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NATIONAL INDOOR BOWLS CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS AT NOTTINGHAM

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DAY SEVEN Thursday, 13 April

MEN'S & WOMEN'S OVER 60 PAIRS

WOMEN'S OVER 60 PAIRS

Bournemouth too good for Barwell



Bournemouth duo Joan Halliwell (L) and Jean Arnaud (R) with EIBA President Mike Andrew

There is no doubt that the two pairs doing battle in the National Women's Over 60 pairs final are among the best age-group combinations in England, and, for that reason alone, no-one expected a runaway win - but that's what it looked like for the first 11 ends of the 18-ends final.

Bournemouth's Jean Arnaud and Joan Halliwell, who won this title in 2012, opened up a 17-3 lead against Barwell's Val Hobart and Barbara Lewis, who achieved back-to-back wins in 2013 and 2014, but the Barwell duo recovered their poise and made a game of it, Bournemouth winning, 20-13.

Earlier, in the semi finals, Bournemouth had overwhelmed Yeovil's Jenny Whitlock and Mary Sutton, 25-6, while Barwell, who were all square with Kingsthorpe's Celia Morris and Di Brumwell, 11-11 after ten ends, took control to win, 22-16.

Halliwell said, "On the way to the final, there were times when Jean couldn't find it, and I got us out of trouble, and other times when I was all at sea, and she carried me, but that's what team games are all about. But we didn't expect to make such a brilliant start in the final."

Bournemouth conceded only three singles over the first ten ends, while they piled up 17 shots, but it was inevitable that a class duo like Hobart and Lewis should hit back, and a 2-2-4 sequence brought Barwell right back into contention at 17-11 after 15 ends.

A Bournemouth single steadied the ship, and, when the last end began it was 18-13, and Barwell needed to score five shots to force an extra end - a mission that proved impossible.

RESULTS...

National Women's over 60 Pairs championship...

0930hrs - Semi finals

Val Hobart & Barbara Lewis (Barwell) bt Celia Morris & Diane Brumwell (Kingsthorpe) 22-16;
Jean Arnaud & Joan Halliwell (Bournemouth) bt Jenny Whitlock & Mary Sutton (Yeovil) 25-6.

1400hrs - Final

Arnaud & Halliwell bt Hobart & Lewis 20-13.

MEN'S OVER 60 PAIRS

Wellingborough duo take title



EIBA President Mike Andrew, flanked by Bob Fuller (L) and Walt Winsor

A emotional Bob Fuller, who almost died twelve years ago, admitted that he felt overwhelmed to have partnered his Wellingborough clubmate Walt Winsor to the National Men's Over 60 Pairs title at the Nottingham indoor bowls club this afternoon (THU).

"I feel privileged to be here at all," he said, a quiver in his voice betraying the depth of his feelings. "I was hospitalised with pancreatitis, and my family were told not to expect me to survive. Now, twelve years later, I've won a national title - and I can't believe it!"

In the final, Wellingborough faced County Arts duo Bryan Sadler and Brian Taylor, who were half of last year's winning Over 60 fours title-winning quartet. Fuller, who is 61, gave Winsor consistent support at lead. "...As he has done all the way through the qualifying rounds, and here in Nottingham," chipped in his proud skip Winsor.

"We have both been involved in teams that have won national titles before, but this is our first success in an individual event," added Winsor, a 71-year-old retired paramedic. "It's a really good feeling!"

The final itself was an attritional affair, with no quarter asked or given - at least for the first 12 ends. Shots were so hard to come by that, by that stage, only 13 shots had been scored, and County Arts were 7-6 in front.

A treble for Wellingborough put them into the lead at 9-7, and they gradually took control - though Winsor admitted that he could never relax until the 18th end, on which County Arts needed to score six shots to tie - a task that proved impossible.

In the semi finals, Wellingborough were expecting a hard game with Stanley's Brian Harris and Davie Webb, a highly experience pair from County Durham - but they were surprised to find themselves 14-0 in front after only five ends, having garnered a devastating 3-4-2-3-2 sequence. Inevitably, the gritty Geordies hit back, but the Midlanders held on to win, 22-15,

Sadler and Taylor began and finished their semi final against Folkestone's Dave Merrills and Colin Elson in style - but suffered from a worrying mid-game lapse, which the Kent pair were quick to exploit. The Norfolk duo's 7-0 lead turned into an 11-12 deficit, but a 2-2-1-1 sequence saw County Arts home, 17-13.

RESULTS...

National Men's over 60 Pairs championship...

