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NATIONAL INDOOR BOWLS CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS

PHASE TWO - AT NOTTINGHAM

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FREE RESULTS AND ROUND-UP SERVICE

DAY TWO - Sunday, 8 April

LOCAL MIDLANDS DERBY IN MEN'S OVER 60 FOURS

as host club quartet pips Leicester in national final



Nottingham's Keith Burton, Russ Pearce, Ronnie Cowan and John Mildren of the host club, who defeated Leicester in tonight's final. Pictured with EIBA President Margaret Allen.

No-one was unduly surprised when Keith Burton, Russ Pearce, Ronnie Cowan and John Mildren won the Men's Over 60 Fours title in Nottingham tonight, when they defeated Les Storer, Roger Cooper, Vic Adams and Dave Wilson, from Leicester, 18-16, in a tense final.

Even though Nottingham and Leicester are actually in different competition areas for national championships, the match was billed as a local derby, because the clubs are close enough that the eight competitors know each other very well.

The Nottingham quartet started as favourites because they were thought to have home advantage, but this sometimes works in a negative way, because of the increased weight of expectation that rests on the shoulders of the home team.

"In any case, they stretched the carpet last week in readiness for the championships, and it's much faster than it was," revealed Nottingham's Scots-born third man Cowan. "The lines are different, too, and we were learning all the time, just like you do away from home!"

Nottingham nevertheless shot into a big lead, and, at 15-6 after 11 ends, seemed to be home and dry, before a magnificent fightback from Leicester earned the 'visitors' eight shots in three ends, so that they were only one shot adrift at 15-14.

When Leicester skip Wilson ditched the jack for two shots on the penultimate end, it set up a tense final end, which Leicester dominated - until a brilliant bowl from Mildren, who threaded his guided missiles through a gap, and drew the shot.

Wilson's attempt to retrieve was unsuccessful, and Nottingham, who triumphed by two shots, 18-16, earned themselves a crack at the British title when the British championship are held at the Falcon club in Chelmsford next March.

Earlier, Nottingham had beaten York quartet Alan Vowles, Phil Parsons, Malcolm Lewars and Tony Horobin, 20-9, and Leicester overcame Hartlepool's Tony Greathead, Mick Hagon, Jimmy Ainger and Albert Ward, 17-13.

The Hartlepool quartet, who are mainly newcomers to the rarefied atmosphere of the national championships, looked comfortable at 11-8 after 12 ends, but dropped nine shots while they scored only one over the next five ends, and went into the last end, at 17-12, looking for five shots to tie.

As for Nottingham, they did not have things their own way for the first half of their semi final against York, whose skip, Tony Horobin, happens to be the England team manager.

But Nottingham's slender 9-7 lead after ten ends suddenly looked much more secure when they scored a sensational six on the 11th end, and they didn't look back.

Men's Over 60 Fours semi finals:

Keith Burton, Russ Pearce, Ron Cowan, John Mildren (Nottingham) bt Alan Vowles, Philip Parsons, Malcolm Lewars, Tony Horobin (York) 20-9;
Les Storer, Roger Cooper, Vic Adams, Dave Wilson (Leicester) bt Tony Greathead, Mick Hagon, Jimmy Ainger, Albert Ward (Hartlepool) 17-13.

Final: Nottingham bt Leicester 18-16.

GEORDIES WIN SKILL AND VOCAL BATTLE

as South Shields power their way past West Berks



South

Shields - winners of the Denny Plate in Nottingham today (SUN)

They arrived by the coachload, and took over the stadium in Nottingham, and won the hearts of spectators, who loved their bright, 'look-at-me' shirts, and the way in which their supporters shouted and sang them to victory. They were loud - but they were good.

Relatively speaking, they were a young side, with only one of their 16 players over 60, but it was their enthusiasm that saw South Shields home to an emphatic victory over the West Berks club, who are based in Newbury.

"We were so frustrated to have lost in the first round of the Denny Cup to rivals Stanley that we set about winning the Plate," said Gary Farquhar, one of the northerners' four skips. "It means a lot to the club to have achieved this - especially without our star player David Bolt, who is in the England team in the Commonwealth Games on the Gold Coast."

All four Shields rink returned winning cards, and the result was never in doubt, with Shaun McIntoch skipping his rink to a 30-9 victory and Ian McIntosh winning, 27-9. Kris Storf, a Scot, who travels from Alloa to Tyne & Wear to play for his adopted club, skipped his rink to a 22-15 win, while Farquhar, whose rink trailed for most of the game, eventually edged home, 18-14.

"I believe it's the first team event the club has won," confided a South Shields player. "So, although it's an event for first round losers, we'll take that, and I think you could say that we've made some sort of statement."

