) 23-16;  
Sarah Seymour & Ellen Falkner (City of Ely) bt Kath Delacoe & Beryl Alderson (Redcar) 21-14;  
Jean Arnaud & Julie Leake (Bournemouth) bt Jayne Green (sub) & Pam Cutts (Nottingham) 22-19.