



**English Indoor Bowling Association Ltd**

The National Governing Body for Indoor Level Green Bowls in England

## **NATIONAL INDOOR BOWLS CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS AT MELTON MOWBRAY**

*25 March to 1 April, 2017*

### **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](http://www.EIBA.co.uk)>. Comments, queries or requests for pictures should be sent to David...*

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### **DAY SEVEN**

**Friday, 31 March**

#### **PLEASE NOTE**

***This is the late night update***

***That's a wrap for today!***

***Tomorrow is the last day at Melton.***

***Goodnight all!***

## **ON THEIR OWN!**

**Today saw the start of the men's and women's singles event**

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### **WOMEN'S SINGLES**

### **ICE MAIDEN COOPER THROUGH TO SEMI FINALS**



**Aged 15,**

***Devon Cooper, from Riverain, is the youngest competitor in the women's singles***

Although she is only fifteen, Devon Cooper, from the Hitchin-based Riverain club, already has one national title to her credit (she won the pairs last year with fellow teenager Rachel Tremlett), and she led in the Riverain club quartette that reached the semi finals of the fours last weekend.

Tomorrow (SAT), in the semi finals of the national women's indoor singles championship, the ice-cool and quietly self-assured teenager will pose a serious challenge to the 2012 champion Bex Field - the only former winner to have qualified for the final stages this year.

This morning (FRI), Cooper stormed to an impressive 21-6 win over Atherley's Janet Williamson, and, in the quarter final, she allowed Tilbury's highly experienced Elaine Score, only seven shots, all achieved serenely, with hardly a smile or a frown. "Doesn't she ever show ANY emotion?" asked a spectator?"

Field, from the Norfolk indoor bowls club in Norwich, progressed through to the semi finals with a 21-12 win over Nicole Rogers, from the Basingstoke-based Loddon Vale club, and a 21-5 win over highly regarded Barbara Lewis, from the Barwell club in Leicester.

Lewis's last sixteen match against Torquay United's Barbara Bellamy took almost two-and-a-half hours, before Lewis got over the line, 21-19, with an inch-perfect draw to the jack when she was facing a match lie.

Two former runners up - Lauren Mosley, from Hartlepool, and Lincoln's Penny Strong - were in action, and, as luck would have it, they came face to face with a place in the quarter finals at stake, and it was Mosley who moved through to the quarter finals with a 21-14 win.

Mosley went on to beat Croydon's Diane Double, 21-8, and will now meet Michelle Barlow, from St Neots, who notched up wins of 21-11 and 21-14 against her England team-mate Amy Banes, from Swale, and up-and-coming Louise Haladij, from Northampton.

## RESULTS...

### Last sixteen

Louise Haladij (Northampton) bt Sue Evans (Taunton Deane) 21-16; Michelle Barlow (St Neots) bt Amy Banes (Swale) 21-11; Diane Double (King George Field) bt Emma Cooper (Adur) 21-15; Lauren Mosley (Hartlepool) bt Penny Strong (Lincoln) 21-14; Barbara Lewis (Barwell) bt Barbara Bellamy (Torquay United) 21-19; Bex Field (Norfolk) bt Nicole Rogers (Loddon Vale) 21-12; Devon Cooper (Riverain) bt Janet Williamson (Atherley) 21-6; Elaine Score (Tilbury) bt Marcia Hartley (Clarrie Dunbar) 21-3.

### Quarter finals

Barlow bt Haladij 21-14; Mosley bt Double 21-8; Field bt Lewis 21-5; Cooper bt Score 21-7.

## MEN'S SINGLES

### HOLDER FALLS - PAXTON PIPS TOLCHARD



*Defending*

*champion Martin Spencer crashed out at the last sixteen stage of the men's singles*

Spalding's Martin Spencer, the defending champion, was stopped in his tracks by North Cave's Stan Thompson, and failed to make it through to this evening's (FRI) quarter finals of the national men's indoor singles championship.

Thompson led throughout, and Spencer's anticipated rally simply did not materialise. And the man from South Yorkshire not only won, 21-13, but went on to topple another former champion, David Hubbard, from the Adur club in West Sussex, 21-17, in the quarter finals.

Earlier, Hubbard defeated Taylor Monk, from the famous Cyphers club in Beckenham, 21-9, while another former runner up, Rob Paxton, from Taunton Deane, who lost to Les Gillett in a memorable final here at Melton in 2001, got through, 21-17, against Ipswich ace Martin Heitzman.

Defeats for the two former winners, Spencer and Hubbard, means that there will be a new name on the trophy tomorrow night (SAT).

Paxton, ranked number six in the world, went on to beat last year's runner up, Torquay United's Sam Tolchard, 21-13, in the quarter final, and will now challenge Angel (Tonbridge) star Duncan Hanmore tomorrow (SAT) for a place in the final.

Malvern Hills star Shaun Jones had a good day, beating Foxhill's Paul Maynard, 21-9, and following up with a 21-4 win against Keith Beckett from the Isle of Wight. Jones, who has conceded only 13 shots so far, will play Stan Thompson, who as mentioned above, has taken two huge scalps already in Spencer and Hubbard.

## **RESULTS...**

### **Last sixteen**

Sam Tolchard (Torquay United) bt Glen Adams (Herga) 21-11; Rob Paxton (Taunton Deane) bt Martin Heitzman (Ipswich) 21-18; Russell Thompson (Bedford Borough) bt Glenn Skipp (Hartlepool) 21-20; Duncan Hanmore (Angel) bt Daniel Seabourne (Acle) 21-17; Keith Beckett (Isle of Wight) bt Josh Grant (Nottingham) 21-20; Shaun Jones (Malvern Hills) bt Paul Maynard (Foxhill) 21-9; David Hubbard (Adur) bt Taylor Monk (Cyphers) 21-10; Stan Thompson (North Cave) bt Martin Spencer (Spalding) 21-13.

### **Quarter finals**

Paxton bt Tolchard 21-13; Hanmore bt R Thompson 21-20; Jones bt Beckett 21-4; S Thompson bt Hubbard 21-17.

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## **TOMORROW'S SCHEDULE - Saturday, 1 April**

### ***0930hrs - Men's & Women's Singles - Semi finals***

Men: Rob Paxton v Duncan Hanmore; Shaun Jones v Stan Thompson.

Women: Michelle Barlow v Lauren Mosley; Bex Field v Devon Cooper.

### ***1230hrs - Women's inter-county championship (Atherley Trophy)***

Final: Norfolk v Kent

### ***1630hrs - Men's & Women's Singles - Finals***

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