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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

(images may be available on request)

This service is provided on behalf of the EIBA by David Rhys Jones, who has been tasked with 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 SIX.2

Wednesday, 28 March

NOTE

This, as promised, is the late night Wednesday update, with results and reports from the quarter finals of the men's and women's pairs

DRAMATIC FINISHES IN PAIRS QUARTER FINALS
as defending champions make great escape



Lucy Smith walks back to the mat to play a vital bowl against defending champions Swale (in orange)

When the quarter finals of the men's and women's pairs got underway at Melton tonight (WED), four of the pairs held hopes of repeating a previous triumph.

At the end of the evening three of those pairs are still in with a shout, but one of them, Lincoln's Danny Brown and Billy Jackson, who won the men's pairs in 2001, had dropped out of contention, after being beaten, 18-8, by the 2015 champions Mike Knight and Rob Newman, from the Whiteknights club in Reading.

In the women's event, defending champions Wendy King and Sandy Hazell, from the Swale club in Sittingbourne, survived a scare. Having trailed young hopefuls Katy and Lucy Smith, from Swindon's Westlecot club, 15-7 at ten ends, they showed what they are made of by clawing back to win, 19-17, breaking a 17-17 deadlock on the very last end.

And Blackpool Newton Hall duo Sue Kearsley and Janice Gower, who won the title in 2015, won by the same score against Julie Leake and Lyn Howard, from the Dolphin club in Poole. After establishing a 19-12 lead, the Lancastrians held on, and were happy to drop a treble and two singles on the last three ends.

In tomorrow's (THU) semi finals, the Blackpool duo will face a young Spalding pair, Ruby Hill and Chelsea Tomlin, who dashed the hopes of Chris Hobbs and Betty Spicer from the Arun club in Bognor Regis, 23-14. Holders Swale will play Egham's Kylie Hampton and Helen Tuohy, who edged home, 19-18, against City of Ely stars Joanne Denny and Sarah Seymour.

As for the men, Knight and Newman will take on Clarrie Dunbar's Russell Francis and Graham Shadwell, who ground out a 13-12 win over Mick Hawkins and Andy Walters, from Welford-on-Avon, while WBT World indoor singles champion Mark Dawes and his Blackpool Newton Hall clubmate Jonathan Goodall face local hopes Les Gillett and Chris Rodgers.

The Melton pair, with Gillett drawing to the jack with relentless accuracy, came through a tense tussle with City of Ely brothers Rob and Ed Elmore, winning 16-15, while the Blackpool pair defeated Hartlepool's Carl Higgins and Paul Hartley, 17-10.

Blackpool Newton Hall, of course, have their sights set on a double, with representatives in the semi finals of the men's and women's events tomorrow morning (THU).

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE LAST SIXTEEN...

While the sport's legends were slugging it out this morning (WED) for places in the quarter finals of the national pairs championship in Melton Mowbray today, the EIBA's Director of Competitions, Carl Higgins, who has been working hard as Master of Ceremonies, took his place on the green alongside his Hartlepool clubmate Paul Hartley, and showed he can cut the mustard as a player.

"It's kind of difficult, because I haven't been able to practice for a week or so, and, of course, I have had my mind on other things," said Higgins. "But once I got out there, it didn't take me long to focus on the game."

Higgins and Hartley cleared the first hurdle, beating Andrew Rodger and Josh Pounds, from the Sittingbourne-based Swale club, 15-11, but lost in the quarter final to Goodall and Dawes.

England team captain Andy Thomson, from the Beckenham-based Cyphers club, was the biggest name to crash out in the last sixteen of the men's event, when he and Paul Field, with whom he won this title in 2009, were pipped by Russell Francis and Graham Shadwell, from the Clarrie Dunbar club in Somerset, 18-17.

In a closely contest match, it took a brilliant last bowl from Welford-on-Avon's Andy Walters to break a 16-16 deadlock and get past a Norfolk pair skipped by Wayne Willgress, 18-16. In what might be termed a family affair, Walters's wife Amy and Willgress's fiancée Bex had both qualified for the last sixteen in the women's pairs.

Both lost, Norfolk's Carole Baker and Bex Field going down by two shots to the Smith sisters, Katy and Lucy, from Westlecot, and Welford's Sue Davies and Amy Walters losing by four to Egham's Kylie Hampton and Helen Tuohy.

Torquay United's Cassidy Lenton and Harriet Stevens, still smarting from their defeat in yesterday's (TUE) triples final, dropped four shots on the last end to lose, 15-14, to Chris Hobbs and Betty Spicer, from the Arun club in Bognor Regis.

