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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)

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### DAY FOUR

**Tuesday, 28 March**

### UPDATE

**This update rounds things up for today (TUE)**

**Goodnight all!**

# TWO CLASSY TRIPLES FINALS

and a historic first for Norfolk's veterans

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## WOMEN'S TRIPLES - IPSWICH MAKE EPIC RECOVERY TO WIN TITLE



**Ipswich trio Anna Chalk, Christine Rednall and Katherine Rednall - with EIBA President Mike Andrew**

Ipswich trio Christine Rednall, Anna Chalk and Katherine Rednall, who dropped a four on the third end and a seven on the fifth end, found themselves 2-11 adrift, and were 5-14 in arrears after nine ends, but staged a magnificent recovery to beat Sue Kearsley, Lesley Waddington and Janice Gower, from the Blackpool Newton Hall club, 15-14, after the allocated 16 ends.

"Now that the number of ends has been reduced from 18 to 16, making a comeback is that much more difficult, but we stuck at it, and it all came good in the end," said WBT Women's World Matchplay champion Katherine. "But we left it late, and took the lead for the first time on the very last end."

All four of the skips involved in the semi finals of the women's were current or former England players, and much interest was shown in the Norfolk v Suffolk clash between the North Walsham team skipped by 69-year-old Jayne Roylance, and the Ipswich trio skipped by Katherine Rednall, who is only 21.

It was a cat-and-mouse game, in which shots were hard to come by - but Christine Rednall (Katherine's mum), Anna Chalk and Katherine Rednall, who won the title in 2015, struck a telling blow for Ipswich when they picked up a sensational six on the 7th end, followed by a double, to lead, 13-8.

Although Ipswich were able to score only two more singles, they were always in control, and Roylance's North Walsham trio, with Jane Paris at lead and ex-Londoner Sharon Rickman playing in the middle, conceded after 15 ends, when the score was 15-8.

Sue Kearsley and Janice Gower won the national pairs title in 2015, the same year that Ipswich won the triples. The Blackpool Newton Hall duo, partnered this time by clubmate Lesley Waddington, looked as if they were heading for an easy victory when they opened up an 8-1 lead over Karen Chapman, Liz Munro and Jeannie Baker, from South Forest, in the other semi final.

A six count for South Forest on the seventh end changed all that, as Baker's trio took the lead for the first time on the 13th end - but the Blackpool team steadied the ship, and were relieved to get home by the narrowest of margins, 15-14.

## RESULTS...

### Semi finals

**Sue Kearsley, Lesley Waddington, Janice Gower (Blackpool NH) bt Karen Chapman, Liz Munro, Jean Baker (South Forest) 15-14; Christine Rednall, Anna Chalk, Katherine Rednall (Ipswich) bt Jane Paris, Sharon Rickman, Jayne Roylance (North Walsham) 15-8.**

### Final:

**Ipswich bt Blackpool NH 15-14.**

## MEN'S TRIPLES - LAST YEAR'S RUNNERS UP GO ONE BETTER IN 2017



**Men's triples champions Tony Webb, Bradley Prowle and Glenn Williams, from Riverain - with EIBA President Mike Andrew**

Riverain's Bradley Prowle, Glenn Williams and Tony Webb made up for their defeat in last year's final when they won an exciting and attritional battle with Bedford Borough trio Wayne 'Wailie' Bailey, Ross 'Roscoe' Tomlinson and Alex 'Wingo' Walton, 23-18.

A brilliant take-out shot from Walton on the second end earned the Bedford boys a sensational count of six, but Riverain got their game together and surged into a 13-7 lead by the seventh end.

Responding positively, Bedford put together a 2-4-1 sequence to get their noses in front at 14-13, but the ebb-and-flow of the contest saw Riverain strike with a double, a treble and a four to lead , 22-14 with only three ends left to play.

Bedford tried their best to bridge the gap, but Riverain held all the cards, and sealed a well-deserved 23-18 victory. When asked how this compared with last year, Prowle simply said, "I much prefer winning to losing - it's a great feeling!"

A cracking semi final ended in drama, when, to the delight of his team-mates Walton produced a perfect draw to make the three shots that Bedford Borough needed to beat Lincoln's Kevin Rands, Danny Brown and Billy Jackson.

The Bedford trio opened strongly, and opened up a 5-2 lead after four ends, but a run of six singles saw Lincoln take the lead at 8-5 after ten ends.

It was nip-and-tuck for the next five ends, but, when the 16th (and last) end got underway, Lincoln were two shots in front at 12-10.

Bailey set things up nicely for Bedford on the last end, but Brown killed the end, and, on the replay, Lincoln seemed to have the upper hand, until Tomlinson - a Welsh international, who lives in St Neots - trailed the jack to give his side a chance.

