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(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>. Comments, queries or requests for pictures should be sent to David...

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DAY THREE - UPDATE

Sunday, 9 April

MEN'S OVER 60 FOURS

plus

DENNY & YETTON PLATE FINALS

MEN'S OVER 60 FOURS

Victory quartet live up to their name



National Over 60 Fours champions Colin Thesher, Barry Starks, Charlie Bailey and Dave Watts - with EIBA President Mike Andrew

The Portsmouth-based Victory club won the EIBA Men's Over 60 Fours title at Nottingham today, when Charlie Bailey, Dave Watts, Colin Thresher and Barry Starks defeated Scunthorpe's Neil Rowe, Phil Boulton, Phil Parker and Alec Mullin, 20-9, in the final.

At first, the final looked like being a low-scoring affair, with five singles being scored over the first five ends, at which stage the Victory quartet led, 3-2. But a couple of fours on the 6th and 8th ends, followed by successive trebles on the 10th and 11th, saw the Portsmouth team surge into a 17-5 lead.

"We have no excuses," said Mullin, after signing the card after 17 ends, "We were simply not good enough and were outplayed. But we are proud to have reached the final."

Thresher, in his first year as a veteran said, "I feel very happy, and have achieved everything I set out to achieve in bowls. I helped Hampshire win the Middleton Cup outdoors, and partenered Peter Line and his wife Wendy to the national mixed fours title. And now this!"

It was the more experienced fours who emerged victorious from this morning's national Over 60 Fours semi finals, Portsmouth Victory, skipped by Barry Starks, beating Grattons, 20-14, and Alec Mullin's Scunthorpe quartet staying ahead of Sutton to win, 22-19.

Colin Thresher, a highly experienced player, who played third to Starks, has only recently turned 60, so it was his first foray into this age group, and the Victory front two, Charlie Bailey and Dave Watts, are also players with pedigree. Bailey was in the Victory quartet that won the EIBA fours title in 2009.

Victory were soon 5-0 ahead against Crawley-based Grattons, whose skip Allan Steele was supported by Ron Adams, David Beard and Tony Grainger. But the Surrey quartet hit back defiantly, and were 8-5 in front after six ends, before the Portsmouth team scored the next eleven shots without reply to lead, 16-8, after eleven.

For Victory, it was a simply case of playing it tight, and showing patience, while Grattons attempted to make inroads into that lead - but things were getting tense at 17-14 with two ends left to play, before Victory clinched their place in the final with a single and a double.

Scunthorpe's third man, Phil Parker, won the national Over 60 singles title in 2011, and the fact that all four Scunthorpe players have been to the final stages of the national championships clearly made a difference against the Sutton quartet, who are all new to this level.

With Neil Rowe and Phil Boulton at the front end, Scunthorpe opened up a 10-0 lead over the Surrey hopefuls, and retained control throughout, until, at 22-13, Bob Chambers, Peter Wenmouth, Frank Russell and Colin Wilkins collected three doubles to make the score respectable at 22-19.

RESULTS...

National over 60 Fours championship...

0930hrs - Semi finals

Neil Rowe, Phil Boulton, Phil Parker, Alec Mullin (Scunthorpe) bt Colin Wilkins, Frank Russell, Peter Wenmouth, Bob Chambers (Sutton) 22-19;
Dave Watts, Charlie Bailey, Barry Starks, Colin Thresher (Victory) bt Ron Adams, David Beard, Tony Grainger, Ralph Steele (Grattons) 20-14.

1745hrs - Final

Victory bt Scunthorpe 20-9.

DENNY PLATE FINAL

and the champions are... WELLINGBOROUGH



Wellingborough proved far too good for doughty Darlington

Way back in October, 2016, Wellingborough lost to Kingsthorpe by three shots in the first round of the Denny Cup - the national men's inter-club championship - and thus qualified for a crack at the Denny Plate, a 'consolation' competition that is open to first-round losers.

The strength of the Wellingborough club could be seen today, when they subjected Darlington, a strong club with an impressive pedigree, to a four-rinks hammering, the final 78-38 scoreline pretty well telling the whole story.

