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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 has been emailing bulletins and updates to media outlets, once or twice a day during the above championships. Results are 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 NINE - Saturday, 15 April

MEN'S & WOMEN'S OVER 60 SINGLES FINALS ESSEX DOUBLE? - THE ONLY WAY!

MEN

PITT STOPPED BY STEWART



John Stewart, from the Essex County club, is the new National Over 60 Singles champions.

Londoner Dave Pitt, who was hoping to win the National Men's Over 60 Singles title for the third year running, was stopped in his tracks in the final tonight (SAT), when John Stewart, from the Essex County club in Westcliff-on-Sea, overhauled the defending champion, and returned a 21-18 scorecard.

Pitt had scored the first seven shots in only four ends, and looked poised to achieve an unprecedented hat-trick. And the 63-year-old bus driving instructor from Hounslow looked comfortably in charge when he led, 12-7, after 12 ends.

A devastating 2-2-4-1 spell from Stewart turned the game his way, giving the Essex man a 16-12 lead, and he seemed to be heading for victory when he led, 19-14, after 19 ends. Digging in his heels, Pitt clawed back to 19-18, and was holding shot on the 23rd end, when Stewart trailed the jack 'around the corner' for a match-winning double.

Stewart won the national (no age limit) triples title with Andy Squires and James Rippey out of the Falcon (Chelmsford) club, in 2012, having lost in the final three years before, but has since joined the Essex County club. This was his first age-group title.

Earlier, Pitt had quelled the challenge of Sussex star Steve Jeapes, from the Hastings-based Falaise club in a fascinating semi final in which only three singles were scored, and in which the initiative changed hands several times before Pitt who came out on top, 21-18.

In the other semi final, Essex County (Southend) stalwart John Stewart was always in control against Norfolk's Malcolm Starkey, from the Gallow club in Fakenham. After speeding into an 11-2 lead, Stewart kept a lid on Starkey's attempts to recover, and ran out the winner, 21-13.

Only three men - Stanley's Bill Bell, East Dorset's Bill Ward and Dave Pitt - have successfully defended this title, but Pitt's hopes of becoming the first to win it three times were dashed.

RESULTS...

National Men's Over 60 Singles

Semi finals:

John Stewart (Essex County) bt Malcolm Starkey (Gallow) 21-13;

Dave Pitt (Hounslow) bt Steve Jeapes (Falaise) 21-18.

Final: Stewart bt Pitt 21-18.

WOMEN

CRAFER MAKES IT A DOUBLE FOR ESSEX *beating Bromley battler Macdonald*



Carol Crafer, from Chigwell, defeated Bromley's Elizabeth Macdonald, 21-16, in the women's final.

Chigwell's Carol Crafer, who has qualified for the final stages of the national championships many times without ever winning a national title, defeated Elizabeth Macdonald, from Bromley, 21-16, in the final of the National Women's Over 60 Singles championship in Nottingham tonight (SAT).

Crafer's win meant that both titles - men's and women's - went to Essex. But the other two finalists Pitt and Macdonald, are also 'Londoners', from Hounslow and Bromley respectively.

From 5-5 in the final, Crafer edged ahead, and was 8-5 in front after 11 ends, but a brilliant mid-game spell from Macdonald, whose statuesque stance and methodical delivery drill provide ample evidence of a high level of concentration, gave her eight shots over the next four ends, giving her a 13-8 advantage.

In this morning's (SAT) semi finals, Crafer led all the way against Pat Fowkes, who plays at the Rivermead club in Reading, taking a 6-1 lead after four ends, and stamped her authority mid-game to lead 17-7 after 16 ends.

Fowkes, who had been in good form, rallied briefly, and looked dangerous when she closed to 13-17 after 20 ends, but Crafer won with a full house of four shots on the 21st end.

Macdonald, who had endured a gruelling quarter final last night (FRI), before edging home, 21-20, against Acle's Jenny Kirby, came through another marathon encounter to beat Over 60 pairs champion Jean Arnaud, from Bournemouth, 21-19.

Arnaud led, 7-3, and 16-11, but the dogged Macdonald, making her national championships debut, proved to be the better finisher, scoring ten shots to three on the run-in for a 21-19 victory that set up a final encounter with Crafer.

RESULTS...

