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NATIONAL INDOOR BOWLS CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS

PHASE TWO - AT NOTTINGHAM

7-16 April, 2018

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TIGHT FINISHES AT NOTTINGHAM

as Hartlepool and Mote Park win National Over 50 Triples titles



Dave Oram, Glenn Skipp and Ian Jackson (Hartlepool)
Winners of the Men's Over 50 Triples title - with EIBA President Margaret Allen



Linda Southby, Jame Turner and Sharon Sefer (Mote Park)
Winners of the Women's Over 50 Triples title - with EIBA President Margaret Allen

SKIPP SKIPS HARTLEPOOL TRIO TO TITLE

Hartlepool trio Dale Oram, Ian Jackson and Glenn Skipp haven't been eligible to compete in this Over 50 event for very long, but they combined well under Skipp's expert guidance to edge home, 18-15, against brothers Marcus and Neil Smith and Mike Holmes, from the Malvern Hills club.

Hartlepool were first out of the blocks, leading 5-1 after three ends, but were soon caught by the compatible Malvern combo, who levelled the scores at 8-8 after eight ends.

Two doubles seemed to put Hartlepool in charge at 12-8, but a purple patch enabled Malvern to string together a 2-1-1-2-1 sequence to surge into a 15-12 lead with only three ends left to play.

With impeccable timing Hartlepool stopped the rot with a single and a double, and there was just time to play the last end, beating the clock and the three-and-a=half hour time limit by just ten seconds.

Oram set up a positive lie, and there was nothing Malvern could do to retrieve the situation, as Skipp, who played for England between 2007 and 2013, attempted to block Holmes's path to the jack.

Earlier, in the semi finals, Hartlepool had scored a vital seven shots on the 16th end to deny Riverain's Mick Allen, Paul Haskins and Tony Webb, who seemed to have everything sewn up. The count turned a 12-18 deficit into a 19-18 lead - but Hartlepool still had to score three shots on the last end to win 22-21.

Malvern Hills had reached the final with an equally tense 16-15 win over Wellingborough's Dave Love, Bob Fuller and Paul Broderick, who finished strongly, and almost caught their opponents napping after the Malvern trio had led 15-7 at thirteen ends.

SOUTHBY BOWS OUT AT THE TOP

After Jane Turner, Sharon Sefer and Linda Southby, from the Maidstone-based Mote Park club, had beaten Chris Hobbs, Bridget Collins and Betty Spicer, 20-15, in the women's final, Southby revealed that she is giving up bowls - at least for a few years.

"It's not that I have become bored with the game, just that it takes so much of my time, and I have other interests," the Kent bookkeeper explained. "This was my first national title, so it's a good way to bow out," she added.

Southby also confessed how much it had meant to her to play against - and beat - her idol Mary Price, who she modelled herself on when she took up bowls. "Mary had - and still has - such a good attitude, very positive, and she's a legend in the game," Southby said.

Mote Park looked in charge in the final when they led 13-8, but they dropped what could have been a disastrous count of six shots to trail, 13-14. "We weren't worried, but it did spur us on, and we managed to score the next seven shots to lead 20-14 with only one end left to play," Southby said.

Happy to drop a single on that last end, the Mote Park trio were delighted with their success - though Turner and Sefer both expressed their disappointment that Southby will not be with them next year to defend their title.

In the semi finals, Mote Park had edged home against Eileen Devonald-Batt, Lorrain Woodley and Mary Price, from the Desborough (Maidenhead) club, while Arun had scored a six on the seventh end that set them up for a 17-12 victory over Torquay trio Kate Asher, Moira Webber and Barbara Bellamy.

National Over 50 Triples Championships

Men:-

Dale Oran, Ian Jackson, Glenn Skipp (Hartlepool) bt Gary Taylor, Dave Simpson, Steve Fortescue (Egham) 17-16 (x);
Dave Ferguson, Bob James, Alan Cornfoot (Oyster) bt Dave Willis, Ollie Lucas, Stuart Evans(Plymouth) 17-16 (x);
Mick Allen, Paul Haskins, Tony Webb (Riverain) bt Bob Warters, Cliff Watson, Keith Rippin (Stamford) 26-9;
Eric Ovel, Geoff Gasson, Derek Cook (Falcon) bt Keith Burton, Trevor Lee, Phil Dickens (Nottingham) 22-11;
Dave Love, Bob Fuller, Paul Broderick (Wellingborough) bt Anthony Hopkins, Charles Wright, Keith Renwick (Gullivers) 20-6;
Phil Long, Charlie Boon, Bernie Perrett (Norfolk) bt David Small, Ronnie Green, David Spilsbury (Harrogate) 18-17;
Marcus Smith, Neil Smith, Mike Holmes (Malvern Hills) bt Graham Guy, Mike Leeson, Ian Mackenzie (Portsmouth Victory) 22-9;
Mike Blizzard Nick Rogers, Richard Kozlowski (West Berks) w/o, Kingsthorpe conceded

Quarter finals:

Hartlepool bt Oyster 21-2; Riverain bt Falcon 16-14;

Wellingborough bt Norfolk 17-6; Malvern Hills bt West Berks 25-12.

Semi finals: Hartlepool bt Riverain 22-21; Malvern Hills bt Wellingborough 16-15.

Final: Hartlepool bt Malvern Hills 18-15.

Women:-

Teresa King, Sue Bird, Jeanette Wheeler (Clarrie Dunbar) bt Sue Mart, Jayne Lee, Pam Cutts (Nottingham) 17-8; Chris Hobbs, Bridget Collins, Betty Spicer (Arun) bt Celia Morris, Diane Brumwell, Hilary Sharpe (Kingsthorpe) 14-13; Kate Asher, Moira Webber, Barbara Bellamy (Torquay United) bt Sharon Allen, Joan Welch, Jenny Ralph (Riverain) 14-10; Sally Williams, Julie Leake, Penny Cresswell (Dolphin) bt Norma Craig, Karen Weites, Ann Lennie (West Denton) 22-6; Jean Hunter, Ann Warrington, Gill Long (Croydon) bt Sylvia Randall, Linda Bennett, Kay Carrick (Norfolk) 18-17; Eileen Devonald-Batt, Lorraine Woodley, Mary Price (Desborough, M) bt Elsie Berry, Wendy Merchant, Lynne Williams (Taunton Deane) 20-13; Julie Spice, Isabel Morey, Stella Utteridge (Ipswich) bt Joyce George, Sue Collins, Pam Reynolds (Wellingborough) 21-8; Jane Turner, Sharon Sefer, Linda Southby (Mote Park) bt Dot Kennelly, Melanie Brookes, Linda Harrison (York) 17-7.

Quarter finals:

Arun bt Clarrie Dunbar19-18; Torquay United bt Dolphin 16-13; Desborough bt Croydon 20-4; Mote Park bt Ipswich 19-18.

Semi finals: Arun bt Torquay United 17-12; Mote Park bt Desborough 17-16.

Final: Mote Park bt Arun 20-15.



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



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

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)

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)