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## **NATIONAL INDOOR BOWLS CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS**

### **PHASE TWO - AT NOTTINGHAM**

*7-16 April, 2018*

**FREE RESULTS AND ROUND-UP SERVICE**

*(images may be available on request)*

### **DAY ONE**

**Saturday, 7 April**

## **PHASE TWO GETS UNDERWAY**

### **in Nottingham**

Following hard on the heels of Phase One, which was completed recently at Melton Mowbray, Phase Two of the national indoor bowls championships got underway at the Nottingham IBC today (SAT). The ten-day event presents a colourful miscellany of competitions, most of which are age-group related. Today, for example, we witnessed the semi finals and final of the Under 25 inter-club championship, and the last sixteen stage and quarter finals of the Men's Over 60 Fours.



*Play started today (SAT) in the national indoor bowls championships in Nottingham*



*Swale (in orange) won the national 'open' Under 25 inter-club title, beating Torquay United in the final.*

## **DRAMATIC END TO UNDER 25 INTER-CLUB FINAL**

***Torture for Torquay as holders Swale hang on to their title***

Stunned silence. That's what greeted Swale's 31-30 extra-end victory over Torquay United in the final of the national Under 25 inter-club team Double Rink championship, curtailed this year to a Two Triples event to make it accessible to more clubs.

There were no high fives or whoops of joy from the winners, no tears or groans (alright there may have been a few quiet tears!) from the losers. Even the spectators sat motionless - partly because they didn't know exactly what had happened. Everyone was speechless.

The strange things was.. it had been a brilliant game, and it produced as exciting a finish as anyone could remember, with ends being killed on a regular basis, a dramatic recovery from Torquay that sent the final into extra time, and some brilliant bowling that kept us on the edge of our seats.

Three superbly-judged draws from Zach Kidd on the very last end on his rink gave Torquay the chance they needed. Torquay were now only one shot adrift with one end left to play, and the Devonians were holding two shots when Swale's Perry Martin ruthlessly killed the end to keep his side's hopes alive.

On the replay, it was Harry Goodwin's turn to send the jack out of bounds, and we wondered if this match would ever end. This time, on the third attempt to complete the 18th and last end, England star Martin delivered an inch-perfect bowl to make two shots for victory.

Not to be denied, Goodwin clipped one of the bowls out of the count, so it was a tie at 30-30, and a tortuous extra end had to be played. Torquay held the advantage when Martin stepped on to the mat to deliver the very last bowl of the extra end - and, it seemed, the odds were against him.

Playing with good weight, his bowl bent early, and all seemed lost - but it ploughed into a front clutch of bowls, and sent one of them trundling towards the jack. Unbelievably, it was a Swale bowl - and, to everyone's disbelief, it settled down within an inch of the jack, giving the shot, the game and the title to Swale.

The Torquay sextet were gutted. The Swale team were embarrassed. Not a word was spoken, not a sound was heard. The teams shook hands in silence, and the spectators, most of whom did not have a clear view of what had happened, had to work it out for themselves.

No-one had seen such a strange ending to a game - and particularly one which had produced so much drama along the way. Last year, the final between these two teams had been acrimonious, but this year it was played in the best of (sporting) spirit. But the results was the same. Swale retained the title.

### ***David Cornwell Under 25 Inter-club Double Rink***

#### ***Semi finals:-***

#### **Torquay United bt St Neots 38-28 - Rink scores (Torquay names first):**

Cassidy Lenton, Kieran Kniveton, Harry Goodwin 11, Robbie Barker, Tom Hall, Jamie Barker 16;  
Tom Davies, Will Stevens, \*ach Kidd 27, Rebecca Moorbey, Hayden Moorbey, Adam Barker 12.

#### **Swale bt Spalding 35-29 - Rink scores (Swales names first):**

Imogen Jenner, Andrew Rodger, Perry Martin 22, Lauren Finbow, Rhys Hill, Ben Wilson 13;  
Paige Dennis, Isaac Jenner, Josh Pounds 13, Ruby Hill, Chelsea Tomlin, Jordan Philpott 16.

