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NATIONAL INDOOR BOWLS CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS AT NOTTINGHAM

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

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DAY SIX - UPDATE

Wednesday, 12 April

MEN'S & WOMEN'S OVER 60 PAIRS

WOMEN'S OVER 60 PAIRS

Jean Arnaud & Joan Halliwell on Song in Nottingham



Joan Halliwell and Jean Arnaud, from Bournemouth, had a good day on the Nottingham green

Val Hobart and Barbara Lewis, who play for the Barwell club in Leicestershire, have their sights set on winning the National women's Over 60 pairs title tomorrow (THU), after scoring 45 shots while conceding only 19 in their two matches today.

Beating Sue Skerry and Avril Harland, from the Herts club, Watford, 20-10, they demolished Wendy Anderson and Janet Willis, from the Swindon Westlecot club, 25-9 in tonight's quarter finals.

In tomorrow's semi finals, they will play Celia Morris and Di Brumwell, from the Northampton-based Kingsthorpe club, who beat a Clarrie Dunbar duo, 25-15, then got past Sudbury, 15-9.

Yeovil duo Jenny Whitlock and Mary Sutton had a good day, edging past Acle, 16-14, then sweeping past Exmouth Madeira's Jan Roberts and Catherine King, 28-7.

They can expect a hard game tomorrow (THU) against Bournemouth's highly experienced Jean Arnaud and Joan Halliwell, who trounced a Sutton (Surrey) pair, 25-7, then got the better of Boston's Janet Vinter and Jean Thompson, 22-20.



Sudbury duo Jane Watson & Jacqui Edgar, who scored a last-gasp five to beat two of yesterday's triples champions

Margaret Craig and Maureen Hill, who won the Women's Over 50 triples title with Wey Valley clubmate Barbara Crooke yesterday (TUE), fell at the first hurdle in the Over 60 Pairs this morning, and failed to clinch a place in the quarter finals.

They met their match in Sudbury's Jane Watson and Jacqui Edgar in a curious match in which the scores were tied at 4-4, 5-5, 10-10 and 13-13, leading to a dramatic finish. With two ends to play, Craig and Hill broke the 13-13 deadlock with a count of four shots to lead, 17-13.

But the Suffolk pair, pictured above, came up with the perfect answer. Needing four to tie on the last end, they actually claimed five shots, and won the unusual encounter, 18-17.

Swindon Westlecot's Wendy Anderson and Janet Willis looked on their way out when they trailed Wellingborough's Pam Reynolds and Joyce George, 9-12 after 11 ends, but dropped only a single over the next seven ends, and got home, 19-13.

Val Hobart and Babara Lewis scored a six on the fifth end to lead, 8-2, and showed their class as they sealed a 20-10 victory over Sue Skerry and Avril Harland, from the Herts club, Watford.

Jeanette Wheeler cried off at the last minute suffering from vertigo, but a replacement, who had not previously played in the competition, was found from her Clarrie Dunbar club. Predictably, the Somerset pair made a shaky start against Kingsthorpe's Celia Morris and Diane Brumwell, but played well in the second half, and earned a respectable 25-15 scoreline.

A Westcountry quarter is on the cards after Exmouth Madeira's Jan Roberts and Catherine King defeated Geordies Norma Craig and Ann Lennie, 19-9, and Yeovil's Jenny Whitlock and Mary Sutton did enough to beat Sheila Stacey and Barbara Meeks, from Acle, 16-14.

But perhaps the most impressive win of the day came from Bournemouth duo Jean Arnaud and Joan Halliwell, who overwhelmed Sutton's Anne Coward and Diane Hanson, 25-7, setting up a quarter final clash with Janet Vinter and Jean Thompson, from Boston, who beat a White Oak pair, 16-7.

RESULTS...

National Women's over 60 Pairs championship...

0930hrs - Last sixteen

Wendy Anderson & Janet Willis (Westlecot) bt Pam Reynolds & Joyce George (Wellingborough) 20-13;
Val Hobart & Barbara Lewis (Barwell) bt Sue Skerry & Avril Harland (Herts) 20-10;
Jane Watson & Jacqui Edgar (Sudbury) bt Margaret Craig & Maureen Hill (Wey Valley) 18-17;
Celia Morris & Di Brumwell (Kingsthorpe) bt Ruth Haines & Sue Bird (Clarrie Dunbar) 25-15;
Jan Roberts & Catherine King (Exmouth Madeira) bt Norma Craig & Ann Lennie (West Denton) 18-9;
Jenny Whitlock & Mary Sutton (Yeovil) bt Sheila Stacey & Barbara Meeks (Acle) 16-14;
Jean Arnaud & Joan Halliwell (Bournemouth) bt Anne Coward & Diane Hannon (Sutton) 25-7;
Janet Vinter & Jean Thompson (Boston) bt Jean Higgins & Violet Aldridge (White Oak) 16-7.

