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NATIONAL INDOOR BOWLS CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS AT MELTON MOWBRAY

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ADUR AND SWALE ARE TOP DOGS



In Melton Mowbray today, Jack Fairhall, Paul Gandey, Richard Moses and David Hubbard won the EIBA men's fours title for the Adur club in Southwick, near Brighton, and an all-international quartette from Sittingbourne - Paige Dennis, Amy Banes, Sandy Hazell and Wendy King - regained the EIBA women's fours title they won in 2014, and brought the honours home to Kent's high-flying Swale club.

SWALE REGAIN THE WOMEN'S FOURS TITLE



2014 champions Swales defeated Katherine Rednall's Ipswich quartette to win the EIBA women's fours title

Women's Fours

"I can't believe that we have won this title for the second time," said Swale skip Wendy King.

"Winning it once was a dream, but it's even better the second time around."

Swale's number three Sandy Hazell, who was England's team captain in the recent international series in Llanelli, brushed off suggestions that it was easy to win a national title with four England players in your side. "We don't look at it that way at all. Every match is a challenge, and there are no guarantees."

The Kent quartette had swept into the final, putting an end to a brave run from Pam Cutts and her Nottingham team, who were without England star Sue Mart, and came face to face with the star of the moment Katherine Rednall, a 20-year-old prodigy, who had her mum Christine Rednall, Carol Barnard and Margaret Insley in her Ipswich team.

Ipswich looked the likely winners when they led, 16-7 after 13 ends, but Swale hit back with a sensational six, then added a treble and a single to lead, 17-16, after 16 ends.

Two singles to Ipswich meant that Rednall's team were back in the lead, 18-17, but Swale dealt Ipswich a telling blow on the 19th end when they picked up five shots to lead, 22-18 with only two ends left to play - but the excitement was not over by a long chalk.

Ipswich leveled the scores with a four on the 20th end, and, with everything to play for on the 21st end, Swale's 'front end' set up a good position, which Ipswich could not disturb, and the Kent side's celebrations began.

Earlier, the Ipswich four were glad to survive a close encounter with four Golden Oldies from Riverain - the club who produced the record-breaking pairs-winning team of Devon Cooper, 14, and 17-year-old Rachel Tremlett on Sunday.

Muriel Saunders, Val Bingley, Shirley Hughes and Angela Fabris are somewhat older than their clubmates Cooper and Tremlett. In fact their ages add up to an astonishing 301 years, which means the average age of the Riverain quartet is 75.25 years.

"Surely the achievement of the Hitchin-based club to produce successful competitors with such a wide age range is a major selling point for our sport," said EIBA CEO Peter Thompson.

Semi finals

Paige Dennis, Amy Banes, Sandy Hazell, Wendy King (Swale) bt
Jackie Turner, Jenny Spencer, Elisa Griffin, Pam Cutts (Nottingham) 20-10;

Carol Barnard, Christine Rednall, Margaret Insley, Katherine Rednall (Ipswich) bt
Muriel Saunders, Val Bingley, Shirley Hughes, Angela Fabris (Riverain) 16-12.

Final

Swale bt Ipswich 24-22.

THIS HUBBARD'S CUPBOARD IS NOT BARE



Adur (Southwick), skipped by David Hubbard, defeated Malvern Hills to win the EIBA men's fours title.

Men's Fours

David Hubbard, who will be thirty in October, skipped his Adur clubmates Jack Fairhall, who is only 20, and two men who have made a remarkable comeback after taking time out from bowls for ten years or so, Paul Gandey and Richard Moses, to the EIBA men's fours title in Melton today.

Hubbard, who won the national singles title in 2009, and was runner up in 2014 and 2015, said: "I am so happy - it's actually a better feeling to win a national title with three blokes who are doing so for the first time than it was winning the singles on my own!"

The smiles on the faces of the Adur quartet said it all, after they had beaten Shaun Jones, Mark Atkins, Edric Vorsterman and Mark's son Ryan Atkins, from the Malvern Hill club, 22-14, in a high quality and extremely entertaining final.

With the scores level at 7-7 after six ends, Adur scored a pivotal count of five, and went on to lead, 17-9, before Malvern Hills closed the gap with three singles and a double, and it looked as if the game would go to the wire.

But good play from the Sussex team earned them a single and two doubles, and they ran out 22-14 winners, booking themselves a place in the British Isles championships, which will be staged in Belfast next March.

Semi finals

Jack Fairhall, Paul Gandey, Richard Moses, David Hubbard (Adur) bt
Paul Sainthouse, Stewart Hubbard, Alan Lawton, Ian McIntosh (South Shields) 23-11;

Shaun Jones, Mark Atkins, Edric Vorsterman, Ryan Atkins (Malvern Hills) bt
Chris Beard, Mark Curtis, Graham White, Russell Thompson (Bedford Borough) 23-9.

Final

Adur bt Malvern Hills 22-14.