Men's final - South Shields bt West Berks 97-47 - Rink scores (South Shields names first):

Dave Paterson, Josh Minto, James Sneller, Gary Farquhar 18, Mike Blixard, Chris Hawkins, Derek Chivers, Gordon Ballantyne 14;
Jackson McKenna, Paul Sainthouse, Stewart Hubbard, Shaun McIntosh 30, Fred Brown, Graham Bradley, Richard Koxlowski, Tony Aubrey 9;
Neal Ridley, Steve Cairns, Ian Riches, Ian McIntosh 27, Nick Rogers, Keith Lavery, Alan Stephens, Barry Williams 9;
Scott Baker, Mal Peach, Phil Dixon, Kris Storf 22; Terry Crook, Paul Ratcliffe, Peter Kay, Martyn Chant 15.

LOCAL SUCCESS IN YETTON PLATE

as Erewash prove too good for Ashford



Erewash - winners of the Yetton Plate in Nottingham today (SUN)

Although the Erewash club, who had previously won the Yetton Plate in 2014, were comfortable winners against newcomers Ashford, this final had a number of sub-plots that kept everyone interested for almost four hours.

Elaine Haddon Holmes, skipping for Erewash, opened so aggressively with a 1-6-3-1 sequence that suggested that her rink was heading for a record victory, but her Ashford opponents, skipped by Carol Morton hit back and took the lead at 18-15 after 13 ends.

The Holmes quartette rallied to win 23-21, and it seemed as if the Kent side might suffer a whitewash, losing on all four rinks. However, the Ashford supporters club never gave up, and the biggest cheer of the day came when the rink skipped by Chris Breeds edged home, 16-14.

Big wins from the other two rinks - a 29-7 win for Janet Bowles, and a 27-12 victory for Lynn Murden - gave Erewash the upper hand, and, like the men's final, the result was never in doubt.

Women's final - Erewash bt Ashford 93-56 - Rink scores (Erewash names first):

Shirley Townsend, Alex Stephenson, Sue Poole, Janet Bowles 29, Linda Harper, Ros Sawyers, Pat Martin, Cheryl Palmer 7; Maggie Beighton, Pauline Hunt, Sue Jordan-Smith, Lynn Murden 27, Elona Griggs, Chris Murray, Belinda Williams, Gill Howard 12; Betty Docherty, Audrey Porter, Meg Cowell, Elaine Haddon-Holmes 23, June Hyde, Hael Larkin, Rose Coker, Carol Morton 21; Pauline Smart, Jenny Hundleby, Katie Hipkiss, Chrissey Arnett 14, Anne Rutland, Sue Gilbert, Gill Hawkes, Chris Breeds 16.



The programme for the ten days at Nottingham at a glance...

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



IIBA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS (PHASE TWO) SCHEDULE, DRAW & RESULTS

Sunday, 8 April - Men's Over 60 Fours

Semi finals:

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Final: Nottingham v Leicester (tonight - SUN)

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Men's final - South Shields bt West Berks 97-47 - Rink scores (South Shields names first):

Dave Paterson, Josh Minto, James Sneller, Gary Farquhar 18, Mike Blixard, Chris Hawkins, Derek Chivers, Gordon Ballantyne 14;
Jackson McKenna, Paul Sainthouse, Stewart Hubbard, Shaun McIntosh 30, Fred Brown, Graham Bradley, Richard Koxlowski, Tony Aubrey 9;
Neal Ridley, Steve Cairns, Ian Riches, Ian McIntosh 27, Nick Rogers, Keith Lavery, Alan Stephens, Barry Williams 9;
Scott Baker, Mal Peach, Phil Dixon, Kris Storf 22; Terry Crook, Paul Ratcliffe, Peter Kay, Martyn Chant 15.

Women's final - Erewash bt Ashford 93-56 - Rink scores (Erewash names first):

Maggie Beighton, Shirley Townsend, Sue Poole, Janet Bowles 29, Linda Harper, Ros Sawyers, Pat Martin, Cheryl Palmer 7;
Val Robinson, Pauline Hunt, Sue Jordan-Smith, Lynn Murden 27, Elona Griggs, Chris Murray, Belinda Williams, Gill Howard 12;
Betty Docherty, Audrey Porter, Meg Cowell, Elaine Haddon-Holmes 23, June Hyde, Hael Larkin, Rose Coker, Carol Morton 21;
Pauline Smart, Jenny Hundleby, Katie Hipkiss, Chrissey Arnett 14, Anne Rutland, Sue Gilbert, Gill Hawkes, Chris Breeds 16.

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)