



## **NATIONAL INDOOR BOWLS CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS AT NOTTINGHAM**

*26 March to 2 April, 2016*

**DAY SEVEN - FRIDAY, 1 APRIL**

### **HOSTS REPEL VISITORS**



The winners of the national Men's Over 60 Double Rink title and Fowler Trophy - Nottingham

#### ***Men's Over 60 Double Rink (Fowler Trophy) - Final...***

Nottingham made the most of their home advantage, and gave their supporters something to cheer, but needed to be at their best to get the better of a talented and very determined West Berks octet, who play their bowls in Newbury.

Phil Rigby, Ray Bartholomew, Ronnie Cowan and John Mildren worked hard to hold Derek Parsonson's rink, and were only 13-11 ahead after 14 ends, but a run of 1-2-2-1-1 put them 20-11 in front, and they ran out winners, 20-15.

On the next rink, Keith Burton, Dennis Hurley, Alan Fallows and Dave Adams were actually two shots adrift of Tony Aubrey's men after 12 ends, but they, too, enjoyed a profitable spell, stringing together a 2-1-4-1-1 sequence to lead, 16-9, and they pressed on to win, 17-13.

As an aside, Nottingham followed Boston, who won the event last year - and it was Boston who won the women's equivalent title today, beating Essex County a few rinks away on the same green.

#### ***Details...***

##### **Nottingham bt West Berks 37-28 - Rink scores (Nottingham names first):**

Phil Rigby, Ray Bartholomew, Ronnie Cowan, John Mildren 20,  
Barry Williams, Keith Lavery, Martyn Chant, Derek Parsonson 15;  
Keith Burton, Dennis Hurley, Alan Fallows, Dave Adams 17,  
Fred Brown, Sandy Steele, Richard Kozlowski, Tony Aubrey 13.

# BATTLING BOSTON REGAIN MASON TROPHY



The winners of the national Women's Over 60 Double Rink title and Mason Trophy - Boston

## ***Women's Over 60 inter-club Double Rink (Mason Trophy) - Final...***

Boston, a club with a long and distinguished history - they were formed in 1938 - have won the (no-age-limit) Yetton Trophy six times, and, in 2010, lifted the Mason Trophy, which was introduced in 2002 to encourage bowlers of the older generation.

Like Nottingham, who won the men's title just a few rinks away, Boston struggled to contain their opposition, Essex County, who play at Westcliff-on-Sea, for the first half of an attritional encounter, but tightened their grip and pulled away in the second half.

Sue Hoyles, Rita Epton, Jean Thompson and Sheila King trailed Dawn Howard's rink, 6-7 at ten ends, at which stage Janet Vinter, Sue Simpson-Shaw, Jill Smith and Jean Cammack were all square, 7-7, with Pat Algie's Essex County quartette.

With one end to play, King and Howard were all square at 14-14, but a last-end five rocketed King and company to 19-14 victory. On the other rink, team captain Cammack dropped shots to trail 13-8 after 13 ends, but did not allow their opponents any more shots, as they powered to a 20-13 victory.

After such a close encounter, the final 39-27 scoreline probably flattered the Lincolnshire club, but they were cockahoop at their latest success.

## ***Details...***

### **Boston bt Essex County 39-27 - Rink scores (Boston names first):**

Janet Vinter, Sue Simpson-Shaw, Jill Smith, Jean Cammack 20,  
Mary Poole, Lynne Daughtrey, Jan Soar, Pat Algie 13;  
Sue Hoyles, Rita Epton, Jean Thompson, Sheila King 19,  
Kay Lee, Pat Spratt, Ruth Green, Dawn Howard 14.

# BREAD & BUTTER FOR BAKER...



## **Women's Over 60 singles**

Norfolk's Carole Baker, who has been an ever-present in the English women's team since she made her international debut in 2006, has a great singles record, and justified her status as favourite to win this seniors event when she defeated Bromsgrove's Christine Grigg, 21-14, in the first round.

Disappointed to lose in yesterday's over 60 pairs final, Baker came out fighting against a feisty opponent, and, after dropping a full house on the third end, hit the lead on the seventh end, and kept her nose in front until Grigg levelled at 14-14 on the 18th end.

There was little to suggest that the match would soon be over, but a Baker treble on the 19th end opened up a gap, and a full house on the 20th, when Baker drew four bowls close to the jack, and Grigg missed with two attempts to destroy her handiwork, gave Baker a 21-14 victory.

By contrast, Moonfleet 2000's Kathy Desmond started with a four and a treble against Horncastle's Olive Wells, then led all the way until the 22nd end, when, at 20-19, Wells drew three bowls close to the jack - one of them a front toucher.

