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NATIONAL INDOOR BOWLS CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS

INTER-CLUB SEMI FINALS & FINAL - AT RUGBY THORNFIELD

YETTON TROPHY

Sunday, 22 April



*An ecstatic York side celebrate winning the Yetton Trophy for the fifth time.
They are pictured at Rugby with EIBA President Margaret Allen, from the hosty club.*

YORK - FOR THE FIFTH TIME!

York extended their impressive record in the national women's inter-club championship in Rugby today (SUN) when they defeated Torquay United in the final, and lifted the Yetton Trophy for the fifth time in 31 years, their first win coming in 1987.

Helen Walker and Lynda Parker admit to being in the winning team on all five occasions, while Dot Kennelly believes she might have been an ever-present, too. The winners proudly concede that they are an elderly team, with only five of their sixteen players under 70!

"We don't do too badly, do we?" quipped one York stalwart with a smile. "When you think about it, in the Torquay side, only five were OVER seventy!"

There was another stark contrast between the teams. Compared to York's great experience of competing in the final stages, it was Torquay United's first-ever appearance in a Yetton Trophy final - though the Devon side were able to field three internationals and one junior international.

York, who made two changes from their semi final line-up because of ill health, scored a five on Linda Harrison's rink on the very first end, and, although the Devon side fought hard to stay in the game, this set the pattern for the 21-ends final.

It turned out to be a disappointingly one-sided affair - though the runners-up were delighted to have got this far, and went home with smiles on their faces.

Helen Wood, who bowls from a wheelchair, skipped York's most successful rink in the final, piling up 25 shots against a Torquay quartette that included England stars Cassidy Lenton and Harriet Stevens at the back-end.

On the next rink, York's Linda Harrison skipped her rink to a 21-9 win over a rink skipped by 2014 Commonwealth Games gold medallist Sophie Tolchard, and Carole Instone's rink added a 21-15 win, with Barbara Bellamy's rink replying with a consolation 18-12 win for Torquay United.

Earlier, in the semi finals, York, who had previously defeated seven times champions Egham in three Yetton Trophy finals - in 2000, 2002 and 2014 - extended their apparent jinx over the Londoners by subjecting them to a hefty 84-56 defeat.

York won handsomely on the rinks skipped by Linda Harrison (29-10), Helen Walker (24-14) and Carole Instone (19-16), while the fourth rink, with top wheelchair bowler in charge, started slowly, but did well to restrict their defeat to just four shots at 16-12.

Norfolk's women bowlers were hoping to at least match their male clubmates, who were runners up in the Denny Cup yesterday (SAT), but they lost a very competitive semi final with Torquay United by five shots, 72-67.

For Torquay, Sophie Tolchard, who returned from the Commonwealth Games in Australia last Tuesday, skipped her rink to a 22-19 win over a rink skipped by former WBT women's world champion Bex Field, and Under 25 international Harriet Stevens and Julia Barnes won, 19-17 and 18-12 respectively.

On the fourth rink, Suanne King - wife of former world indoor singles champion Mervyn King, steered her Norfolk quartette to a creditable 19-13 win over a Torquay rink skipped by England star Barbara Bellamy, but Torquay managed to finish five shots in front overall.

EIBA WOMEN'S INTER-CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP (YETTON TROPHY)

Semi finals:-

Torquay United bt Norfolk 72-67 - Rink scores (Torquay United names first):

Carrie Southgate, Sue Pook, Liz Lock, Sophie Tolchard 22, Mary Johnson, Val Whitehead, Emily O'Hanlon, Bex Field 19; Charlotte Aspinall, Jeanette Bratcher, Cass Lenton, Harriet Stevens 19, Brenda Walters, Liz Sabberton, Joyce Webster, Brenda Whitehead 17; Kate Asher, Ricci Creed, Teri Kennard, Julia Barnes 18, Kay Carrick, Linda Bennett, Elsie Elvin, Carole Baker 12; Bev Ryland, Maggie Boyle, Moira Webber, Barbara Bellamy 13, Louise Knights, Laurie Millbank, Jackie Devitt, Suzanne King 19.

York bt Egham 84-56 - Rink scores (York names first):

Dot Kennelly, Betty Richardson, Melanie Brooke, Linda Harrison 29, Isobel Morton, Lyn Buller, Ann Templeman, Ann Rapley 10; Carol Banks, Pauline Armitage, Sue Kirkpatrick, Helen Wood 12, Rebecca Fey, Pat Hampton, Jan Sussex, Pauline Clark 16; Joan Jackson, Maureen Walker, Sheila Turpin, Carole Instone 19, Rachel Winter, Joan Gardiner, Kerry Payne, Helen Tuohy 16; Lynda Parker, Laura Clarke, Zoe Eagles, Helen Walker 24, Barbara Nunn, Glenda Dexter, Pat Sussex, Stephanie Elgar 14.

Final:

York bt Torquay United 79-49 - Rink scores (York names first):

Dot Kennelly, Pat Potter, Melanie Brooke, Linda Harrison 21, Carrie Southgate, Sue Pook, Liz Lock, Sophie Tolchard 9; Carol Banks, Pauline Armitage, Sue Kirkpatrick, Helen Wood 25, Charlotte Aspinall, Jeanette Bratcher, Cassidy Lenton, Harriet Stevens 7; Joan Jackson, Maureen Walker, Sheila Turpin, Carole Instone 21, Kate Asher, Ricci Creed, Teri Kennard, Julia Barnes 15; Lynda Parker, Laura Clarke, Betty Richardsons, Helen Walker 12, Bev Ryland, Maggie Boyle, Moira Webber, Barbara Bellamy 18.

NEXT EVENT

The semi finals and finals of the

National Mixed Top Club championship

will be played at the Dolphin club in Poole
on Saturday, 28 April