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**PRESS RELEASE ON BEHALF OF THE ENGLISH INDOOR BOWLING ASSOCIATION  
NATIONAL INDOOR BOWLS CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS AT MELTON MOWBRAY**

*23-31 March, 2018*

**FREE RESULTS AND ROUND-UP SERVICE**

**DAY EIGHT.2**

**Friday, 30 March**

**FORMER CHAMPS FIELD AND COLEMAN CRASH OUT  
NEW NAMES GUARANTEED ON SINGLES TROPHIES**

*new broom sweeps clean in Melton Mowbray*



*Two promising youngsters - Jordan Philpott (Spalding) (LEFT) and Jack Bird (Scarborough) - clashed in the first round  
Bird is through to today's semi finals*

## **MEN'S SINGLES IS WIDE OPEN**

Paul Coleman, the only previous winner of the national men's singles championship, reached the quarter finals, but met his match in Hartlepool's Paul Hartley, who is subtly reminding the national selectors of his worth.

After making a slow start, Hartley took the lead for the first time at 6-5 on the 10th end, and was never behind again, as he stormed to a 21-17 victory - despite dropping a treble on the 20th end and a full house of four shots on the 23rd.

In tomorrow's (SAT) semi finals, Hartley will meet Torquay United's Ryan Whitlock, who was reserve for England in the recent international series in Paisley, and who picked up a shock 21-19 win over the 2007 runner up Graham Shadwell, from the Clarrie Dunbar club, near Frome.

The other semi final sees two young newcomers, who are keen to make their mark, slugging it out for a place in the final: Mikey Titcombe, from Swindon Westlecot, who is 22, defeated Adam White, from Chawton Park, 21-16, and Scarborough's Jack Bird, who is only 21, pulled off a shock 21-11 victory over Kingsthorpe's England star Connor Cinato.

### **LAST SIXTEEN HIGHLIGHTS...**

Only one previous champion, and only one former runner up rolled up for the last sixteen stage of the national men's indoor singles championship at Melton Mowbray this morning (FRI).

Paul Coleman, the Wey Valley star who has cut back on the amount of bowls that he plays since he won the title in 2006, cleared the first hurdle and made it through to tonight's quarter finals (FRI) when he beat Marc McCaughan, from Folkestone, 21-16.

And Graham Shadwell, from the Clarrie Dunbar club, near Frome in Somerset, who lost to Cumbria's Craig Docherty in the 2007 final, defeated the reigning national Over 60 singles champion John Stewart, from the Essex County club in Westcliff-on-Sea, 21-18.

Standing between Coleman and a place in the semi finals is Hartlepool's steady Paul Hartley, who beat Lincoln's Kevin Rands, 21-15, while Torquay United's Ryan Whitlock, who trailed England star Rob Elmore, 1-12, hit back to win, 21-19, and will face Shadwell in the last eight.

In the other half of the draw, Wiltshire's rising star Mikey Titcombe beat Herga's Glen Adams, 21-11, and will meet Adam White, from Chawton Park, who got past Egerton Park's Trevor Roberts, 21-15.

Meanwhile, two young prospects - Scarborough's Jack Bird and Spalding's Jordan Philpott - had an entertaining tussle, which Bird won, 21-14, setting up a clash with Kingsthorpe's England star Connor Cinato, who celebrated his 22nd birthday earlier this month.

## **FORMER RUNNERS UP MAKE THE WOMEN'S SEMI FINALS**

Last year's singles runner up Devon Cooper, won the pairs with Rachel Tremlett two years ago, and, at the age of sixteen, is continuing to show her prowess as a consistent drawing player.

Today, the Riverain (Hitchin) youngster claimed two 21-13 victories to clinch a place in tomorrow's semi finals. Beating Bromley's Liz Macdonald and Clarrie Dunbar's Teresa King, she will now meet the former World Champion of Champions title-holder Julie Leake, who plays for the Dolphin club in Poole for a place in the final.

Janice Gower, who lost in the final in 2014, accounted for South Forest's Janet Eames, who had been hailed as a giant-killer when she dismissed the 2012 champion Rebecca 'Bex' Field in the last sixteen.

Eames beat Field, 21-9, and started well in the quarter final, scoring a full house of four shots against Gower, from Blackpool, on the very first end - but Gower, who was an England reserve this winter, turned an unpromising 8-11 deficit into an impressive 21-14 victory.

The Lancastrian will now face a challenge from Taunton Deane's 28-year-old Kirsty Hembrow, who received the England Player of the Year award at the international series earlier this month. To say that Hembrow had a good day would be an understatement - she opened with a 21-4 win over Ipswich hopeful Sarah Gove, then humbled three-times runner up Kath Hawes, from Banbury, 21-9.

## HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE LAST SIXTEEN...

Despite the absence in Australia, where they will soon be carrying England's hopes in the Commonwealth Games, of leading lights of the women's game like Katherine Rednall, Ellen Falkner, Sian Honnor and Sophie Tolchard, the field for the women's singles was extremely strong on paper.

There may have been only one former winner of the title - Norfolk's Rebecca Field, who won it in 2012 before going on to win the WBT Women's World Matchplay title in 2013 - in the field, but there were several former runners up, and eight of the sixteen have played for England at senior level.

Ever-present Kath Hawes, who now plays for Banbury, has actually lost in three finals (2000, 2011 and 2013), while teenage sensation Devon Cooper was runner up last year, Amy Walters (then Stanton) lost in the 2016 final, and Janice Gower had to settle for silver in 2014.

It was a big shock when Field fell at the first hurdle, outplayed by South Forest's Janet Eames, 21-9, but Hawes and Cooper, who faced Barwell's Barbara Lewis and Bromley's Liz MacDonald respectively, both took big leads, and held on to win, Hawes by 21-14, and Cooper, 21-13.

Julie Leake, from the Dolphin club in Poole, was Julie Saunders when she won the World Outdoor Champion of Champions singles title, and she is well known as a tenacious exponent of singles play. Her 21-16 win over Walters was a dour struggle that was the last on the green.

In tonight's (FRI) quarter final, Leake will face Adur's Clare Stevens, who beat Torquay United's Carrie Southgate, 21-14.

Taunton Deane's Kirsty Hembrow, who was called up as a reserve to the England team in Paisley earlier this month, and was voted the Player of the Series by her team-mates, wasted no time in dispatching Ipswich youngster Sarah Gove, 21-5, and Teresa King, a Clarrie Dunbar clubmate of Graham Shadwell, held on to win, 21-19, against promising St Neots star Rebecca Moorbey.

## TODAY'S RESULTS (FRIDAY)...

### MEN'S SINGLES:-

#### Last sixteen:

Mikey Titcombe (Westlecot) bt Glen Adams (Herga) 21-11;  
Adam White (Chawton Park) bt Trevor Roberts (Egerton Park) 21-15;  
Connor Cinato (Kingsthorpe) bt Peter Wilkinson (County Arts) 21-15;  
Jack Bird (Scarborough) bt Jordan Philpott (Spalding) 21-14;  
Graham Shadwell (Clarrie Dunbar) bt John Stewart (Essex County) 21-18;  
Ryan Whitlock (Torquay United) bt Rob Elmore (City of Ely) 21-19;  
Paul Hartley (Hartlepool) bt Kevin Rands (Lincoln) 21-15;  
Paul Coleman (Wey Valley) bt Marc McCaughan (Folkestone) 21-16.

#### Quarter finals:

Titcombe bt White 21-16; Bird bt Cinato 21-11;  
Whitlock bt Shadwell 21-19; Hartley bt Coleman 21-15.

### WOMEN'S SINGLES:-

#### Last sixteen:

Janet Eames (South Forest) bt Rebecca Field (Norfolk) 21-9;  
Janice Gower (Blackpool NH) bt Kylie Hampton (Egham) 21-17;  
Kath Hawes (Banbury) bt Barbara Lewis (Barwell) 21-14;  
Kirsty Hembrow (Taunton Deane) bt Sarah Gove (Ipswich) 21-5;  
Devon Cooper (Riverain) bt Elizabeth MacDonald (Bromley) 21-13;  
Teresa King (Clarrie Dunbar) bt Rebecca Moorbey (St Neots) 21-19;

Julie Leake (Dolphin) bt Amy Walters (Welford-on-Avon) 21-16;  
Clare Stevens (Adur) bt Carrie Southgate (Torquay United) 21-14.

### **Quarter finals:**

Gower bt Eames 21-14; Hembrow bt Hawes 21-9;  
Cooper bt King 21-13; Leake bt Stevens 21-14.

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## **TOMORROW'S PROGRAMME**

**(Saturday, 31 March)**

**0930hrs - Men's & Women's Singles - Semi finals**

**Men: Mike Titcombe v Jack Bird; Ryan Whitlock v Paul Hartley**

**Women: Janice Gower v Kirsty Hembrow; Devon Cooper v Julie Leake**

**1230hrs - Women's Inter-County Championship (Atherley Trophy) - Final**

**Lincolnshire v Dorset or Sussex**

**1645hrs - Men's & Women's Singles - Finals**

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### ***EIBA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE***

*24/25 March - Men's and Women's Fours*

*25 March - Men's Under 25 inter-county championship final*

*26/27 March - Men's & Women's Triples*

*27 March - Men's Over 60 inter-county championship final*

*28/29 March - Men's & Women's Pairs*

*29 March - Women's inter-club (Vivienne Trophy) final*

*30/31 March - Men's & Women's Singles*

*31 March - Women's inter-county championship (Atherley Trophy) final*