WEDNESDAY RESULTS

WOMEN'S PAIRS:-

Last sixteen:

Sandy Hazell & Wendy King (Swale) bt Anne Patten & Jayne Croxall (South Forest) 21-10 (17);
Katy Smith & Lucy Smith (Westlecot) bt Carole Baker & Rebecca Field (Norfolk) 17-15;
Joanne Denny & Sarah Seymour (City of Ely) bt Sara George & Stef Branfield (Clevedon) 19-9 (17);
Kylie Hampton & Helen Tuohy (Egham) bt Sue Davies & Amy Walters (Welford-on-Avon) 16-12;
Ruby Hill & Chelsea Tomlin (Spalding) bt Sarah Gove & Anna Chalk (Ipswich) 16-15;
Chris Hobbs & Betty Spicer (Arun) bt Cassidy Lenton & Harriet Stevens (Torquay United) 15-14;
Sue Kearsley & Janice Gower (Blackpool NH) bt Sue Duck & Sylvia Bloomfield (Tye Green) 25-15 (17);
Julie Leake & Lyn Howard (Dolphin) bt Sue Evans & Kirsty Hembrow (Taunton Deane) 21-12 (17).

Quarter finals:

Hazell & King bt Smith & Smith 19-17; Hampton & Tuohy bt Denny & Seymour 19-18;
Hill & Tomlin bt Hobbs & Spicer 23-4; Kearsley & Gower bt Leake & Howard 19-17.

MEN'S PAIRS:-

Last sixteen:

Rob Elmore & Ed Elmore (City of Ely) bt Lee Croad & Ben Paulley (Bournemouth) 22-16;
Les Gillett & Chris Rodgers (Melton Mowbray) bt Andrew Harding & Simon Pettingel (Grattons) 23-11;
Carl Higgins & Paul Hartley (Hartlepool) bt Andrew Rodger & Josh Pounds (Swale) 15-11;
Jonathan Goodall & Mark Dawes (Blackpool NH) bt Ray Hills & Paul Smyth (Cheshunt) 22-13;
Russell Francis & Graham Shadwell (Clarrie Dunbar) bt Paul Field & Andy Thomson (Cyphers) 18-17;
Mick Hawkins & Andy Walters (Welford-on-Avon) bt Richard Summers & Wayne Willgress (Norfolk) 18-16;
Michael Knight & Rob Newman (Whiteknights) bt Dom Warren & Phil Last (Ipswich) 22-7 (15);
Danny Brown & Billy Jackson (Lincoln) bt Simon Broom & Nathan Farrant (Exonia) 17-7 (16).

Quarter finals:

Gillett & Rodgers bt Elmore & Elmore 16-15; Goodall & Dawes bt Higgins & Hartley 17-10;
Francis & Shadwell bt Hawkins & Walters 13-12; Knight & Newman bt Brown & Jackson 18-8.

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TODAYS PROGRAMME (Thursday, 29 March)

0930hrs - Men's Pairs - men's & women's semi finals

1330hrs - Women's Inter-club (Vivienne Trophy) - final

1730hrs - Men's & Women's Pairs - men's & women's finals

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

You can continue to scroll down to find the draw for all the events

This will help you identify when your local players are in action

EIBA 2018 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS SCHEDULE AND DRAW

29 March - Men's & Women's Pairs semi finals and final

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

Arun v Colchester

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

Men:-

Glen Adams (Herga) v Mikey Titcombe (Westlecot)

Adam White (Chawton Park) v Trevor Roberts (Egerton Park)

Peter Wilkinson (County Arts) v Connor Cinato (Kingsthorpe)

Jordan Philpott (Spalding) v Jack Bird (Scarborough)

John Stewart (Essex County) v Graham Shadwell (Clarrie Dunbar)

Ryan Whitlock (Torquay United) v Rob Elmore (City of Ely)

Paul Hartley (Hartlepool) v Kevin Rands (Lincoln)

Marc McCaughan (Folkestone) v Paul Coleman (Wey Valley)

Women:-

Rebecca Field (Norfolk) v Janet Eames (South Forest)

Janice Gower (Blackpool NH) v Kylie Hampton (Egham)

Kath Hawes (Banbury) v Zoe Eagles (York) or Barbara Lewis (Barwell)

Sarah Gove (Ipswich) v Kirsty Hembrow (Taunton Deane)

Devon Cooper (Riverain) v Elizabeth MacDonald (Bromley)

Teresa King (Clarrie Dunbar) v Rebecca Moorbey (St Neots)

Amy Walters (Welford-on-Avon) v Julie Leake (Dolphin)

Clare Stevens (Adur) v Carrie Southgate (Torquay United)

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

Lincolnshire v Dorset or Sussex

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