National Women's Over 60 Singles

Semi finals:

Carol Crafer (Chigwell) bt Pat Fowkes (Rivermead) 21-13;

Elizabeth MacDonald (Bromley) bt Jean Arnaud (Bournemouth) 21-19.

Final: Crafer bt MacDonald 21-16.

LIBERTY TROPHY FINAL

DASHING DEVON POWER TO EMPHATIC WIN

as confident Cumbrians disappoint



Devon lifted the Liberty Trophy for the first time since 1993

Why is it that Devon do so well outdoors on grass, but fail to fulfil their potential indoors on carpet? That is a question that has been asked many times. The high-flying county has won the (outdoor) Middleton Cup eight times in the last fifteen years - but Devon's indoor team have won the Liberty Trophy only once - way back in 1993!

The team of 2017 responded defiantly in today's (SAT) final, beating Cumbria, 114-82, and effectively declaring that things have changed. We may see a resurgence from Devon indoors from now on. After all, the core of the county's indoor and outdoor teams are similar, and the presence of so many top stars of the game suggest that the quality is there.

Devon took control from the start, and never relaxed their grip against a county that has won the title three times. It must be said that Cumbria, like Devon, have a better record outdoors than indoors, but were expected to put up stronger resistance than they did today.

Cumbria did win well on one rink, where Stuart Irwin's men returned a 25-10 scorecard, but Devon won handsomely on four rinks, and by one shot on the rink skipped by Sam Tolchard. Louis Ridout's quartet won by 14, Ryan Whitlock's by 13, Danny Denison's by 11 and Ian Bond's by eight.

"We do have the reputation of lagging behind our outdoor counterparts," agreed Devon's team manager Kevin Phillips. "The records speak for themselves - but things are changing, and this side has developed a great team spirit. That was a good win today!"

RESULTS...

National Men's Inter-County Championship (Liberty Trophy)

Devon bt Cumbria 114-82 - Rink scores (Devon names first):

Kieran Kniveton, Harry Goodwin, Simon Broom, Sam Tolchard 18, Neal Shearer, Rick Gallagher, Graeme Vipond, Stuart Airey 17; Lloyd Roberts, Phil Hackett, Kevin Phillips, Ryan Whitlock 22, Tom Prescott, Lewis Baxter, Mark Nanson, Ian Gallagher 9; Jamie Heard, Matt Bass, Ian Lesley, Louis Ridout 21, Steven Green, Greg Rice, John Wills, Gavin Taylor 7; Bob Condon, Dave Evans, John Evans, Danny Denison 25, Eddie Murray, Jackie Walker, Paul Barlow, Stephen Farish 14; Paul Stone, Kieran Daniels, James Hampton, Ian Bond 18, Robert Carruthers, Alan Glendinning, Rae Graham, Ben Sherwen 10; Paul Daley, Dan Holloway, Ollie Lucas, Stuart Evans 10, Kevin Harrison, Paul Wallace, John Baird, Stuart Irwin 25.

FAMILY PAIRS



The Family Pairs is a popular event. Evidence? - there are four current or former world champions in the picture

Apologies for scant coverage of this last sixteen round of the Family Pairs championship. Today's (SAT) schedule was subject to delays, and the last bowls rolled too late to provide any more than a results service (below). Full service will be resumed tomorrow (SUN).

RESULTS...

National Family Pairs Championship

Last sixteen

Wendy & Lewis King (Swale) bt David & Chris Moore (Barwell) 21-9;
John & Mark Dawes (Blackpool NH) bt Rod & Jonathan West (Boston) 17-12;
Alan & Paul Hartley (Hartlepool) bt Gordon & Andy Knapper (Whiteknights) 20-9;
David & Ian Drew (Carnmoggas) bt James & Charles Bruder (Wey Valley) 16-12;
John & Katherine Rednall (Ipswich) bt Chloe & Nick Brett (Huntingdon) 16-9;
Tony & Daniel Seabourne (Acle) bt Andrew & Ben Paulley (Dolphin) 15-14;
Margaret & Mike Cheeseman (Cyphers) bt Darren Nutman & Jamie Lockwood (Moonfleet 2000) 20-18;
Andy Law & Lee Barber (Bounds Green) bt Mark & Ryan Atkins (Malvern Hills) 16-15 (after extra end).

SCHEDULE - Sunday, 16 April

0930hrs - Family Pairs - Quarter finals

1330hrs - Family Pairs - Semi finals

1730hrs - Family Pairs - Finals

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