

Cambridgeshire v Hertfordshire– ECCBA League Fixture 2

Sunday 13th December 2015

Hertfordshire faced a trip away to Cambridgeshire in the 2nd fixture of the ECCBA league season. An improvement on the performance against Norfolk would be required if we were to gain a positive result. The team chosen to represent Hertfordshire is detailed below;

H1	H2	H3
1. Ben Summerfield	1. Jacqui Harris	1. Alan Bull
2. Gill Baraclough	2. Andy Cobbold	2. Jackie Harden
3. Roy Harden	3. Thomas Ellis	3. Jack Smalley
4. Rebecca Hearn	4. David Danby	4. Rob Washbrook
H4	H5	H6
1. Shirley Davidson	1. Mary Cobbold	1. Dave Smith
2. Ron Hart	2. Ian Carter	2. Margaret Forrest
3. Paul Harris	3. Marilyn Cook	3. Mick Cook
4. Craig Hearn	4. Jason Ellis	4. Jonathon Carter

Session 1

Following defeat last time out against Norfolk a positive start was required to build early momentum and hopefully secure a victory. No team was pulling away from the other and all games looked like they could come down to the final ends. H1 managed to secure the first points of the day with an 11-7 win. Unfortunately that was as good as it got as H3 lost 9-7 and H5 lost 8-6.

Session Result Cambs. 4– 2 Herts.

Match Score Cambs. 4-2 Herts.

Session 2

The second session was more positive for the team as H2 secured a comfortable 11-4 win and H4 backed that up with an 8-5 win of their own. H6 were never in their game though and were well beaten by their opponents 14-2. After two sessions the match was level at 6-6, it looked like it would be a close game right to the end.

Session Result Cambs. 2–4 Herts.

Match Score Cambs. 6-6 Herts.

Session 3

Three close games again and we managed to get the upper hand in two of them. The wins were secured by H5 (8-7) and H1 (9-4). H3 were unable to complete the full house of victories as they lost their match 9-6. A 4-2 session win put us into the lead for the first time.

Session Result Cambs. 2–4 Herts.

Match Score Cambs. 8-10 Herts.

Session 4

H4 were unable to repeat their win from their first game as they fell to a 7-4 loss. It was a similar story for H2 who after winning their first game followed up with a defeat in their second game as they were on the wrong end of an 11-3 scoreline. There was better news for H6 who responded to their heavy defeat in the first game with a hard earned 7-6 win. The match was level at 12-12 now after Cambs took the session 4-2.

Session Result Cambs. 4–2 Herts.

Match Score Cambs. 12-12 Herts.

Session 5

A vital session as the winner would take the momentum and the lead going into the final session. H3 who had suffered two narrow defeats in their first two matches responded brilliantly to win at a canter 15-2. H5 who had won their first two matches completed the clean sweep with a 9-4 win. Finally, H1 won their second game of the day with an 11-8 win. A fantastic session for the team who would now take an 18-12 lead going into the final session and just needed one point to win their first ever away game against Cambridgeshire.

Session Result Cambs. 0–6 Herts.

Match Score Cambs. 18-18 Herts.

Session 6

H6 never got into their game and were well beaten 13-1. H4 fared a little better but were still on the wrong end of a defeat this time 11-8. It was left to H2 to try and secure the point needed to win the overall match. Unfortunately they just come up a little short as they lost 8-7.

Session Result Cambs. 6–0 Herts.

Match Result Cambridgeshire 18 (137) – 18 (133) Hertfordshire

Offered a draw before the game we would have probably taken it. However, after getting ourselves into such a strong position going into the final session it was ultimately a disappointing day. Our next fixture is against the defending champions Suffolk where we will need to try and replicate our performance from the first five sessions. The performances of the teams on the day are detailed below; (Special mention to H1 who won all three games)

	W	D	L	SF	SA	Pts
H1	3	0	0	31	19	6
H2	1	0	2	21	23	2
H3	1	0	2	28	20	2
H4	1	0	2	20	23	2
H5	2	0	1	23	19	4
H6	1	0	2	10	33	2
Total	9	0	9	133	137	18