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NATIONAL INDOOR BOWLS CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS AT MELTON MOWBRAY

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DAY SIX - WEDNESDAY, 13 APRIL

TRIPLES DAY AT MELTON MOWBRAY

GOOD WOOD, HELEN!



Helen Wood was one of the competitors this morning when the national women's triples championship started in Melton Mowbray. One of England's most talented wheelchair bowlers, Helen, bowling from a motorised Bradshaw Bowls Buggy, lined up with international duo Zoe Eagles and Helen Walker - but the York team lost 21-14 to a trio from the Victory club, Portsmouth, who went on to reach the semi finals.

SWALE TRIO IN WINNING MOOD

AS OTHER BIG-NAME RIVALS FALTER



Can Swale's Paige Dennis, Wendy King and Sandy Hazell (L) do the double by adding the triples title to the fours they won yesterday?

Women's Triples

Sarah Seymour and Ellen Falkner suffered a heavy defeat in the semi finals of the pairs on Sunday, but were joined by a third international star, City of Ely clubmate Catherine Pople, for the triples, and bounced back to dish out a bowling lesson to North Wilts (Chippenham).

Hitting the ground running, they were soon 13-0 up against Irene Button, who had arrived with only two bowls, and had to borrow a set from a spectator, Sue Cooke and Alex Jacobs, who are a proved combination, and returned an impressive 24-7 scorecard.

Another all-international trio, Cassidy Lenton, Barbara Bellamy and Sophie Tolchard scored a six, a four and a single in three ends mid-game on their way to a 21-9 win over Londoners Angela Doris, Rhoda Young and Una Harman, from Bounds Green.

Talking of profitable runs, North Cave sisters Holly and Katy Baxter, with Danielle Martinson at skip, were one shot adrift after 13 ends, but finished with a flurry of shots, scoring a double, a treble and two more doubles to beat Dorchester, skipped by Barbara Lacet, 21-13.

Three of the Swale players who played so well on their way to the fours title yesterday (TUE), Paige Dennis, Sandy Hazell and Wendy King, who won the triples title in 2012, dropped shots on only four ends, and posted a 27-12 winning card against last year's Over 50 triples champions Val Hobart, Gill Wonnacott and Barbara Lewis, from the Barwell club in Leicester.

And last year's runners up in this event, Rebecca Simpson, Chelsea Tomlin and Annie Dunham, from Spalding, had no problem in beating Westlecot's Josie Lloyd, Wendy Anderson and Janet Willis, 26-10.

But, when they faced Swale in the quarter finals, the young Spalding trio (all in their twenties) could not match the Kent trio's consistency, and had to give best, 23-13, which means that Dennis, Hazell and King have the chance of doing the fours and pairs double.

In tomorrow's (THU) semi finals Swale, looking smart in their black trousers (quite a departure for the sport of bowls, in which white has always been preferred), will play Colchester's Gill Costin, Jill Nicholson and Pam Smith, who pipped Hornsea, 16-15.

Hornsea sisters Holly and Katy Baxter, who are 23 and 22, and their 27-year-old skip Danielle Martinson led throughout, but Colchester closed the gap, went into the last end all square, 15-15, and scored the vital single when Martinson's last bowl failed to achieve the desired contact.

The young Hornsea trio were clearly very disappointed, but they must ask themselves how they came to squander an 11-3 lead, and how Colchester came to strike with a 1-2-2-1 sequence to turn a 10-15 deficit into an unlikely victory.

The Riverain club, who are having a great championships, got the better of an all-international trio from the City of Ely. Brenda Hollands, Joan Welch and Jenny Ralph reached the semi finals with a 17-15 win over Catherine Pople, Sarah Seymour and Ellen Falkner, who have all skipped for England.

Riverain might have expected to face another all-England trio in tomorrow's (THU) semi finals, but Torquay United's all-star trio Cassidy Lenton, Barbara Bellamy and Sophie Tolchard lost, 20-15, to Jackie Watts, Margaret Moffet and Kath Patrick, from the Portsmouth-based Victory club.

Victory led 17-4, but the Torquay trio clawed back so effectively that they were only four shots behind when the last end began, but a single to Victory made it 20-15. The result means that Riverain and Victory will do battle tomorrow morning (THU), with a place in the final at stake.

Last 16

Brenda Hollands, Joan Welch, Jenny Ralph (Riverain) bt Gill Long, Ann Warrington, Pat Bourne (Croydon) 13-10;
Catherine Pople, Sarah Seymour, Ellen Falkner (City of Ely) bt Irene Button, Sue Cooke, Alex Jacobs (North Wilts) 24-7;
Jackie Watts, Margaret Moffat, Kath Patrick (Victory) bt Helen Wood, Zoe Eagles, Helen Walker (York) 21-14;
Cassidy Lenton, Barbara Bellamy, Sophie Tolchard (Torquay Utd) bt Angela Doris, Rhoda Young, Una Harman (Bounds Gn) 21-9;
Gill Costin, Jill Nicholson, Pam Smith (Colchester) bt Jenny Kirby, Elaine Cole, Marion Himpleman (Acle) 17-16;
Holly Baxter, Katy Baxter, Danielle Martinson (Hornsea) bt Di Lunn, Emma Follis, Barbara Lacey (Dorchester) 21-13;
Paige Dennis, Sandy Hazell, Wendy King (Swale) bt Val Hobart, Gill Wonnacott, Barbara Lewis (Barwell) 27-12;
Rebecca Simpson, Chelsea Tomlin, Annalisa Dunham (Spalding) bt Josie Lloyd, Wendy Anderson, Janet Willis (Westlecot) 26-10.

