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NATIONAL INDOOR BOWLS CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS AT MELTON MOWBRAY

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FREE RESULTS AND ROUND-UP SERVICE

(images may be available on request)

This service is provided on behalf of the EIBA by David Rhys Jones, who has been tasked with emailing bulletins and updates to media outlets, once or twice a day during the above championships. Results are presented in a print-friendly form, but are also available on the EIBA website <www.EIBA.co.uk>. Comments, queries or requests for pictures should be sent to David...

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DAYS ONE & TWO

Saturday & Sunday, 25 & 26 March

NOTE

This report covers the weekend's play in the fours - up to and including the finals -

A WEEKEND IN MELTON MOWBRAY

National Indoor Bowls Championships get underway

This is the final update, filed on Sunday evening

MEN'S FOURS - KINGSTHORPE DEFEAT EXONIA IN FINAL...



National men's fours champions Jamie Walker, Andy Manton, Neil McKee and Connor Cinato with EIBA President Michael Andrew

A Kingsthorpe (Northampton) quartet that includes three full England players (Andy Manton, Neil McKee and Jamie Walker) and one junior international (Connor Cinato) emerged triumphant from a high quality final at Melton Mowbray today.

Exonia's Simon Broom, Nathan Farrant, Ian Bond and Jamie Chestney led, 6-4, at seven ends, but Kingsthorpe hitback with a 3-2-1-2 sequence to lead, 12-6, and were never behind again, though they had to fight hard to stay in control.

Earlier, they had been made to fight hard for their 16-15 semi final victory over a South Shields four skipped by England star David Bolt.

A high quality game ebbed and flowed, but when Kingsthorpe scored a double and a four to turn a 5-8 deficit into an 11-8 advantage, then surged into a 15-10 lead after 15 ends, Walker's men started to look comfortable.

South Shields went into the last end four shots adrift, and came mighty close to scoring four shots to tie, but Bolt's last bowl, on a good line, pulled up marginally short, and did not count, so Kingsthorpe duly qualified for tonight's final, in which they will face Exeter-based Exonia.

Simon Broom, Nathan Farrant and Ian Bond have won the title before - with Simon Stevens in 2003 - but this time around the talented trio are skipped by WBT world number 8, Jamie Chestney. who recently won the International Open in Blackpool.

Against Erewash (Long Eaton) quartet Danny Danson, Tony Blackler, Russell Robinson and Tom Smith, Exonia were held to 5-5 scoreline after six ends, but took control, allowing their Derbyshire opponents only three more shots as they powered to a 19-8 victory.

RESULTS...

Last 16

Andy Manton, Connor Cinato, Neil McKee, Jamie Walker (Kingsthorpe) bt
Peter Harris, Terry London, Graham Standley, Duncan Hanmore (Angel Tonbridge) 19-18;
Paul Barlow, Ian Gallagher, Gavin Taylor, Stephen Farish (Cumbria) bt
Tom Bishop, Taylor Monk, Mike Cheeseman, Andy Thomson (Cyphers) 18-9;
Phil Dixon, Mal Peach, Gary Farquhar, David Bolt (South Shields) bt
Kevin Embling, Chris Cheesley, Ian Jefferies, Neil Smith (Westlecot) 23-6;
Matt Whyers, Graham Smith, Martin Spencer, Matt Orrey (Spalding) bt
Darren Nutman, Doug Rumble, Jamie Lockwood, Martin Puckett (Moonfleet 2000) 21-18;
James Fuge, John Stewart, Steve Mahoney, Neil Jackson (Essex County) bt
Michael Jackman, Rob Elmore, Ed Elmore, Andy Ware (City of Ely) 18-13;
Danny Donson, Anthony Blackler, Russell Robinson, Tom Smith (Erewash) bt
Ryan Stanton (sub), Jamie Howlett, Danny Ramsbottom, Ian Wones, George Tubby (Acle) 18-17;
Mark Banning, Dave Betts, Scott Reading, Mark Nullmeyers (Barking) bt
Matthew Ives, Andy Bullen, Andy Gladwell, David Miller (Horsham) 14-13;
Nathan Farrant, Simon Broom, Ian Bond, Jamie Chestney (Exonia) bt
Danny Smith, Martin Wake, Adrian Ash, Gary Starks (Victory) 18-12.

Quarter finals

Kingsthorpe bt Cumbria 21-5; South Shields bt Spalding 19-8;
Erewash bt Essex County 16-6; Exonia bt Barking 21-5.

Semi finals

Kingsthorpe bt South Shields 16-15; Exonia bt Erewash 19-8.

Final

Kingsthorpe v Exonia

WOMEN'S FOURS - HAPPY HORNSEA DEFEAT DESBOROUGH



National women's fours champions Holly Baxter, Katy Baxter, Lydia Cutmore and Dani Martinson with EIBA President Michael Andrew

A bubbly Hornsea team, whose ages added up to 94 (an average age of 23-and-a-half) pulled off a sensational 18-10 victory over a highly experienced Desborough quartette in the final of the national women's indoor fours championship at Melton Mowbray today (SUN)

Veteran campaigners Eileen Devonald-Batt, Helen Jones, Lorraine Woodley and Mary Price found themselves 8-0 adrift after only four ends, and struggled to get back into the game, and the Yorkshire youngsters, Lydia Cutmore, the Baxter sisters, Holly and Katy, and their brilliant skip Dani Martinson put themselves in the clear with a telling count of five on the 10th end.

Anyone looking for evidence that bowls really is a Sport for All would have found it in abundance at Melton Mowbray today (SUN), when the age difference between the semi finalists in the national women's indoor fours championship was the talk of the stadium.