#### ***Final:- Swale bt Torquay United 31-30 (after extra end) - Rink scores (Swales skips first):***

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# HOLDERS FALL AT FIRST HURDLE

## *as Portsmouth Victory lose to York in Men's Over 60 Fours*

An early shock in the national Men's Over 60 Fours championship was the failure of defending champions Portsmouth Victory's Charlie Bailey, Dave Watts, Colin Thresher and Barry Starks to make it through to the quarter finals. After leading, 10-5, after 10 ends, they were beaten, 17-13, by Alan Vowles, Phil Parsons, Malcolm Lewis and Tony Horobin, from York.

Although York skip Horobin was never capped for England, he has played for his country at senior level, in the Over 50 International Double Rink series, and was team manager of the England side that won the Hilton Trophy for the third time running at Paisley last month.

After making that great escape, Horobin's troops repeated the feat in the quarter finals, storming back from 5-10 after eleven ends, and 9-16 with only three ends left to play to win, 17-16, thanks to a 4-2-2 run-in sequence.

The home quartet of Keith Burton, Russ Pearce, Ronnie Cowan and John Midlren were always going to be hard to beat, and they came through to the semi finals with wins of 23-15 and 20-7 against fours from Kempston Park and Westlecot.

Also through to the last four were Tony Greathead, Mick Hagon, Jimmy Ainger and Albert Ward, from Hartlepool, and Leicester's Les Storer, Roger Cooper, Vic Adams and Dave Wilson. Hartlepool defeated teams from Sutton, 18-16, and Falcon, 22-13, while Leicester, who edged home, 16-15, against Worthing Pavilion, defeated Carnmoggas, who play in Little Polgooth (Cornwall), 19-12.

Hartlepool's front three entered the national championships for the first time this year, persuaded to do so by the EIBA's Director of Competitions, Carl Higgins, who happens to be their club President.

### ***The programme for the ten days at Nottingham is as follows...***

*7 April - David Cornwell Under 25 inter-club Double Rink final*

*7/8 April - Men's Over 60 Fours*

*8 April - Denny Plate and Yetton Plate finals*

*9/10 April - Men's & Women's Over 50 Triples*

*11/12 April - Men's & Women's Over 60 Pairs*

*12/13 April - Men's & Women's Over 60 inter-club Double Rink championship*

*13/15 April - Men's & Women's Over 60 Singles*

*14 April - Liberty Trophy Semi finals*

*15 April - Liberty Trophy Final*

*15/16 - Open Family Pairs*

## **EIBA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS (PHASE TWO) SCHEDULE, DRAW & RESULTS**

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## **7 April - Men's Over 60 Fours**

### **Last sixteen (0930hrs - Saturday, 7 April)**

Chris Branson, Pete Mason, Pete Colby, Mike Tritton (Yeovil) bt  
Ray Kellard, Ian Crowe, Peter Bryan, Graham Arnold (Bromsgrove) 18-17;  
Alan Vowles, Philip Parsons, Malcolm Lewars, Tony Horobin (York) bt  
Charlie Bailey, Dave Watts, Colin Thresher, Barry Starks (Portsmouth Victory) 17-13;  
Dave Snell, Denis Holborow, Terry Walton, Mel Biggs (Swindon Westlecot) bt  
Nigel Roberts, Graham Cathpole, John Catchpole, David Wood (Beccles) 20-13;  
Keith Burton, Russ Pearce, Ronnie Cowan, John Mildren (Nottingham) bt  
Brian Merrill, Tony Peck, Mark Curtis, Graham White (Kempston Park) 23-15;  
John Darling, Keith Blake, Phil King, Dave Drew (Carnmoggas) bt  
George Mitchell Roger Howse, Clive Bruce, Roger Herridge (Folkestone) 24-8;  
Les Storer, Roger Cooper, Vic Adams, Dave Wilson (Leicester) bt  
Ray Leggett, Arthur White, Bill Murphy, John Frew (Worthing Pavilion) 16-15;  
Tony Greathead, Mick Hagon, Jimmy Ainger, Albert Ward (Hartlepool) bt  
Ted Barlow, Robert Wharf, Steve Shanley, John Graham (Sutton) 18-16;  
Eric Ovel, John Weatherley, Greg Moss, Ian Barker (Falcon) bt  
Terry Lichkin, John King, Bill Nelson, Terry Hughes (Barking) 17-16.