Quarter finals

Riverain bt City of Ely 17-15;
Victory bt Torquay United 20-15;
Colchester bt Hornsea 16-15;
Swale bt Spalding 23-13.

JACKSON'S LINCOLN DEFEAT BOND'S EXONIA

AND WHITEKNIGHTS ACCOUNT FOR EGHAM



Several

world-ranked players were among the field for the EIBA men's triples championship at Melton this morning.

Men's Triples

Two players who have slipped out of the World Bowls Tour ranking list Top Sixteen skipped their club trios through to the quarter finals of the EIBA men's triples championship at Melton this afternoon, but both Ian Bond and Billy Jackson left it late before stamping their authority.

Bond, supported by Simon Broom and Nathan Farrant, from the Exonia club in Exeter, were 11-20 adrift of Adam White's Chawton Park after 13 ends, but scored 11 shots to 1 over the next 5 ends to sneak home, 22-21, while Lincoln's Kevin Rands, Danny Brown and Jackson, who were all square, 15-15, with Rob Paxton's Taunton Deane trio with two ends to play, collected a five and a single to win, 21-15.

Meanwhile, two men who are established members of the WBT elite - Paxton and Mark Dawes, fell at the first hurdle, Paxton losing to Lincoln, and Dawes with brother John and their Blackpool Newton Hall clubmate suffering a 14-12 defeat at the hands of Acle's John Colcombe, Ian Wones and George Tubby.

In the most closely contested match on the green, an extra end was needed to separate Riverain's Bradley Prowle, Glenn Williams and Tony Webb from Swale's Chris Morris, Lee Shoobridge and Mark Johnson. Riverain won the measure for shot, and broke the 12-12 deadlock with a single.

Last year's pairs champions Mike Knight and Rob Newman, from Reading Whiteknights, were joined by former WIBC junior world singles champion Simon Jones, and swept to a 20-7 win over Mal Peach, Gary Farquhar and David Bolt from South Shields.

In another runaway victory, Egham's all-international trio of brothers Barry and Ian Jenkins, and Steve Tuohy including a seven and a five in their haul as they overwhelmed Barwell's Nathan Ware, Joe Dawson and Chris Moore, 23-5.

Tonight, all eyes were on the quarter final clash between Whiteknights, Knight, Jones and Newman, and Egham's Jenkins, Jenkins and Tuohy, and it was a great match. with no quarter asked or given. Egham led, 11-8, after 13 ends, but did not score again as Whiteknights compiled a winning sequence of 2-1-3-2-1 to win, 17-11.

Acle's John Colcombe, Ian Wones and George Tubby were involved in an equally exciting encounter with Steven Dunn, Robert Norman and Andy Squire from the Chelmsford-based Falcon club. Leading 11-5, Acle dropped a four, and were pushed all the way, though they were never caught.

Going into the last end with a one shot advantage, Acle managed to pick up a single to win, 15-13, and will now take on Whiteknights for a place in the final.

Tomorrow's (THU) other semi final will be between Lincoln's Kevin Rands, Danny Brown and Billy Jackson, who beat Exonia, skipped by Ian Bond, 20-16, and Riverain's Bradley Prowles (24), Glenn Williams (20) and skip Tony Webb, who beat David Webb's Stanley trio, 17-10.

Webb's greatest achievement was reaching the British Isles indoor pairs final in 1991, when and his clubmate Terry Scott lost to Scottish father-and-son Adam and Graham Robertson in the final in Aberdeen.

For Hitchin-based Riverain, this week has been the club's greatest ever, with Devon Cooper and Rachel Tremlett winning the women's pairs on Sunday, Angela Fabris skipping a Riverain club quartette to the semi finals of the fours, and, now, club reps appearing in tomorrow's (THU) men's AND women's triples semi finals!

Last 16

Michael Knight, Simon Jones, Rob Newman (Whiteknights) bt Mal Peach, Gary Farquhar, David Bolt (South Shields) 20-7;
Barry Jenkins, Ian Jenkins, Steve Tuohy (Egham) bt Nathan Ware, Joe Dawson, Chris Moore (Barwell) 23-5;
Steven Dunn, Robert Norman, Andy Squire (Falcon) bt Ray Leggett, Alex Paine, Mark Strong (Worthing Pavilion) 17-13;
John Colcombe, Ian Wones, George Tubby (Acle) bt John Dawes, Jonathan Goodall, Mark Dawes (Blackpool NH) 14-12;
Simon Broom, Nathan Farrant, Ian Bond (Exonia) bt Richard Holden, Mark Fyfield, Adam White (Chawton Park) 22-21;
Kevin Rands, Danny Brown, Billy Jackson (Lincoln) bt Matt Hamilton, James Avery, Rob Paxton (Taunton Deane) 21-15;
Ian Peacock, Garry Robson, David Webb (Stanley) bt Joe Farrow, Garry Warrender, Steve Mitchinson (Tye Green) 16-10;
Bradley Prowle, Glenn Williams, Tony Webb (Riverain) bt Chris Morris, Lee Shoobridge, Mark Johnson (Swale) 13-12 (x).

Quarter finals

Whiteknights bt Egham 17-11;
Acle bt Falcon 15-13;
Lincoln bt Exonia 20-16;
Riverain bt Stanley 17-10.