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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 FIVE

Wednesday, 29 March

UPDATE

This UPDATE round up the day (WED) - That's a wrap, folks!

Goodnight!

PAIRS DAY AT MELTON MOWBRAY

PROVIDES HIGH QUALITY ENTERTAINMENT

WOMEN'S PAIRS - DEANE DUO'S DERRING-DO!_{duo}



Taunton Deane duo Sue Evans (L) and Kirsty Hembrow qualified for tomorrow's (THU) semi finals.

The strong field assembled at Melton Mowbray this morning (WED) for the last sixteen stage of the national women's indoor pairs championship included two former champion pairs, from Blackpool Newton Hall and Nottingham, as well as a host of other likely winners.

Blackpool duo Sue Kearsley and Janice Gower, who won the title two years ago (in 2015) were put to the sword by Welsh-born Sue Evans and her Taunton Deane clubmate Kirsty Hembrow, who returned a 19-11 card - but Nottingham's Sue Mart and Pam Cutts, who were champions in 2008 and 2013, sailed into the quarter finals with a 23-11 win over Di Double and Jenny Annand, from the King George Field club in Tolworth.

Both pairs made further progress, Evans and Hembrow beating Julie Leake and Lyn Howard, from the Dolphin indoor club in Poole, 19-10, and Mart and Cutts accounting for Ipswich duo Anna Chalk and Katherine Rednall - two-thirds of the team that won the triples title yesterday (TUE).

Ipswich trailed Egerton Park's Alice Philimore and Mandy Carrie, 5-8, after eight ends in the morning session, but took control with a six-count on the eleventh end, and cantered to a 10-11 victory. But they could not escape from the clutches of the Nottingham pair, for whom Mart earned much praise for her impeccable drawing to the jack. Nottingham beat Ipswich, 16-11.

Katy Baxter and Dani Martinson, the back-end of the Hornsea quartette who won the fours title on Sunday, carried on where they left off, collecting two fives and a six on their way to a 29-5 win over perennial qualifiers Sue Duck and Sylvia Bloomfield, from the Tye Green club in Harlow.

But they, too, bit the dust tonight (WED), when they were edged out, 18-16, by Banbury's Carole Galletly and Kath Hawes.

England team captain Sandy Hazell, who won the title with her then Mote Park clubmate Ann Hill in 2004, now plays for Swale club in Sittingbourne, and is bidding for a repeat triumph with her good friend and clubmate Wendy King.

Hazell and King defeated Wellingborough's Alison Dring and Tina Broderick, 24-9, then chalked up another impressive win over Bromsgrove duo Kirsty Richards and Diane Arnold, winning, 23-8.

RESULTS...

Last sixteen

**Julie Leake & Lyn Howard (Dolphin) bt Rosemary Hiron & Shirley Hiscocks (Honiton) 21-10;
Sue Evans & Kirsty Hembrow (Taunton Deane) bt Sue Kearsley & Janice Gower (Blackpool NH) 19-11;**

Katy Baxter & Danielle Martinson (Hornsea) bt Sue Duck & Sylvia Bloomfield (Tye Green) 29-5;

Carole Galletly & Katherine Hawes (Banbury) bt Melanie Haylett & Barbara Meeks (Acle) 19-7;

Kirsty Richards & Diane Arnold (Bromsgrove) bt Laura Holden & Stef Branfield (Clevedon) 15-14;

**Sandy Hazell & Wendy King (Swale) bt Alison Dring & Tina Broderick (Wellingborough) 24-9;
Sue Mart & Pam Cutts (Nottingham) bt Diane Double & Jenny Annand (King George Field) 23-11;**

Anna Chalk & Katherine Rednall (Ipswich) bt Alice Phillimore & Mandy Carrie (Egerton Park) 20-11.

Quarter finals

**Evans & Hembrow bt Leake & Howard 19-10; Galletly & Hawes bt Baxter & Martinson 18-16;
Hazell & King bt Richards & Arnold 23-8; Mart & Cutts bt Chalk & Rednall 16-11.**

MEN'S PAIRS - LUCKY LONDONERS PIP DEVON DUO... but lose to Hartlepool!



Bound Green duo Lee Barber(L) and Andy Law pulled off a shock win over Exonia, but lost to Hartlepool

Lucky? - Yes, perhaps they were a tad lucky in the end, but Andy Law and Lee Barber, from Bounds Green in North London, matched Exonia's hotly tipped Ian Bond and Jamie Chestney every step of the way in an exciting match that went all the way to the wire.

