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NATIONAL INDOOR BOWLS CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS

PHASE TWO - AT NOTTINGHAM

7-16 April, 2018

DAY SEVEN

Friday, 13 April

MEN'S & WOMEN'S OVER 60 INTER-CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

HISTORY MADE IN DOUBLE RINK FINALS

There was a sense of pride at the Nottingham club this morning (FRI), when the host club lifted the National Men's Over 60 Inter-club Double Rink title for the third year running, while Lincoln's lively ladies broke new ground by winning the Mason Trophy for the first time.

NOTTS THREE TIMES...



The Nottingham team celebrate a famous victory in the Over 60 Inter-Club Double Rink final

Plymouth, playing in their first final, put up a spirited display against defending champions Nottingham, but were allowed to score on only 11 of the 35 ends played across the two rinks as the holders triumphed by 38 shots to 20.

Notching up a hat-trick, Nottingham thus moved ahead of Leicester and Whiteknights, the only other clubs to have won this popular title two years in succession.

The foundations were laid on the rink skipped by Russ Pearce (front end - Roger Sherman, Keith Burton and Dave Adams). They led 10-0 after six ends, but Glyn Lawrence's Plymouth quartet dug in their heels so well that Nottingham's final margin of victory 12 ends later was ten shots - 21-11.

On the next rink, John Mildren, with good support from James Beckett, Alan Fallows and Ronnie Cowan, enjoyed a great mid-game spell, scoring seven shots without reply over six ends, and finished with a flourish with a single and a four to beat Mike Avent's quartet, 17-9.

LINCOLN NOT-SO-GREEN...



EIBA President presents the Mason Trophy to the successful Lincoln team

Although they can field some highly experienced players, this was Lincoln's first appearance in the Mason Trophy final, but they were determined to do well against Egham, who, having won the title three times (in 2007, 2011 and 2012) were favourites to win it again.

The first half turned out to be a pitch battle between two evenly matched teams, and, at 10 ends, both rinks were tied, and the overall score was 15-15.

Lincoln, however, had the better of the second half, with Janita Lyon, Sheila Plaskitt, Kath Draper and Penny Strong outscoring an Egham rink skipped by the evergreen Doreen Hankin to win, 18-16, and Jean Morris, Maureen Wilson, Jill Eason and Lin Mountain beating Ann Rapley's quartette, 15-7.

Plaskitt and Mountain could have been forgiven if their energy levels had plummeted during the final: over two-and-a-half days, they had played six matches, four of them in the Over 60 pairs, in which they finished runners up, and two in the Mason Trophy.

MEN'S INTER-CLUB DOUBLE RINK CHAMPIONSHIP - SEMI FINALS...

Plymouth bt Havering 49-26 - Rink scores (Plymouth names first):

Paul Daley, John Knox, Kenny Litchfield, Glyn Lawrence 29, Tony Seago, Alan Boltwood, Dave Brown, Malcolm Rothon 13; Bob Anstice, Alan Demuth, Richard Avent, Mike Avent 20, Dave Simon, Edward Fancourt, Brian Payne, Graham Killington 13.

Nottingham bt Adur 42-39 - Rink scores (Nottingham names first):

Roger Sherman, Keith Burton, Dave Adams, Russ Pearce 19, Lee Cooper, Barry Ward, Tom Palmer, John Godfrey 16; James Beckett, Alan Fallows, Ronnie Cowan, John Mildren 23, Ken Holden, John Hide, Roy Bainbridge, Terry Honnor 23.

Final - Nottingham bt Plymouth 38-20 - Rink scores (Nottingham names first):

Roger Sherman, Keith Burton, Dave Adams, Russ Pearce 21, Paul Daley, John Knox, Kenny Litchfield, Glyn Lawrence 11; James Beckett, Alan Fallows, Ronnie Cowan, John Mildren 15, Bob Anstice, Alan Demuth, Richard Avent, Mike Avent 7.

WOMEN'S INTER-CLUB DOUBLE RINK (MASON TROPHY) - SEMI FINALS...

Egham bt Cambridge Chesterton 42-24 - Rink scores (Egham names first):

Pat Sussex, Barbara Nunn, Stephanie Elgar, Doreen Hankin 20, Heather Bell, Shirley Lambert, Izzy Dear, Lynda Jarman 17; Isobel Morton, Jan Sussex, Pauline Hutton, Ann Rapley 22, Jeannie Miller, Shirley Hall, Ann How, Jan Bullman 7.

Lincoln bt Thornbury 28-27 - Rink scores (Lincoln names first):

Juanita Lyon, Sheila Plaskitt, Kath Draper, Penny Strong 13, Jayne Lowden, Joan Banfield, Cynthia Winter-Alsop, Sue Latham 12;

Jean Morris, Maureen Wilson, Jill Edson, Lin Mountain 15, Jan Hunt, Ann Boaden, Val Osmond, Lyn Hamer 15.

