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NATIONAL INDOOR BOWLS CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS AT NOTTINGHAM *26 March to 2 April, 2016*

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PERFECT PITT RETAINS TITLE



Things didn't look too good for Clive Derry when he trailed 19-9 in the semi finals - but he went on to win, 21-19!

Men's Over 60 Singles

It costs £2 to get in to watch the final stages of the national indoor championships at the Nottingham club, and everyone agreed it was fantastic value this morning.

David Pitt, the defending champion, from Hounslow, moved through to the final of the men's over 60 singles, beating local hope Keith Burton, 21-11, and was soon joined by County Arts stalwart Clive Derry, who achieved a remarkable 21-19 win over Paul Comley, from Oxford & District.

Remarkable? - Well, yes, because Derry, who led in the triumphant County Arts quartet that won the men's over 60 fours on Sunday, trailed 19-9 after 17 ends, before powering to victory with a devastating scoring sequence of 3-2-2-1-2-2. Funny old game, bowls!

In the final, Derry continued to be a thorn in the side of Pitt, who could never get away from the Norfolk ace, who led well for County Arts in the men's over 60 fours final earlier in the week.

"Nothing was safe," said Pitt, who was aware of Derry's escape exploits in the semi finals. "I was relieved to win, and I think I found it harder this time around - looking back, I could easily have got beaten in my first game yesterday, and in the quarter final, too."

Pitt led 12-4 after 10 ends, but Derry scored a single, a full house, a treble and another single to tie things up at 12 apiece, before the Londoner, who is a bus driving instructor, scored seven singles and a double to win, 21-15.

Details

Semi finals: David Pitt (Hounslow) bt Keith Burton (Nottingham) 21-11; Clive Derry (County Arts) bt Paul Comley (Oxford & District) 21-19.

Final: Pitt bt Derry 21-15.

HAT-TRICK FOR BRILLIANT BAKER



Marker Colin Wilson measures for shot as Carole Baker and Eva Dayes look on with interest in the semi finals.

Women's Over 60 Singles

If the men's event saw an incredible fight-back, the women's semi finals produced a superb game in which Eva Dayes, from the North Cave club, pushed the hot favourite Carole Baker, from the Norfolk club in Norwich all the way in a 29-ends marathon before she got over the line, 21-20.

Baker made the better start, opening up an 8-2 lead after six ends, but Dayes, a doughty competitor, stuck to her task, and played superbly. Matching her more experienced opponent every step of the way, Dayes actually took the lead at 20-19.

In fact, she had a great chance on the 28th end, when, trailing 18-19, she held two shots, and needed to propel her last bowl to within fifteen inches of the jack to win the match, and clinch her place in the final. Too keen to reach, she drifted through - and Baker mopped up with a double on the 29th end.

Plymouth's Sara Quayle defeated Tye Green's Sylvia Bloomfield, 21-15, in the other semi final.

"When I came here yesterday, I was just hoping to get a few shots on the board, so when I reached the final, it was like a dream," said Quayle, who did not know that her opponent had won this title in 2014 and 2015, and had her sights set on a unique hat-trick.

Well though Quayle played in the final, Baker always seemed to have the answer, and the result was never in doubt, but the relatively inexperienced Devon star did well to reach double figures, as the Norfolk ace won, 21-11.

"Devon will soon be playing Norfolk in the final of the Atherley Trophy (the women's inter-county championship)," said Quayle, who has qualified for the final stages in five national championships this winter. "It would be nice to think that will offer me the chance of revenge."

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ACLE TOO GOOD FOR TORBAY



Acle, winners of the Yetton Plate, pictured with EIBA President Jenny McConnell.

Women's inter-club championship (Yetton Plate)

Acle dominated this final from start to finish, and, winning on all four rinks, were worthy winners, with Marion Himpleman skipping her rink to a huge 37-16 win over a Torbay rink skipped by Lyn Broughton - despite dropping a seven on the sixth end.

Jenny Kirby's Acle rink won by 18 shots, and Melanie Haylett's by 15, while Geraldine Reeve, who led 18-2 after nine ends, had to settle for a modest two-shots victory at close of play.

The Plate competition is open to clubs who lose in the first round of the Yetton Trophy, and is taken very seriously, giving clubs a second chance of glory. Torbay have built up a fine reputation over the years, and actually reached the final of the Yetton Trophy in 1998.

The Acle club was formed in 1993, since when they have developed a strong women's section, leading some pundits to suggest they are capable of greater things, and could even win the Yetton Trophy in the next few years.

Yetton Plate - final

Acle bt Torbay 109-52 - Rink scores (Acle names first):

Shirley Lettice, Jenny Ramsbottom, Gwyn Xuereb, Marion Himpleman 37, Mavis Hodgkin, Jean Sisk, Jane Wray, Lyn Broughton 15; Lynne Cannell, Edna Land, Jess Ward, Melanie Haylett 26, Sarah Vinnicombe, Pamela Grant, Jenny Corps, Sye Bywaters 11; Margaret Arnold, Lilian Barber, Elaine Cole, Jenny Kirby 25, Pat Phillips, Roz Cherrington, Sue Devonport, Jenny Moore 7; Joy Pearson, Brenda Cole, Barbara Meeks, Geraldine Reeve 21, Josie Windley, Margaret Griffiths, Jean Townsend, Anita Huxtable 19.

SERIAL CHAMPIONS ELY WIN DENNY PLATE



City of Ely, winners of the Denny Plate, pictured with EIBA President Jenny McConnell.

Men's inter-club championship (Denny Plate)

The City of Ely club is one of England's strongest, having won the Denny Cup five times, so it was a surprise when they made a first round exit from this year's national inter-club championship.

Although a number of key players - notably the world-ranked Greg Harlow - were missing from the line-up, Ely paid the opposition a compliment by fielding the strongest possible team, and Harlow, a true clubman, was in Nottingham to cheer his clubmates to victory.

And it was the Portsmouth-based Victory club they faced in the final - a club with whom they have developed a close relationship over the years - to the extent of playing for a specially engraved lavatory seat every time the two clubs meet at any level of competition.

Great rivalry exists, and there was little to choose between the two teams for the first half of this Denny Plate final: after eight ends, Ely had scored 32 shots, while Victory had picked up 27, and it looked as if it would go down to the wire.

A strong second half performance saw Ely stamp their authority, and, although there were no runaway wins, they returned four winning cards - 22-14, 22-16, 20-14 and 25-14 - adding up to a convincing overall win of 89-58.

Denny Plate - final

City of Ely bt Victory (Portsmouth) 89-58 - Rink scores (Ely names first):

Dan Moss, David Pleasance, Michael Jackman, Dale Spring 22, Adam Clark, Len Reeves, Barry Starks, Colin Thresher 14; Ben Chapman, Ian McWhinney, Rob Elmore, Andy Easy 22, Danny Smith, Martin Wake, Charlie Bailey, Gary Starks 16; Jamie Chapman, Ben Akroyd, Matt Marsden, Ed Elmore 20, Dave Watts, Mark Hanson, John Leggett, John Biggs 14; Fred Harrison, Mark Thompson, John Smyth, Andy Ware 25, Dave Biggs, Trevor Bailey, Ian Mackenzie, Adrian Ash 14.