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NATIONAL INDOOR BOWLS CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS AT MELTON MOWBRAY

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DAY EIGHT - FRIDAY, 15 APRIL

"NOW YOU'RE ON YOUR OWN!"

National men's and women's indoor singles championships get underway

After seven days of team competitions, comes the full-on, head-to-head conflict of what many regard as the blue-riband singles championship, where there can be no excuses, because you are on your own. Thirty-two men and sixteen women qualified for these final play-downs, which got underway this morning, and will culminate on Sunday morning, and the winners will not only be installed as national singles champions, but will earn the right to represent England in the British Isles indoor bowls championships in Belfast next March. Expect some shocks in men's and women's events.

STAR-STUDDERD MEN'S QUARTER FINALS

THOMSON AND HARLOW FACE A BIG CHALLENGE



Three times champion Greg Harlow would like to retain the national men's indoor singles title

Men's Singles - last 32...

Twelve of the sixteen men who lined up to bid for places in the quarter finals of the national indoor singles championship have played for England at senior or junior level, and three of them - Cyphers ace Andy Thomson, and Jamie Walker, from Wellingborough - are former champions, while Greg Harlow, from the City of Ely won in 2002 and 2011, and is the defending champion. Les Gillett, from the host club (Melton Mowbray), who won the title in 2001, crashed out this morning at the last 32 stage.

Harlow had an intriguing match with Commonwealth Games silver medallist Andy Knapper, from the Whiteknights club, and, after racing into an 11-2 lead after eight ends, had to withstand a heroic fightback from Knapper, who drew level at 11-11, and actually took the lead at 13-11.

Harlow enjoyed a purple patch, scoring two trebles and two doubles, sealing victory, 21-13, four ends later, and setting up a last 16 clash with Hartlepool's Paul Mosley, who was one of three players to clinch victory with a full house of four shots.

Mosley trailed Brian Lees, from Welford-on-Avon, 2-9, but turned things around to lead, 17-14, after 18 ends, before Lees drew level with three singles. With the match delicately poised at 17-17, Mosley played a great take-out on the 22nd end, and counted four shots for a 21-17 victory.

Thomson found Plymouth's consistent and highly experienced Stuart Evans a bit of a handful, and just could not get his nose in front. The scores were level at 3-3, 5-5, 7-7 and 14-14, but Evans always seemed destined to win - until, at 18-17, Thomson delivered four superb bowls, and Evans played his loosest end of the match. Thomson's full house saw him home, 21-18.

Walker, the 2014 champion, overwhelmed Terry London, from the Angel club, Tonbridge, 21-5, while Graham Shadwell, in awesome form, scorched to a 21-3 win over Tony Webb, who had to settle for the runners up spot in the triples yesterday (THU) beat Taunton Deane teenager Levi Hembrow, 21-4

Last 16

The standard of bowls in the evening session was of the highest standard, with outsiders giving the favourites a hard time of it. Two hotly-tipped stars actually met their match, Clarrie Dunbar's Graham Shadwell losing 21-17 to Erewash youngster Tom Smith, 21-17, and the 2014 champion Jamie Walker, from Wellingborough, going down to South Shields star David Bolt, 21-10.

Four-time champion Andy Thomson, England's Scots-born team captain, from Cyphers, was pushed all the way by Dan Rodger, a 20-year-old rising star from Colchester, and three-time champion Greg Harlow, from the City of Ely club, did well to repel the feisty - and rather loud - challenge mounted by Hartlepool's Paul Mosley. Thomson defeated Rodger, 21-18, and Harlow beat Mosley, 21-17.

In tomorrow's quarter finals, Thomson will face the in-form Devonian, Sam Tolchard, from Torquay, who left Kent's Marc McCaughan, who was playing well, looking shell-shocked after beating him, 21-5. The quarter final between Harlow and Bolt should also be a cracker.

Steven Winter, from Lynnsport (Kings Lynn) defeated Glenn Adams, from Herga, 21-12, and will meet Smith, who played superbly against Shadwell, and Martin Puckett, from the Weymouth-based Moonfleet 2000 club, who beat Riverain's Tony Webb, 21-15, will play Spalding's Martin Spencer, who beat former national outdoor singles champion Andy Squire, from Falcon (Chelmsford), 21-13.