### **Quarter finals:**

York bt Yeovil 17-16; Nottingham bt Westlecot 20-7;  
Leicester bt Carnmoggas 19-12; Hartlepool bt Falcon 22-13.

## **8 April - Men's Over 60 Fours**

### **Semi finals (0930hrs); Final (1745hrs).**

## **8 April - Men's Denny Plate & Women's Yetton Plate**

**Men (Denny Plate) final: West Berks v South Shields**

**Women (Yetton Plate) final: Ashford v Erewash**

## **9/10 April - Men's & Women's Over 50 Triples**

### **Men:-**

Gary Taylor, Dave Simpson, Steve Fortescue (Egham)  
Dale Oran, Ian Jackson, Glenn Skipp (Hartlepool)  
Dave Ferguson, Bob James, Alan Cornfoot (Oyster)  
Dave Willis, Ollie Lucas, Stuart Evans (Plymouth)  
Bob Warters, Cliff Watson, Keith Rippin (Stamford)  
Mick Allen, Paul Haskins, Tony Webb (Riverain)  
Eric Ovel (sub for Andy Squire), Geoff Gasson, Derek Cook (Falcon)  
Keith Burton, Trevor Lee, Phil Dickens (Nottingham)  
Dave Love, Bob Fuller, Paul Boderick (Wellingborough)  
Anthony Hopkins, Charles Wright, Keith Renwick (Gullivers)  
Phil Long, Charlie Boon, Bernie Perrett (sub Paul Pretty) (Norfolk)  
David Small, Ronnie Green, David Spilsbury (Harrogate)  
Marcus Smith, Neil Smith, Mike Holmes (Malvern Hills)  
Terry Smith, Mike Lesson, Ian Mackenzie sub Graham Guy (Portsmouth Victory)  
Mike Blizzard Nick Rogers (sub for Derek Parsonson), Richard Kozlowski (West Berks)  
to be confirmed (Kingsthorpe)

### **Women:-**

Teresa King, Sue Bird, Jeanette Wheeler (Clarrie Dunbar)  
Sue Mart, Jayne Lee, Pam Cutts (Nottingham)  
Chris Hobbs, Bridget Collins, Betty Spicer (Arun)  
Celia Morris, Diane Brumwell, Hilary Sharpe (Kingsthorpe)  
Kate Asher, Moira Webber, Barbara Bellamy (Torquay United)  
Sharon Allen, Joan Welch, Jenny Ralph (Riverain)

Sally Williams, Julie Leake, Penny Cresswell (Dolphin)  
Norma Craig, Karen Weites, Ann Lennie (West Denton)  
Jean Hunter, Ann Warrington, Gill Long (Croydon)  
Sylvia Randall, Linda Bennett, Kay Carrick (Norfolk)  
Elsie Berry, Wendy Merchant, Lynne Williams (Taunton Deane)  
Eileen Devonald-Batt, Lorraine Woodley, Mary Price (Desborough, M)  
Joyce George, Sue Collins, Pam Reynolds (Wellingborough)  
Julie Spice, Isabel Morey, Stella Utteridge (Ipswich)  
Jane Turner, Sharon Sefer, Linda Southby (Mote Park)  
Dot Kennelly, Melanie Brookes, Linda Harrison (York)