1800hrs - Quarter finals

Hobart/Lewis bt Anderson/Willis 25-9; Morris/Brumwell bt Watson/Edgar 15-9;
Whitlock/Sutton bt Roberts/King 28-7; Arnaud/Halliwell bt Vinter/Thompson 22-20.

MEN'S OVER 60 PAIRS

Love's Fancy Footwork Captures Everyone's Imagination



Tamworth's Bob Love - 'the man with no arms' - propels his bowls with his left foot

Good bowls and bad bowls, close finishes and runaway wins entertained a large crowd at Nottingham this afternoon, when the final stages of the National Men's Over 60 Pairs championship got underway.

But, while the winners went on to contest tonight's quarter finals, every eye was trained on one player, who skipped his Tamworth clubmate Neil Southall brilliantly, but had to give best to Barking duo Bill Nelson and Terry Hughes - on a tense extra end.

What got everyone excited was the fact that Bob Love, who turned in an impressive performance that enthralled spectators, has no arms, takes to the green in bare feet, and bowls with his left foot.

"We had no idea what was in store for us," said Barking skip Hughes. "But I have every admiration for the guy, who turned heads around, and denied us a lot of shots. We had to dig deep and play our best to win that game," he added. "It was a great match!"

After the lead had changed hands several times, Barking led, 14-10 after 12 ends, but Southall and Love compiled a profitable 1-2-1-1-1 sequence to lead, 16-14, with only one end left to play.

Good play from Barking saw the Essex team holding a match lie of three shots on the 18th end, but Love deftly pushed a Tamworth bowl in to cut the count to two shots - and, at 16-16, an extra end was required.

Southall gave Tamworth a good start on the 19th end, but Nelson trailed the jack to set up a three-count, and Love's running bowls were narrowly off target, so Barking, who won, 19-16, duly booked their place in the quarter finals.

"I'm not too disappointed," said Love, who has also qualified for the singles, which starts on Friday. "Of course, I would have preferred to have won, but no-one could be disappointed after taking part in such a high quality game!"

In tomorrow's semi finals, Bryan Sadler and Brian Taylor, from Norwich's historic County Arts club, take on Folkestone's Dave Merrills and Colin Elson, while Geordies Brian Harris and Dave Webb, from the Stanley club in County Durham, face Wellingborough's Bob Fuller and Walt Winsor.

In the quarter finals, County Arts defeated Cornish club Carnmoggas, 19-11, and Folkestone beat a duo from the Chelmsford-based Falcon club, 18-14. Stanley romped to a 21-4 win over Barking, who had played so well against Tamworth, while Wellingborough overcame Slade, 20-7.

Earlier, Wey Valley duo Paul Vamvacopoulos and Ian Ross looked certain winners when they led, 19-13, with only three ends left to play. But their Cornish opponents Phil King and David Drew, from Carnmoggas, scored a treble on the 16th end, followed by a six, and returned a 23-19 card.

Talking of sixes, Wellingborough's Bob Fuller and Walt Winsor, who trailed a pair from the Weymouth-based Moonfleet 2000, 3-8 at eight ends, scored two of them in succession to take a 15-8 lead over Keith Wyman and Barry Patterson, and went on to win, 21-17.

Greg Moss and Ian Barker, from Chelmsford's historic Falcon club also scored a six - part of a three-ends run in which they piled up 11 shots to take an 18-6 lead over Harrogate's Ronnie Green and David Spilsbury. A late rally from Harrogate earned them the respectability of a 20-15 scoreline.

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National Men's over 60 Pairs championship...

1330hrs - Last sixteen

Phil King & David Drew (Carnmoggas) bt Paul Vamvacopoulos & Ian Ross (Wey Valley) 23-19;
Bryan Sadler & Brian Taylor (County Arts) bt Roger Cooper & Dave Willson (Leicester) 15-13 (x);
Dave Merrills & Colin Elson (Folkestone) bt Don Skayman (sub for George Draper) & Mike Smith (Lincoln) 21-11;
Greg Moss & Ian Barker (Falcon) bt Ronnie Green & David Spilsbury (Harrogate) 20-15
Brian Harris & Dave Webb (Stanley) bt Cliff Higgins & Brian Barber (Banister Park) 24-14;
Bill Nelson & Terry Hughes (Barking) bt Neil Southall & Bob Love (Tamworth) 19-16 (x);
Clive Graves & Tony Walton (Slade) bt Norman Pervoe & Alan Binns (Croydon) 15-13;
Bob Fuller & Walt Winsor (Wellingborough) bt Keith Wyman & Barry Patterson (Moonfleet 2000) 21-17.

1800hrs - Quarter finals

Sadler & Taylor bt King & Drew 19-11; Merrills & Elson v Moss & Barker 18-14;
Harris & Webb bt Nelson & Hughes 21-4; Fuller & Winsor bt Graves & Walton 20-7.

Thursday, 13 April

0930hrs - Men's & Women's Over 60 Pairs - Semi finals

1400hrs - Men's & Women's Over 60 Pairs - Finals

1800hrs - Men's & Women's Over 60 Inter-club Double Rink - Semi finals

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