



**English Indoor Bowling Association Ltd**

The National Governing Body for Indoor Level Green Bowls in England

## **NATIONAL INDOOR BOWLS CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS AT NOTTINGHAM**

*7-16 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 plans to email bulletins and updates to media outlets, once or twice a day during the above championships. Results will be 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 ONE - UPDATE**

**Friday, 7 April**

## **TWO-BOWL SINGLES**

*"It's like going into War with only half your ammunition!"*

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## **CHEESEMAN TRIUMPHS IN INAUGURAL EVENT**

*beats Scots-born James Rippey in a high quality final*



***Michael Cheeseman (R), from the Cyphers club, receives the two-bowl singles trophy from EIBA President Mike Andrew.***

The introduction of a national men's two-bowl singles championship came about after the EIBA's Director of International Bowls Maurice Mayes wondered if the top bowlers, who have proved their ability to play with four bowls, would do as well if they were restricted to just two.

In the annual home international series, each player delivers only two bowls per end, and it was suggested that a new two-bowl competition might throw up some hitherto undiscovered talent.

Someone remarked: "Two bowl singles is like going to War without half your ammunition," and there is no doubt that the format is very demanding compared with the four-bowl version, mainly because there is no time to recover when you start an end badly.

Two players who would most certainly agree with that statement are WBT world number two Nick Brett, from Huntingdon, and England's outdoor singles representative and serial title-winner Jamie Walker, from the Northampton-based Kingsthorpe club.

Brett and Walker had been hotly tipped by the pundits to meet in the final - but both were bundled out unceremoniously in the quarter finals, Brett losing 21-13 to Foxhill's Paul Maynard, and Walker going down, 21-9, against Torquay United's Ryan Whitlock.

Both stars got through their opening matches, but struggled to find their line and length early on, and were clearly on the back foot against opponents who were in good form.

"If you don't get in with your first bowl, you are in trouble," said Brett. "Paul played well, and I didn't - it's as simple as that. With four bowls, you have chances to turn things around with your third and fourth deliveries - but with only two bowls, you've had it."

Giant-killers Maynard and Whitlock continued to play well, but neither was able to clinch a place in the final. Mike Cheeseman, who plays for the Cyphers club in Beckenham, overcame Maynard, 21-16, and James Rippey, from Chelmsford's Falcon club, edged out Whitlock, 21-18.

And, in the final, it was Cheeseman, a 26-yearold primary schoolteacher from Orpington got the better of 39-year-old Scots-born James Rippey, who won the Scottish triples title before moving south, and being selected for the English Under 25 team, 21-17.

The two finalists appeared well matched. but there was no doubt that Cheeseman was the one who was improving as the game went on, and by the end, he held a firm grip on proceedings. "He was too good for me on the day," admitted Rippey.

Cheeseman was delighted to win this title, "Especially because it's the first time the event has been held," he smiled. "It's good to know that my name will be the first on the trophy."

A Cyphers clubmate of the legendary Andy Thomson, MBE, who, like Rippey, was born in Scotland, Cheeseman revealed that, within a few minutes of the match coming to an end, Thomson had texted him to congratulate him.

"He'd been following my progress on the EIBA website," added Cheeseman. "That obviously means a lot to me."

## **RESULTS...**

### **1000hrs - Last sixteen**

**Mike Cheeseman (Cyphers) bt Matthew J Ray (Hartlepool) 21-19;**

**Mark Elliott (Acle) w/o, David Hubbard (Adur) scr;**

**Nick Brett (Huntingdon) bt Graham Smith (Spalding) 21-17;**

**Paul Maynard (Foxhill) bt Jason Horwood (Watford) 21-13;**

**Jamie Walker (Kingsthorpe) bt Simon Skelton (Nottingham) 21-17;**

**Ryan Whitlock (Torquay United) bt Mike Fisher (Folkestone) 21-18;**

**James Rippey (Falcon) bt Darren Nutman (Moonfleet 2000) 21-20;**

**Chris Daniels (Bournemouth) bt Jack Bird (Scarborough) 21-13.**

### **1200hrs - Quarter finals**

**Cheeseman bt Elliott 21-11;**

**Maynard bt Brett 21-13;**

**Whitlock bt Walker 21-9;**

**Rippey bt Daniels 21-20.**

### **1500hrs - Semi finals**

**Cheeseman bt Maynard 21-16;**

**Rippey bt Whitlock 21-18.**

### **1700hrs - Final**

**Cheeseman bt Rippey 21-17.**

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## **SCHEDULE - Saturday, 8 April**

### ***0930hrs - Men's Over 60 Fours - last sixteen.***

Clarrie Dunbar (Duncan McGovern) v Sutton (Bob Chambers);  
Chigwell (Tim Mould) v Pentney (Mike King);  
Ipswich (Kevin Stephens) v Barwell (Bill Hobart);  
Scunthorpe (Alec Mullin) v Gateshead (George Hackett);  
West Berks (Derek Parsonson) v Portsmouth Victory (Colin Thresher);  
Torquay United (John C Evans) v Malvern Hills (Edric Vorsterman);  
Grattons (Ralph Steele) v City of Ely (Geoff Day);  
Cumbria (Jackie Walker) v Folkestone (Paul Brett).

### ***1330hrs - Open Under 25 Inter-club championship - Semi finals***

Swale v St Neots; Kingsthorpe v Torquay United

### ***1800 - Men's Over 60 Fours - Quarter finals***

Clarrie Dunbar or Sutton v Chigwell or Pentney;  
Ipswich or Barwell v Scunthorpe or Gateshead;  
West Berks or Victory v Torquay United or Malvern Hills;  
Grattons or City of Ely v Cumbria or Folkestone.

### ***1800 - Open Under 25 inter-club championship - Final***

Swale or St Neots v Kingsthorpe or Torquay United.

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