0930hrs - Semi finals

Bryan Sadler & Brian Taylor (County Arts) bt Dave Merrills & Colin Elson (Folkestone) 17-13;
Bob Fuller & Walt Winsor (Wellingborough) bt Brian Harris & Dave Webb (Stanley) 22-15.

1400hrs - Final

Fuller & Winsor bt Sadler & Taylor 15-8.

NATIONAL MEN'S & WOMEN'S OVER 60 INTER-CLUB DOUBLE RINK CHAMPIONSHIP SEMI FINALS

EXTRA END SEES MOONFLEET INTO MEN'S FINAL

York and Mote Park will meet in the women's final



The women play for the Mason Trophy - This is action from the semi final between York and St Neots



Action from the men's semi final between Moonfleet and Essex County

While both the women's semi finals in this eight-a-side competition, known as the inter-club Double Rink championship, produced emphatic victories for York and Mote Park over St Neots and Thornbury respectively, the men's semi finals were more closely contested.

Nottingham, with home advantage, were relieved to get home by seven shots against feisty Folkestone, winning by four shots on the rink skipped by John Mildren, and by four on the rinks skipped by Dave Adams. There was a lot of good bowls before the home side got home, 35-28.

The Moonfleet 2000 club, who play in Weymouth, were trailing, 32-33 when the last end got underway, and the Essex County (Southend) rink skipped by John Warman held the winning shot until Moonfleet skip Barry Patterson delivered the last bowl of the end.

He unleashed a perfect running bowl that rocked the Essex County shot sufficiently to send the jack to a Moonfleet bowl, tying the overall score at 33-33, and forcing Essex County into an extra end, which was played on the other rink.

John Stewart's quartet had beaten Doug Rumble's rink, 19-16, over 18 ends, but Moonfleet third man Alf Sawkins got the shot, and Rumble added another, giving the Dirset side a 35-33 victory, and a place in tomorrow's (FRI) final, where they will challenge the host club.

As for the women, York proved to be too good for St Neots, winning handsomely on both rinks: Helen Walker's quartette beat Hazel Wright's rink, 22-12, and Carol Instone defeated June George, 22-10.

And, although Sue Latham's Thornbury rink did well to hold Linda Southby's Mote Park (Maidstone) quartette to a 16-15 scoreline, Ann Hill put the result beyond doubt, skipping her Mote Park rink to a 22-12 win over a rink skipped by Lyn Hamer.

RESULTS...

National Over 60 Inter-club championship - Semi finals...

MEN

Moonfleet 2000 bt Essex County 35-33 (after extra end) - Rinkscores (Moonfleet names first):

Warwick Brown, Mike Durrant, Alf Sawkins, Doug Rumble 16 +2, Richard Spriggs, Bobby Locke, Phil Bowyer, John Stewart 19; Keith Wyman, Andy Clark, Ron McCarthy, Barry Patterson 17, John Andrews, Malcolm Artus, Martyn Jackson, John Warman 14.

Nottingham bt Folkestone 35-28 - Rink scores (Nottingham names first):

James Beckett, Bob Rose, Ronnie Cowan, John Mildren 15, Roger Howse, Geoff Greenland, Colin Elson, Roger Herridge 12; Keith Burton, Geoff Allen, Alan Fellows, Dave Adams 20, George Mitchell, John Berry, Paul Brett, Clive Bruce 16

WOMEN

York bt St Neots 44-22 - Rink scores (York names first):

Dot Kennelly, Maureen Walker, Linda Harrison, Helen Walker 22, Lesley Wood, Veronica Brown, Sally Anstee, Hazel Wright 12;
Joan Jackson, Sheila Turpin, Melanie Brooke, Carol Instone 22, Christine Goodwin, Sandra Baxter, Wendy Hayden, June George 10.

Mote Park bt Thornbury 38-27 - Rink scores (Mote Park names first):

Anne Gurney, Jenny Wright, Jane Turner, Ann Hill 22, Irene Giles, Trish Nunn, Pam Welch, Lyn Hamer 12;
Carol Collins, Sharon Sefer, Janet Stubbs, Linda Southby 15, Jane Lowden, Fran Stockford, Val Osmond, Sue Latham 16

SCHEDULE - Friday, 14 April

0930hrs - Men's & Women's Over 60 Inter-club championships - Finals

MEN - Nottingham v Moonfleet 2000

WOMEN - York v Mote Park

1330hrs - Men's Over 60 Singles - last sixteen

1600hrs - Women's Over 60 Singles - last sixteen

1900hrs - Men's & Women's Over 60 Singles - Quarter finals

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