

ECCBA League Game – Sunday 14th December 2014

Age Concern Hall, Ware

Hertfordshire played their second ECCBA league fixture of the season at home to Norfolk on Sunday 14th December 2014. The team chose to represent Hertfordshire was as follows;

H1	H2	H3
1. Lynda Coates	1. Mary Cobbold	1. Alan Bull
2. Margaret Forrest	2. Gill Barraclough	2. Jacqui Harris
3. Rebecca Hearn	3. Vince Tamorro	3. Marilyn Cook
4. Jason Ellis	4. Rob Washbrook	4. Pete Cook
H4	H5	H6
1. Dave Smith	1. Martin Simpson	1. Thomas Ellis
2. Roy Harden	2. Ian Carter	2. Andy Cobbold
3. Jonathan Carter	3. Paul Harris	3. Sandra Gammage
4. Mick Cook	4. Craig Hearn	4. David Danby

Session 1

The odd number teams were up first for Hertfordshire. All three teams made confident starts and built early leads. H3 made the best start of all, their skip trailing the jack through on the 2nd end to pick up 5 shots and take a 7-0 lead. They controlled the game from there and despite losing the last two ends won the match 12-5. H5 also controlled their match and never really looked in too much danger and finished with a 10-5 victory. H1 were unable to complete a perfect start. Despite building an early lead they played some loose ends towards the end of the match and lost 9-6. Still an encouraging start as we led 4-2

Session 2

H6 looked in fantastic form as they completely out bowled their opponents. It was never a case of would they win just the case of how many they would win by. The final score was an impressive 21-1. H4 looked like they would follow suit with a huge win as they pulled away from their opponents in the middle ends of the game, however they dropped 6 shots on the final end as their opponents made the score look a little more respectful at 16-9. H2 were unable to complete the three wins though as they always struggled to get into a winning position and lost 7-4. A 4-2 session win extended our lead to 8-4 in the match.

Session 3

This session was looking like it would be a tough one for all three teams as they all fell behind early. H1 managed to turn their match around and bounced back after their first session defeat and come out with a 7-5 win. H3 trailed 6-1 but a couple of good ends got them level at 6-6. They were unfortunately not able to maintain their momentum and a poor last end saw them lose 11-6. H5 were also well behind and played well to fight back and gain a 7-7 draw. Three points each in the session and we maintain our 4 point lead at 11-7.

Session 4

H6 maintained their fantastic form from the first session and followed up that huge win with another as they won 14-1. H2 were involved in one of the strangest games that will ever be witnessed. On not even a particularly quick carpet the jack was knocked off the carpet an amazing 7 times out of the 9 ends. Unfortunately most of the time it was by the Herts team who lost the game 12-6. H4 battled hard in their game and held a one shot lead going into the final end, they were unable to win the final end but only dropped the one shot to finish with an 8-8 draw. Another 3-3 session and we again maintained our 4 point advantage at 14-10

Session 5

A very important session for us as a positive result could get us to the 19 points required to win the match. The best session of the day for us as all three teams played well and secured three vital wins. H5 finished off a good day with a 9-5 win, H3 responded from their defeat in their last game and secured a 15-5 win. H1 completed the clean sweep of wins with a very solid 12-2 victory. A 6-0 session victory and more importantly secured us an overall victory as we now led 20-10.

Session 6

The final session of the day, could we extend our winning margin? H6 whilst not winning as emphatically as their first two games always looked in control and won their third straight game of the day 8-3. A much improved performance from H2 saw them pick up their first win of the day with a comfortable victory 15-5. H4 secured the second straight 6-0 session win and remained unbeaten on the day with a tight 8-7 win.

A 26-10 win, another fantastic performance and result for us. It was important to follow up the win over Bedfordshire with another and that is exactly what we did. Norfolk was coming off of a good Potters performance and a great win over Cambridgeshire. It was really good to see that from 14-10 ahead and the game looking like it could go either way our performances improved and in the end our winning margin was a good one. In previous seasons we may have struggled to get over the winning line, it is a different story now. The confidence and team spirit we are showing is improving with each match and we now have to believe in ourselves and we may go on to achieve great things this season.

The individual team performances are detailed below. Well done to all teams, special mentions to H4 and H5 who were unbeaten on the day. An extra special mention to H6 who amazingly dropped just 5 shots on the day, a fantastic effort. They have also won all 6 league games so far this season.

	W	D	L	SF	SA	Pts
H1	2	0	1	25	16	4
H2	1	0	2	25	24	2
H3	2	0	1	33	21	4
H4	2	0	1	32	24	5
H5	2	1	0	26	17	5
H6	3	0	0	43	5	6
Total	12	2	4	184	107	26