Desmond had all the back bowls, so Wells, who held a match lie, attempted to put in a positional receiver, but she fell short, and Desmond launched an accurate missile that sent the jack scurrying to her waiting bowls. "I played my 'get out of jail' card," she said, looking at her 21-19 scorecard.

Baker sailed through her quarter final clash with Marilyn Robson, from South Shields, though, after opening up a 17-4 lead, she had to wait another eight ends before reaching the magic 21.

In today's semi finals, she will face Eva Dayes, from the North Cave club, who scored the first ten shots against Kathy Desmond, and pressed on to a 21-14 quarter final victory, while Plymouth's Sara Quayle, who beat Bromley's Valerie Quinlan, 21-14, will play Sylvia Bloomfield, from the Harlow-based Tye Green club, who beat Thornbury's Val Osmond by the same score.

## **Details...**

### **Last sixteen:**

Carole Baker (Norfolk) bt Christine Grigg (Bromsgrove) 21-14; Marilyn Robson (South Shields) bt Di Carpenter (Egerton Park) 21-18; Kathy Desmond (Moonfleet 2000) bt Olive Wells (Horncastle) 21-19; Eva Dayes (North Cave) bt Pat Fowkes (Rivermead) 21-13; Sylvia Bloomfield (Tye Green) bt Josie Tyers (South Forest) 21-16; Val Osmond (Thornbury) w/o, Pauline Clark (Egham) conc; Valerie Quinlan (Bromley) bt Linda Warren (Northampton) 21-14; Sara Quayle (Plymouth) bt Jacqui Edgar (Sudbury) 21-7.

### **Quarter finals:**

Baker bt Robson 21-12; Dayes bt Desmond 21-14; Bloomfield bt Osmond 21-14; Quayle bt Quinlan 21-14.

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# HOLDER SURVIVES - JUST!



## **Men's Over 60 singles**

Hounslow's Dave Pitt, the defending champion, was given a massive scare by Irish-born Michael Kelly, who plays these days for the Newton Hall club in Blackpool, but survived to win, 21-20, and duly clinched a place in tonight's quarter finals of the national men's over 60 singles championship.

Kelly raced into a 14-2 lead in only nine ends, but Pitt scored 16 shots to his two over the next ten ends to lead, 18-16, before Kelly picked up three shots on the 20th end to regain the lead at 19-18, and the next three ends were full of drama.

Facing a match lie, Pitt stole the shot to draw level at 19-19, and proceeded to build up what looked like a match-winning position on the 22nd end, only for Kelly to draw the shot with a brilliant delivery.

Kelly, needing one to win, delivered a front toucher with his first bowl of the 23rd end, but Pitt removed it, and, when Kelly drew a close second, audaciously played a running bowl to take out the saving bowl for a match-winning count of two.

In another tight match, Rick Gallagher, from the Cumbria club in Carlisle that was flooded before Christmas, edged home 21-19, against Don Welch, from Melton Mowbray, but the remaining matches were won by rather more convincing margins.

In the quarter finals, Gallagher was no match for Paul Comley, from Oxford & District, who had been given a bye into the last eight when his opponent Tim Palmer, from Brighton's Preston club, cried off.

Comley allowed Gallagher only five shots, and will now play Clive Derry, who played lead in the Norwich County Arts quartet that won the national over 60 fours title on Sunday. Derry was in fine form, outplaying Doug Rumble, from the Weymouth-based Moonfleet 2000 club.

The other semi final, proud holder David Pitt, who beat Ipswich ace Lea Blackham, 21-19, will take on local hero Keith Burton, from the host club, who defeated Clarrie Dunbar (Somerset) star John Freeman, by the same score.

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### **Last sixteen**

Paul E Comley (Oxford & District) w/o, Tim Palmer (Preston, Brighton) conc; Rick Gallagher (Cumbria) bt Don Welch (Melton Mowbray) 21-19; Doug Rumble (Moonfleet 2000) bt Gordon Vinnicombe (Lewisham) 21-12; Clive Derry (County Arts) bt Albert L Ward (Hartlepool) 21-12; Keith Burton (Nottingham) bt Robert Shields (White Oak) 21-10; John Freeman (Clarrie Dunbar) bt Mark Curtis (Bedford Borough) 21-7; Lea Blackham (Ipswich) bt Robin Murch (Isca, Exeter) 21-11; Dave Pitt (Hounslow) bt Michael Kelly (Blackpool NH) 21-20.

### **Quarter finals:**

Comley bt Gallagher 21-5; Derry bt Rumble 21-13; Burton bt Freeman 21-19; Pitt bt Blackham 21-19.