Final - Lincoln bt Egham 33-23 - Rink scores (Lincoln names first):

Juanita Lyon, Sheila Plaskitt, Kath Draper, Penny Strong 18, Pat Sussex, Barbara Nunn, Stephanie Elgar, Doreen Hankin 16; Jean Morris, Maureen Wilson, Jill Edson, Lin Mountain 15, Isobel Morton, Jan Sussex, Pauline Hutton, Ann Rapley 7.

WHITER THAN WHITE



A special on-green presentation was made this morning (FRI) to Julie White, the manager of the Nottingham club, who is retiring after 21 years service. Carl Higgins, the EIBA's Competitions Director, and EIBA President Margaret Allen, who presented Julie with a bouquet, spoke highly of the quiet and efficient way that she has run the club, and wished her well for a happy retirement.

MEN'S & WOMEN'S OVER 60 SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIPS

NEW FACES SHINE IN VETERANS EVENT

A number of new names have impressed today (FRI), and are still in the mix in tomorrow's (SAT) semi finals - though there are a few big names still knocking around, especially in the women's event. So, who came through the early rounds? And who is challenging for these keenly contested titles?



A scene from the quarter finals of the Men's and Women's Over 60 Singles championship

Let's start with the women. Serial title-winner Carole Baker, a regular member of the England indoor team, who now plays for the Norfolk club in Norwich, was beaten, 21-10, by Alex Jacobs, a former pairs winner, from North Wilts club in Chippenham, and failed to make the quarter finals

Another former international player, Pam Cutts, from the host club, looked as if she was on her way out, but recovered to beat Plymouth's Sara Quayle, 21-19, and went on to clinch a place in the last four with a 21-13 victory over Wealden's Joan Howson.

Jacobs, too, qualified for tomorrow's (SAT) semi finals, but made heavy weather of her 21-19 win over Angela Spilsbury, from Harrogate, while Taunton Deane's Di Routley beat Violet Aldridge, from Whie Oak, 21-11, then accounted for Bromsgrove stalwart Gill Cliff, the 2010 England singles champion, 21-17.

In the semis, Jacobs will meet Pat Browne, a Geordie from The Parks, who got past Londoner Rhoda Young, from Bounds Green, 21-18, and Sudbury's Eileen Parker, 21-9, while Cutts faces Routley.

In the men's event, postman Gary Brock, a Cyphers clubmate of Andy Thomson, will meet a retired painter and decorator, Peter Hagger, from Clacton-on-Sea, while Bromley's Terry Lanchbery, who has been playing bowls for only five years, comes up against Martin Smith, from Malvern Hills, who, with clubmate Martin Griffiths, was runner up in the Over 60 pairs championship.

Brock edged past Lincoln's George Draper, then cruised to a 21-7 win over Adur's John Godfrey, while Hagger beat Coventry's Grag Sampson, 21-20, and York's Northumberland-born Malcolm Lewars, 21-10.

Lanchbery, who took up bowls because his knees gave way after playing tennis at a high level, opened with a 21-19 win over Torquay United's Geoff Bellamy, then accounted for Barking's Ray Fortune, 21-18, while Smith beat Nigel Roberts, from Beccles, 21-15, and Stamford's Martyn Dolby, 21-8.

WOMEN'S OVER 60 SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP

Last sixteen:

Pam Cutts (Nottingham) bt Sara Quayle (Plymouth) 21-19; Joan Howson (Wealden) bt Liz Russell (Atherley) 21-4;
Gill Cliff (Bromsgrove) bt Pat Fowkes (Rivermead) 21-16; Di Routley (Taunton Deane) bt Violet Aldridge (White Oak) 21-11;
Pat Browne (The Parks) bt Rhoda Young (Bounds Green) 21-18; Eileen Parker (Sudbury) bt Margaret Smith (Sutton) 21-19;
Angela Spilsbury (Harrogate) bt Chris Goodwin (St Neots) 21-17; Alex Jacobs (North Wilts) bt Carole Baker (Norfolk) 21-10.

Quarter finals:

Cutts bt Howson 21-13; Routley bt Cliff 21-17; Browne bt Parker 21-9; Jacobs bt Spilsbury 21-19.

MEN'S OVER 60 SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP

Last sixteen:

Peter Hagger (Clacton) bt Greg Sampson (Coventry) 21-20; Malcolm Lewars (York) bt Charlie Bailey (Portsmouth Victory) 21-15;
John Godfrey (Adur) bt Mick D Cooper (Wellingborough) 21-10; Gary D Brock (Cyphers) bt George Draper (Lincoln) 21-20;
Ray Fortune (Barking) bt Alan Dunkley (Brackley) 21-9; Terry Lanchbery (Bromley) bt Geoff Bellamy (Torquay United) 21-19
Martin Smith (Malvern Hills) bt Ronnie Richardson (Gateshead) 21-18; Martyn R Dolby (Stamford) bt Nigel Roberts (Beccles) 21-15.

Quarter finals:

Hagger bt Lewars 21-10; Brock bt Godfrey 21-7; Lanchbery bt Fortune 21-18; Smith bt Dolby 21-8.

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

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)