While Wellingborough were delighted with their emphatic victory, Kingsthorpe, who put them out of the blue ribband competition, will soon be turning up in Bristol, where they are semi finalists in the Denny Cup. A win there for Kingsthorpe would be a remarkable achievement.

Darren Childs' rink won by 14 shots, Paul Broderick's by 13 and Neil Corbyn's by 12 - leaving Callum Height's quartet to weigh in with a single shot win over a Darlington rink skipped by John Fielding.

National Men's Inter-club championship - Denny Plate...

1330hrs - Final

Wellingborough bt Darlington 78-38 - Rink scores (Wellingborough names first):-

David Love, Martin Walker, Walt Winsor, Darren Childs 21, Tom Cairns, Graham Temple, John Lynch, Noah Cummings 7;
Curtis Johnson, Paul Coley, Mick Cooper, Neil Corbyn 20, Barry Cooper, James Humble, Liam Macey, Andy Kirtland 8;
Dennis Collins, Adam Pitfield, Darren Lyman, Callum Height 15, Jordan Harston, Martin Lynch, Mark Jones, John Fielding 14;
Scott Johnson, Danny Walker, Matt Pownall, Paul Broderick 22, Vince Rawcastle, Tony Henderson, Alan Stephenson, Barry Hopkins 9.

YETTON PLATE FINAL

and the champions are... ISCA



Isca's women bowlers celebrate their hard-won final victory over Northampton

The Isca club in Exeter often lives in the shadow of Devon's star-studded and high-profile clubs like Plymouth, Torquay United and Exonia, so the members were delighted to win a national title by beating Northampton, 58-54, in the final.

The title looked theirs when they made a scintillating start, but Northampton gradually got their game together, and hit back in determined fashion, taking the lead for the first time at 49-48. They increased their advantage briefly, but the dogged Devonians dug in their heels, and put in a big finish.

The result was in doubt until the very end - down to the wire, you could say. And it was an extremely low-scoring contest in which shots were hard to come by. Only 112 shots were scored in 72 ends, and it's very rare for the winners of a four-rink match to score a mere 58 shots.

With both sides receiving passionate and vocal support, the atmosphere was electric, as Muriel Scott's rink, with EIBA men's singles champion and WBT star Rob Paxton's mother playing second, were 'left in charge of the shop' for the last three ends.

At that stage, Isca led by one shot, and Scott's rink was trailing - but they managed to score three singles, guiding Isca to an historic 58-54 victory.

National Women's Inter-club championship - Yetton Plate...

1330hrs - Final

Isca bt Northampton 58-54 - Rink scores (Isca names first):-

Chris Thomas, Lez Chamberlain, Lynda Dommett, Joan Raddon 18, June Smith, Chloe Weston. Elaine Cox, Heather Newton 16; Janet Henderson, Ann Paxton, Marilyn O'Callaghan, Muriel Scott 12, Margaret Newport, Shannon Swift. Linda Warren, Janet Swift 16; Mary Wakley, Gill Oakey, Joan Martin, Eve Lugg 14, Billie Swift, Janet Denton, Liz Milburn, Joyce Porter 11; Nikki Parsons, Velma Fieldhous, Margaret Arscott, Connie Barter 14, Marion Cozens, Anita Hickman, Jackie Dale, Janet Warr 11.



TODAYS SCHEDULE - Monday, 10 April

0930hrs - Women's Over 50 Triples - Last sixteen

Welford-on-Avon v Colchester; Barwell v Torquay United;
Cumbria v Wellingborough; Acle v Egham;
North Wilts v Dolphin; Wey Valley v Sutton;
Oyster v Yeovil; Lincoln v Havering.

1330hrs - Men's Over 50 Triples- last sixteen

Christie Miller v Bromsgrove; Angel v Wey Valley;
Clacton v Egham; Lakenheath v South Forest;
Tye Green v Bodmin; Church Gresley v Acle;
Blackpool NH v Dolphin; Hounslow v South Shields.

1800hrs - Men's & Women's Over 50 Triples - Quarter finals

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