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NATIONAL INDOOR BOWLS CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS AT NOTTINGHAM

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DAY FOUR - TUESDAY, 29 MARCH

VIVIENNE GOES EAST



Triumphant team - the women of the Norfolk club lifted the Vivienne Trophy

Dorset Resort Vivienne Trophy - women's inter-club championship final:-

The Norfolk Bowls Club in Norwich became the first East Anglian club to win the Vivienne Trophy since the competition was introduced in 1998, but, even though Norfolk returned four winning cards in their hard-won 74-62 victory, Dorchester gave them a tough time in the final.

Egham club stalwart Ben Garden donated the unusual V-shaped trophy in memory of his first wife, and it gives a chance to those fringe players who have ambitions to play for their club's Yetton Trophy - or, for some reason, may no longer make the first team - to experience serious competition.

"I'm proud of my girls," said Norfolk team captain Iris Makepeace. "Most of them have never played in a final, so this was something new to them, but they rose to the occasion, and I'm sure they learnt a lot."

The same applies to the Dorchester team, and there was certainly a buzz about the Nottingham club before, during and after the game, as players were clearly relishing the experience.

Norfolk came out the blocks looking confident, and were 43-19 ahead after 90 minutes or so, but Dorchester scored a seven on Jenny Trotman's rink, and the Dorset side dug in their heels to make a remarkable recovery, and got within three shots at 62-59.

"I was so proud of them," commented Dorchester team manager Frank Gwatkin. "It was such a bad start, but they showed character by making a game of it - though Norfolk did well to regain the momentum, and won by 12 shots in the end."

Dorset Resort Vivienne Trophy - women's inter-club championship final:-

Norfolk bt Dorchester 74-62 - Rink scores (Norfolk names first):

Janet Cullum, Sylvia Randall, Rebecca Field 20, Jan Cherry, Barbara Redpath, Kay Johns 13;
Gloria Hill, Margaret Davis, Carol Bardwell 18, Jan Meyers, Sue Lofthouse, Jenny Trotman 16;
Daphne Ashton, Margaret Coleman, Julia Walmsley 16, Chris Jones, Hilary Wilson, Ann Kay 15;
Iris Makepeace, Sylvia Utting, Brenda Jones 20, Wendy Webb, Linda Hill, Margaret Cullip 18.

MOONRAKERS - ON EXTRA END



North Wilts trio Jean Collier, Alex Jacobs and Sue Cooke - with EIBA president Jenny McConnell

Women's O50 Triples

North Wilts trio Jean Collier, Sue Cooke and Alex Jacobs looked in trouble when they trailed York's Joan Jackson, Carol Instone and Helen Walker, 6-0 in the national women's two-wood semi final at Nottingham this morning (TUE).

Even after they clawed back to draw level at 6-6, the Chippenham-based trio suffered a potential disaster when skip Jacobs took her own side's saving bowl out of the head on the eighth end to give their opponents four shots, and it was York who led, 11-6, at the halfway stage.

"I was not too popular, but we pulled ourselves together, made a few tactical decisions, and it all came good in the end," said Jacobs, after Wiltshire's Moonrakers scored 14 shots to three on the run-in to win by six shots, 20-14.

Cooke and Jacobs won the national women's (no age limit) fours title in 2008, and landed the pairs title two years later, but neither has yet received the nod of approval from the England selectors.

In tonight's final, North Wilts will face a team from Huntingdon, skipped by Nicky Verlander, who has Jane Baldwin at lead, and Dina Barlow, mother of England star Michelle Barlow, mid-rink.

After being all square with Carol Smith, Jean Williams and Jean Munden, from the Swanley-based White Oak club, 6-6, at nine ends, the Huntingdon trio scored eleven shots and conceded only two as they returned a convincing 15-8 scorecard.

The final provided a rare treat, with Huntingdon taking the lead for the first time on the sixth end, and holding on to until North Wilts drew level at 14-14 on the 18th end, which was scheduled to be the last.

Huntingdon won the toss, and gave their opponents the choice of jack length, and when the North Wilts led, Jean Collier put two bowls on top of a full length jack, Verlander ordered her players to attack the head.

In the end, only a killed end could have saved Huntingdon, but North Wilts piled in the shots, claimed five, and won by the remarkable scoreline, 19-14 - after extra end!

Women's O50 Triples - results...

Semi finals

Jean Collier, Sue Cooke, Alex Jacobs (North Wilts) bt Joan Jackson, Carol Instone, Helen Walker (York) 20-14.
Jane Baldwin, Dina Barlow, Nicky Verlander (Huntingdon) bt Carol Smith, Jean Williams, Jean Munden (White Oak) 15-8

Final: North Wilts bt Huntingdon 19-14 (after extra end)

HOLDERS EDGED OUT - ON EXTRA END



Phil Graves, Danny Brown and Alan Watts with the men's Over 50 triples trophy

Men's O50 Triples

An outstanding semi final played on an end rink saw defending champions Kingsthorpe clinch a place in the final of the national men's over 50 triples championship - thanks to a deadlock-breaking last bowl from Kingsthorpe skip, new England international Andy Manton.

Folkestone trio Arthur McCaghan, Colin Elson and Roger Herridge had made the better start, and were 7-3 in front at the halfway stage - though the 'ten-shots-in-nine-ends' scenario shows just how close a contest it was.

By the 11th end, Kingsthorpe had drawn level, 7-7, and the scores were still tied at 12-12 when the very last end got underway. Folkestone made the running, but Manton played a brilliant turn-over shot with the last bowl of the game to take the honours and deny the Kent team.

The 51-year-old Manton, who made his international debut in Llanelli earlier this month, was actually a substitute, who stepped in when Mick Sharpe underwent knee-reconstruction surgery earlier in the season.

Last year, it was Peter Malloy, Jim McKee and Sharpe who won the title, but it was Malloy, McKee and Manton who qualified for these championships. Sharpe, who played for England in 1994, returned yesterday (MON) as an emergency replacement for McKee, who has hurt his back.

In tonight's final, Kingsthorpe will play Lincoln's Phil Graves, Alan Watts and Danny Brown, who beat Beccles trio Graham Catchpole, Mark Todd and David Wood, 21-9, in the other semi final.

The final turned out to be one of the finest ever witnessed in the national championships, with all six players bowling superbly. Nothing was safe, and the shots changed hands almost with every bowl.

The first end was tied - no score - which was an indication of just how close an encounter it would be, but Kingsthorpe took a 5-0 nil lead, which disappeared two ends later when Lincoln scored a four and a single.

The scores were tied at 7-7 and 10-10, and it was no surprise when they were level again at 17-17 after the allotted 18 ends. On a tense extra end, the shot again changed hands, but Lincoln held four shots when Manton stepped on to the mat to deliver the final bowls.

He succeeded in reducing the count to a single, but that was not enough, and Lincoln ran out winners, 18-17 - AFTER EXTRA END!

Men's O50 Triples - results...

Semi finals:

Phil Graves, Alan Watts, Danny Brown (Lincoln) bt Graham Catchpole, Mark Todd, David Wood (Beccles) 21-9;

Peter Malloy, Jim McKee, Andy Manton (Kingsthorpe) bt Arthur McCaughan, Colin Elson, Roger Herridge (Folkestone) 13-12.

Final: Lincoln bt Kingsthorpe 18-17 (after extra end)