### **11/12 April - Men's & Women's Over 60 Pairs**

#### **Men:-**

Mick Allen & Roger Manning (Riverain) v Bob Condon & John Evans (Torquay United)  
Gerry Magan & Steve Tate (Coventry) v Charlie Bailey & Barry Starks (Portsmouth Victory)  
Fred Edwards & Barry Attwood (Great Aycliffe) v Gordon Knapper & Brett Long (Desborough, M)  
Lee Cooper & John Godfrey (Adur) v Colin Endesby & Andy Nightingale (Cambridge Chesterton)  
Mike Scarborough & Roger Barnbrook (Diss) v Roger Cooper & Dave Wilson (Leicester)  
John Andrews & John Stewart (Essex County) v Alan Fallows & John Mildren (Nottingham)  
Martin Griffiths & Martin Smith (Malvern Hills) v Norman Pervoe & Alan Binns (Croydon)  
Bob Shields & Ron Sydney (Bromley) v Malcolm Lewars & Alan Vowles (York)

#### **Women:-**

Yvonne Williams & Rita Barwick (Honiton) v Sheila Plaskitt & Lin Mountain (Lincoln)  
Carole Goodyear & Pam Harris (Malvern Hills) v Sue Walter & Janette Noyes (Wealden)  
Margaret Craig & Maureen Hill (Wey Valley) v Joyce Geirge & Pam Reynolds (Wellingborough)  
Jean Arnaud & Joan Halliwell (Bournemouth) v Lixz Tunn & Brenda Brown (Gill Cousins sub) (Colchester)  
Angel Sidney & Marion Johnson (Bromley) v Val McDermott & Yvonne Pick (Welford-on-Avon)  
Sue Evans & Di Routley (Taunton Deane) v Betty Ottoway & Avril Harland (Herts)  
Val Hobart & Barbara Lewis (Barwell) v Lynn Cannel & Geraldine Reeve (Acle)  
Sue Allum & Daphne Jacob (Rivermead) v Kath Delacoe & Beryl Alderson (Redcar)

### **13-15 April - Men's & Women's Over 60 Singles**

#### **Men:-**

Greg Sampson (Coventry) v Peter Hagger (Clacton)  
Charlie Bailey (Portsmouth Victory) v Malcolm Lewars (York)  
Mick D Cooper (Wellingborough) v John Godfrey (Adur)  
Gary D Brock (Cyphers) v George Draper (Lincoln)  
Ray Fortune (Barking) v Alan Dunkley (Brackley)  
Geoff Bellamy (Torquay United) v Terry Lanchbery (Bromley)  
Ronnie Richardson (Gateshead) v Martin Smith (Malvern Hills)  
Nigel Roberts (Beccles) v Martyn R Dolby (Stamford)

#### **Women:-**

Pam Cutts (Nottingham) v Sara Quayle (Plymouth)  
Liz Russell (Atherley) v Joan Howson (Wealden)  
Pat Fowkes (Rivermead) v Gill Cliff (Bromsgrove)  
Violet Aldridge (White Oak) v Di Routley (Taunton Deane)  
Rhoda Young (Bounds Green) v Pat Browne (The Parks)  
Eileen Parker (Sudbury) v Margaret Smith (Sutton)  
Christine Goodwin (St Neots) v Angela Spilsbury (Harrogate)  
Carole Baker (Norfolk) v Alex Jacobs (North Wilts)

### ***15/16 April - Family Pairs***

Ajay & Rob Morphett (Egerton Park) v Neil & Martyn Jackson (Essex County)

Joe & Paul Justin (Carterton) v David & Ian Drew (Carnmoggas)

Rod & Jonathan West (Boston) v Lewis & Wendy King (Swale)

Ryan & Mark Atkins (Malvern Hills) v Charles & James Bruder (Wey Valley)

Mervyn & Sam King (Gallow) v Nick & Matthew Orrey (Grantham)

Rod & Jamie Claydon (Riverain) v Shaun & Ian McIntosh (South Shields)

Rob & Ed Elmore (City of Ely) v Adrian & Jack Bird (Scarborough)

Ben & Mick Sharpe (Kingsthorpe) v Peter M & Peter D Ward (Atherley)

### ***14/15 April - Men's Inter-county championship (Liberty Trophy)***

***Semi finals (Saturday, 14 April) - Wiltshire v Kent; Norfolk v Lincolnshire***

***Final (Sunday, 15 April)***