An accurate drive from Jackson rearranged the head, but left Bedford holding two shots for a tie - and the nerveless Walton calmly added a third shot for a 13-12 victory.

In tonight's (TUE) final, Bedford Borough will meet last year's runners up, Bradley Prowle, Glenn Williams and Tony Webb, from the Hitchin-based Riverain club, who called a halt to the successful run of three players from Atherley (Southampton) who were making their national championships debut.

With the Barrett brothers - Ben and Mick - at lead and skip, and Stewart Rowney slotting in mid-rink, the Atherley trio, who play outdoors for Eastleigh Railway, found it hard to headway, and, when 63-year-old Mick Barrett played his best three shots on the 12th end to make the score 19-6, he held out his hand and threw in the towel.

## **RESULTS...**

### **Semi finals**

**Bradley Prowle, Glenn Williams, Tony Webb (Riverain) bt Ben Barrett, Stuart Rowney, Mick Barrett (Atherley) 19-6;**

**Wayne Bailey, Ross Tomlinson, Alex Walton (Bedford Borough) bt Kevin Rands, Danny Brown, Billy Jackson (Lincoln) 13-12.**

### **Quarter finals**

**Riverain bt Bedford Borough 23-18**

## NORFOLK VETERANS FOIL KENT'S BID



*The triumphant Norfolk team - proud winners of the national over 60 inter-county championship title.*

Kent's men (or should that be the Men of Kent?) were hoping to become the first to win the national over 60 inter-county championship for the fourth time, but they were upstaged by a nifty Norfolk side that included former internationals Tony Dunton, John Ottaway and Brian Taylor.

There was a time when the majority of international players would fall into this venerable age group, but most players turning out for England these days are under forty - making this an extremely popular event that gives a chance to the not-so-young to give vent to their competitive spirit.

In the eight years since the event was introduced in 2009, the title had been won by only three counties - Kent and Northants three times apiece, and Hampshire twice - so this was a first for Norfolk, traditionally one of the strongest counties.

Norfolk led from the start, but could never far enough ahead to be sure of ultimate victory, so the match was highly competitive, with Kent always threatening to get back into contention.

Tony Dunton's rink led the winning charge with a 23-9 result, but Brian Taylor's men were not far behind at 25-16, while team manager Charlie Boon skipped his men to a 17-11 win, and Mike King won by two shots, 18-16.

Roger Herridge's rink replied for Kent with a 15-12 win, while, on the rink where Norfolk's Peter Hurren took on Kent's Bill Crittle the honours were shared, 12-12.

"When I took over as team manager two years ago, we lost in the first round, but we reached the quarter finals last year," said team manager Boon. I can tell you that I am proud of the way the guys played today, bringing the trophy back to Norfolk for the very first time."

### RESULTS - Hidden Hearing National over 60 inter-county final:-

#### Norfolk bt Kent 107-79 - Rink scores (Norfolk names first):

Andy Sayer, Bernie Wymer, David Perry, Roger Barnbrook 12, Roger Howse, Norman Hunt, Clive Bruce, Roger Herridge 15;  
 Phil Long, Keith Whitehead, Ivan Borrett, Charlie Boon 17, Anthony Griffiths, Mick Dray, Mick Scott, Colin Elson 11;  
 Rocky Lewis, Roger Saxon, Vic Moore, Mike King 18, Mick Palmby, Terry London, Eric Peacock, Graham Standley 16;  
 Clive Derry, Malcolm Nicholson, Bryan Sadler, Brian Taylor 25, Ron Sydney, John Russell, Gordon Cochrane, Bob Shields 16;  
 Malcolm French, Jim Malcolm, Gary Goodrum, Peter Hurren 12, Peter Collins, John Cresswell, Ian Way, Bill Crittle 12;  
 John Colcombe, Geoff Ramsbottom, John Ottaway, Tony Dunton 23, George Mitchell, Paul Brett, Rod Stother, David Banfield 9

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## **TODAYS SCHEDULE - Wednesday, 29 March**

### ***0930hrs - Women's Pairs - last sixteen***

Dolphin v Honiton; Blackpool NH v Taunton Deane; Tye Green v Hornsea; Acle v Banbury;  
Clevedon v Bromsgrove; Wellingborough v Swale; King George v Nottingham; Ipswich v Egerton Park.

### ***1330hrs - Men's Pairs - last sixteen***

Bournemouth v Acle; Blackpool NH v Falcon; Exonia v Bounds Green; Hartlepool v Adur;  
Barwell v Whiteknights; Huntingdon v Lincoln; Angel v Moonfleet 2000; Hounslow v Malvern Hills.

### ***1745hrs - Men's and Women's Pairs - Quarter finals***

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