Chestney, who is number eight in the WBT ranking list, showed his class on the last end when he played a miraculous bowl to make four shots - enough to see the Exonia (Exeter) duo, who were trailing 11-14, over the line.

Barber, who had played well throughout, was a foot or so off target with his desperate drive, but, to Chestney's horror, sent a Bound Green bowl across the green into second position. "It was a fluke," admitted Barber. "But I think we deserved a bit of luck after going into the last end three shots in front of a pair of that quality. The bowl that Jamie played to make four shots was sheer class!"

In another exciting encounter, which had a nail-biting extra end finish, Hartlepool's Carl Higgins and Paul Hartley were 8-14 adrift after 12 ends, and trailed 10-17 with only two ends left to play against Adur (Southwick)'s Jack Fairhall and David Hubbard.

Scoring a five and a double, they tied the scores at 17-17, then clinched a place in tonight's quarter finals with a vital single on the extra end - after Hubbard had killed the end on the first attempt.

As it happens, Bounds Green and Hartlepool came face to face in the quarter finals, but the giant-killers could not repeat their heroics, and it was Higgins - who, ironically, is the EIBA's Director of Competitions - and England player Hartley who took an early 10-3 lead, stayed in front, and came out on top, 18-11.

Lincoln's Danny Brown and Billy Jackson, who won the title in 2001, were outplayed by Huntingdon's

Lewis Baker and Nick Brett, who won comfortably, 21-7. Brett, who has already won this title four times (once with Matt Marsden and three times with Greg Harlow) is ranked number two in the world.

Two pairs who have experience what it's like to lose the final made a bold bid to go one better this year: Blackpool brothers John and Mark Dawes defeated Sam Moss and Russell Harmour, from the Chelmsford-based Falcon club, 20-11, while, on an end rink, Bournemouth's Chris

Daniels and Peter Ward were too good for Ian Wones and George Tubby, from Acle, winning, 16-7.

The Dawes brothers turned on another impressive performance to beat Daniels and Ward, 25-8, and will play the Hartlepool pair tomorrow (THU), while Huntingdon face Doug Rumble and Martin Puckett, from the Weymouth-based Moonfleet 2000 club in the other semi final.

Rumble and Puckett showed patience, but survived a virtual bombardment from the Malvern Hills duo, Shaun Jones and Ryan Atkins, whose skip, Atkins, frequently resorted to aggressive tactics - but, as so often happens, finesse triumphed over force, and Moonfleet got home. 20-12.

RESULTS...

Last sixteen

Chris Daniels & Peter Ward (Bournemouth) bt Ian Wones & George Tubby (Acle) 16-7;
John & Mark Dawes (Blackpool Newton Hall) bt Sam Moss & Russell Harmour (Falcon) 20-11;
Andy Law & Lee Barber (Bounds Green) bt Ian Bond & Jamie Chestney (Exonia) 14-12;
Carl Higgins & Paul Hartley (Hartlepool) bt Jack Fairhall & David Hubbard (Adur) 18-17 (after extra end);
Simon Jones & Andy Knapper (Whiteknights) bt Chris Moore & Joe Dawson (Barwell) 21-5;
Lewis Baker & Nick Brett (Huntingdon) bt Danny Brown & Billy Jackson (Lincoln) 21-7;
Doug Rumble & Martin Puckett (Moonfleet 2000) bt Graham Standley & Duncan Hanmore (Angel) 16-11;
Shaun Jones & Ryan Atkins (Malvern Hills) bt Ray Snellings & Ron Leleux (Hounslow) 28-10.

Quarter finals

Dawes & Dawes bt Daniels & Ward 25-8; Higgins & Hartley bt Law & Barber 18-11;
Baker & Brett bt Simon Jones & Knapper 15-10; Rumble & Puckett bt Malvern Hills 20-12.

TODAY'S SCHEDULE - Thursday, 30 March

0930hrs - Men's & Women's Pairs - Semi finals

Men: Blackpool NH v Hartlepool; Huntingdon v Moonfleet 2000.

Women: Taunton Deane v Banbury; Swale v Nottingham.

1330hrs - Women's Vivienne Trophy inter-club championship - Final

Lincoln v Palmerston.

1745hrs - Men's and Women's Pairs - Finals

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