In one semi final, in which a four from the Maidenhead-based Desborough club defeated Hitchin-based Riverain, 23-11, there were 55 years between the two skips - Desborough's Mary Price is 73; Riverain's Rachel Tremlett is 18.

But that was not all: Desborough lead Eileen Devonald-Batt admitted to being 61 years older than her opposite number Devon Cooper, who is only 15.

In a classic hare-and-tortoise scenario, Riverain, who started brilliantly, led 6-0 after two ends, but Desborough got on top, and were in complete control at the finish.

In the other semi final, Hornsea, who put the defending champions from Swale, skipped by Wendy King, out of the event in the quarter finals, swept to a 20-6 win over Barbara Bellamy's Torquay United quartette.

RESULTS...

Last 16

Eileen Devonald-Batt, Helen Jones, Lorraine Woodley, Mary Price (Desborough) bt
Kirsty Richards, Monica Moore, Diane Arnold, Gill Cliff (Bromsgrove) 21-18;
Sandra Hind, Faye Slinn, Eileen Horan, Anne Bernard (Durham) bt
Sheila Plaskitt, Jean Morris, Di Wilson, Penny Strong (Lincoln) 21-6;
Pauline Shanley, Sharmishta Patel, Maureen Vandrau, Margaret Smith (Sutton) bt
Sally Williams, Julie Leake, Lyn Howard, Penny Cresswell (Dolphin) 13-12 (x);
Devon Cooper, Sharon Allen, Heather Stapleford, Rachel Tremlett (Riverain) bt
Hannah Felce, Emma Felce, Hayley Felce, Michelle Barlow (St Neots) 23-12;
Cassidy Lenton, Liz Lock, Harriet Stevens, Barbara Bellamy (Torquay United) bt
Margaret Hooper, Christine Thompson, Shirley Bowley, Margaret Crawford (Moonfleet 2000) 18-16 (x);
Jeanette Wheeler, Debbie Shadwell, Kim Smith, Marcia Hartley (Clarrie Dunbar) bt
Tricia Fry, Kim Felts, Maureen Willard, Lorraine Kuhler (Adur) 20-11;

Paige Dennis, Amy Banes, Sandy Hazell, Wendy King (Swale) bt
Carol Barnard, Christine Rednall, Margaret Insley, Katherine Rednall (Ipswich) 18-11;
Lydia Cutmore, Holly Baxter, Katy Baxter, Danielle Martinson (Hornsea) bt
Sheila Stacey, Gwen Xuereb, Elaine Cole, Marion Himpleman (Acle) 22-14.

Quarter finals

Desborough bt Durham 14-11; Riverain bt Sutton 17-10; Torquay United bt Clarrie Dunbar 23-12; Hornsea bt Swale 23-13.

Semi finals

Desborough bt Riverain 23-11; Hornsea bt Torquay United 20-6.

Final

Desborough v Hornsea

MEN'S UNDER 25 INTER-COUNTY DOUBLE RINK FINAL...

... and the winners are... **DEVON!**



Devon on the left - Lincolnshire on the right - after the under 25 inter-county final

Devon and Lincolnshire are two of the strongest bowling counties in England. Devon, the holders, had previously won this prestigious title four times; Lincolnshire had done so three times.

The nature of this age-group event is that changes are constantly forced on the selectors by the old enemy Anno Domini - and both counties have lost some stars in recent years - but eager replacements are always available, and this was a high quality contest.

Devon took an early lead, which was soon countered by Lincolnshire, who kept their noses in front (if only just) for most of the remainder of the match, but the nail-biting finish was dramatic in the extreme.

When Lincolnshire's Stephen Harris, James Staples, Ben Wilson and Jordan Philpott completed their 18 ends, they were five shots in front of Kieran Kniveton, Scott Eveleigh, Will Stevens and Zach Kidd, but there were two ends still to play on the other rink - and the two sides were tied at 31-31.

Unbelievably the Devon rink of Kieran Daniels, Stephen Apsey, Harry Goodwin and James Hampton and the Lincs rink of Sam Ashton, Lewis Skinner, Adam Berridge and Jonathan West played out a tied end on the penultimate end, when the official Umpire could not separate the bowls in contention for shot.

With the fate of the championship hanging on the very last end, the shot changed hands a few times, but it was Hampton who drew close for three shots, which West could not beat, and Devon, whose previous successes were in 1998, 2012, 2014 and 2016, were the winners for the fifth time.

RESULTS...

Final

Devon bt Lincolnshire 34-31 - Rink scores (Devon names first):

Kieran Kniveton, Scott Eveleigh, Will Stevens, Zach Kidd 15, Steve Harris, James Staples, Ben Wilson, Jordan Philpott 20;

Kieran Daniels, Steve Apsey, Harry Goodwin, James Hampton 19, Sam Ashton, Lewis Skinner, Adam Berridge, Jonathan West 11.



TOMORROW'S SCHEDULE - Monday, 27 March

0930 - Women's Triples - last sixteen

Yeovil v Clarrie Dunbar; Bournemouth v S Forest; Wey Valley v Angel; Desborough v Blackpool NH;
Rugby v North Walsham; Croydon v Plymouth; St Neots v York; Chigwell v Ipswich

1330 - Men's Triples - last sixteen

Riverain v Kingsthorpe; Torquay United v Cyphers; Angel v Atherley; Blackpool NH v Adur;
Spalding v Tilbury; Bedford Borough v Hartlepool; Clarrie Dunbar v Lincoln; Norfolk v Whiteknights.

1800 - Men's and Women's Triples - Quarter finals

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