There will be two players - Spencer and Annie Dunham - from Spalding in tomorrow's quarter finals, while the 37-year-old Bolt, who has recently opened a bowls shop at the South Shields club, will be hoping to add the national indoor title to the outdoor version he won in 2011,

Last 32

Daniel Rodgers (Colchester) bt Martin Tuck (King George Field) 21-8;
Andy Thomson (Cyphers) bt Stuart Evans (Plymouth) 21-18;
Sam Tolchard (Torquay United) bt Chris Gale (Blackpool NH) 21-10;
Marc McCaughan (Folkestone) bt Les Gillett (Melton Mowbray) 21-15;
Glen Adams (Herga) bt Rick Gallagher (Cumbria) 21-18;
Stephen Winter (Lynnsport) bt Mark Hughes (Featherstone) 21-13;
Tom Smith (Erewash) bt Adam White (Chawton Park) 21-16;
Graham Shadwell (Clarrie Dunbar) bt Andrew Harding (Grattons) 21-3;
Martin Puckett (Moonfleet 2000) bt Jamie Holmes (Barking) 21-14;
Tony Webb (Riverain) bt Levi Hembrow (Taunton Deane) 21-4;
Martin Spencer (Spalding) bt Mark Todd (Beccles) 21-6;
Andy Squire (Falcon) bt Keith Renwick (Worthing Pavilion) 21-12;
Paul Mosley (Hartlepool) bt Brian Lees (Welford-on-Avon) 21-17;
Greg Harlow (City of Ely) bt Andy Knapper (Whiteknights) 21-13;
Jamie Walker (Wellingborough) bt Terry London (Angel - Tonbridge) 21-5;
David Bolt (South Shields) bt Ryan Atkins (Malvern Hills) 21-11.

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FALKNER LEADS THE FIELD

AS FIVE ENGLAND PLAYERS REACH QUARTER FINALS



Riverain's 17-year-old star Rachel Tremlett, who won the pairs on Sunday, today launched her bid for the singles title.

Women's Singles

Nine of the sixteen competitors who did battle this afternoon for places in the quarter finals of the national women's indoor singles championship have represented England at senior or junior level, but there was not a former winner among them, so a new name will appear on the trophy on Sunday.

City of Ely star Ellen Falkner, the most high profile of the bunch, has previously won the pairs, triples and fours, so needs only the singles to complete her full set. A three time Commonwealth Games gold medallist, the 36-year-old Falkner came through, 21-8, against Rhoda Young, from Bounds Green.

Falkner's next opponent (in tomorrow's quarter finals) will be Pat Browne, from The Parks (North Shields), who got in front and stayed ahead of Amy Banes, an England international who was in Swale's winning fours team earlier in the week, 21-9.

Former Somerset star Amy Stanton, who now plays for Welford-on-Avon, defeated her England colleague Julie Leake, from Bournemouth, 21-18, and will play Sue Cooke, from the North Wilts club (Chippenham) for a place in the semi finals.

Cooke trailed Essex County's Brenda Bowyer throughout their match, and was 17-20 adrift when Bowyer played a loose end, and paid the penalty. Four close bowls from Cooke earned her a full house and an unexpected 21-20 victory.

In another quarter final, two more England players, Kylie Hampton, from Egham, and Hartlepool's Lauren Copeland will meet, while Annie Dunham, from Spalding, who pipped Portsmouth Victory's Rosemary Bailey, 21-20, takes on 17-year-old Rachel Tremlett, who won the pairs last Sunday.

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Ellen Falkner (City of Ely) bt Rhoda Young (Bounds Green) 21-8;

Pat Browne (The Parks) bt Amy Banes (Swale) 21-19;

Amy Stanton (Welford-on-Avon) bt Julie Leake (Bournemouth) 21-18;

Sue Cooke (North Wilts) bt Brenda Bowyer (Essex County) 21-20;

Kylie Hampton (Egham) bt Jayne Lee (Nottingham) 21-10;

Lauren Copeland (Hartlepool) bt Louise Catchpole (Norfolk) 21-12;

Rachel Tremlett (Riverain) bt Sara Quayle (Plymouth) 21-14;

Annalisa Dunham (Spalding) bt Rosemary Bailey (Portsmouth Victory) 21-20.