



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

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**DAY TEN - Sunday, 16 April**

# **EIBA FAMILY PAIRS**

**...WHERE EVERYTHING IS RELATIVE...**

**A final between a mother-and-son duo and a father-and-daughter partnership**



*A scene from the Family Pairs final - (LtoR) - Katherine Rednall, John Rednall and Wendy King.*

**Wendy and Lewis King, from Swale, defeated John and Katherine Rednall, from Ipswich, 20-16, in the final.**

The EIBA's Family Pairs championship was the natural successor to the National Father-and-Son Pairs competition that was launched in the days when there were two national associations - one for men and one for women - and never the twain shall meet.

In these more enlightened times, it is fantastic to see fathers and daughters (like the Rednalls and Bretts), mothers and sons (the Kings and Cheesemans), and even uncles and nephews (Law and Barber) teaming up for what is essentially a highly sociable event - but one which is also highly competitive.

The field of sixteen pairs, who had all come through a gruelling qualifying process, included two members of the WBT's elite Top Sixteen (Nick Brett and Mark Dawes), and two current world champions (Katherine Rednall and Andy Knapper) along with a galaxy of stars from all over England.

WBT World number two Nick Brett and his daughter Chloe were drawn against John Rednall, one of England's best-ever leads, and his daughter Katherine, who is the reigning WBT women's world champion - and it was the Rednalls who got home, 16-9.

The Rednalls, from Ipswich, with Katherine at skip. went on the reach the semi finals with a 20-8 win over father-and-son Tony and Dan Seabourne, from the Acle club in Norfolk.

England skip Wendy King, a world championships silver medallist, led for her son Lewis, from the Swale club in Sittingbourne, and the Kings turned in a couple of right royal displays to get past Barwell's father-and-son David and Chris Moore, 21-9, and Blackpool brothers John and Mark Dawes, who were runners up in the EIBA men's (open) pairs championship earlier this month.

In today's (SUN) semi finals, the Kings (from Swale) led Hartlepool's Alan Hartley and his son Paul, an England international, 11-7, after 12 ends, then turned the screw to win, 22-9, sealing victory with a six-count on the 17th end. The Rednalls were involved in a dramatic game with a pair from Bounds Green.

John Rednall, a long-serving England lead, who is highly respected throughout the bowls world, laid the foundations, and his daughter Katherine, who is 21, won the WBT women's world indoor singles title in January for the second time.

They looked certain winners when they raced into a 9-1 lead over Andy Law and his nephew Lee Barber, from the Bounds Green club in North London. But they had to endure a couple of crises before eventually emerging the winners at 23-16.

On the sixth end, Katherine, who was playing brilliantly, played what she described afterwards as 'my worst end ever,' and the Rednalls dropped seven shots. It was almost a maximum count, the Bounds Green duo being denied the eighth shot by an inch on an Umpires measure.

Survived that disaster, they built up a 17-12 lead, and were holding three shots on the 13th end when Barber, always an adventurous player, ditched the jack for four shots - instead of 20-12, the score was 17-16, with everything still to play for.

On the 17th end, when Law and Barber were four shots adrift, but were holding two, Katherine trailed the jack perfectly, forcing Barber to drive - and he was spot on target. The jack seemed to be heading for the ditch, but it locked on an Ipswich bowl, and the Rednalls scored a treble that put them out of reach at 23-16.

#### THE FINAL

### KINGS TURN ON A RIGHT ROYAL DISPLAY TO DENY THE REDNALLS



*Lewis King and mum Wendy with the National Family Pairs trophy*

Wendy King, who won a silver medal in the world outdoor championships in 2008, has experience great success in her distinguished bowls career, but she was emotionally overwhelmed by the thought that she had just won a national title with her 27-year-old son Lewis.

"This is so very special," she said after the mother-and-son duo from the Sittingbourne-based Swale club had beaten Ipswich father-and-daughter duo John and Katherine Rednall, 20-16, in the final of the EIBA Family Pairs championship at Nottingham today (SAT).

A see-saw match saw the Kings make the better start, but the Rednalls picked up back-to-back trebles on the fifth and sixth ends to lead, 7-6, before the Swale duo powered into a 15-7 lead after ten ends.

A four on the eleventh end brought the Ipswich pair back into contention, but the Kings closed the game down with a 1-1-2 sequence to lead, 19-11 after 14 ends - though it must be said that Katherine Rednall did her best to turn things around, but did not have the rub of the green.

"Dad played really well, and I was on target so many times, but hardly ever got the results I was looking for," said Katherine, who, at 21, is the reigning WBT women's world indoor singles champion, having won that title twice.

Swale led, 20-13 with two ends to play, and made sure they did not drop a count. The Kings were happy to let the Rednalls pick up a single and a double.

With three proven world-class players on the rink, Lewis King, who was capped by England at junior level in 2014, did not look out of place. Indeed, he made a habit of playing outstanding bowls at crucial times to frustrate the Rednalls.

If this had been a golf match, featuring such stars of the game, the place would have been packed with excited supporters. It may have been 'only the Family Pairs', but it was high quality fare, and great entertainment - so the sparse attendance was disappointing to put it mildly.

## **RESULTS...**

### **National Family Pairs Championship**

#### **Quarter finals**

Wendy & Lewis King (Swale) bt John & Mark Dawes (Blackpool NH) 13-8;  
Alan & Paul Hartley (Hartlepool) bt David & Ian Drew (Carnmoggas) 22-3;  
John & Katherine Rednall (Ipswich) bt Tony & Daniel Seabourne (Acle) 20-8;  
Andy Law & Lee Barber (Bounds Green) bt Margaret & Mike Cheeseman (Cyphers) 19-11.

#### **Semi finals**

King & King bt Hartley & Hartley 22-9; Rednall & Rednall bt Law & Barber 23-16.

#### **Final**

King & King bt Rednall & Rednall 20-16.



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