

ECCBA League Fixture 2

Hertfordshire v Bedfordshire

Applecroft School, Welwyn Garden City – Sunday 21st January 2018

Our second ECCBA league fixture of the season was a home fixture against Bedfordshire. A good performance would be needed to come away with a positive result against an improving Bedfordshire team. The team chose to represent Hertfordshire was as follows;

H1

1. Audrey Joy
2. Gill Barraclough
3. Dave Smith
4. Margaret Forrest

H2

1. Alan Bull
2. Jacqui Harris
3. Roy Grethe
4. Jack Smalley

H3

1. Stuart Palmer
2. Mick Cook
3. Rebecca Hearn
4. Craig Hearn

H4

1. Mary Grethe
2. Paul Harris
3. Neil Tuckey
4. Jason Ellis

H5

1. Thomas Ellis
2. Andy Cobbold
3. Sandra Gammage
4. David Danby

H6

1. Harry Wilson
2. Ron Hart
3. Marilyn Cook
4. Pete Cook

Session 1

It would be the odd numbered teams to play first who would be looking to get us off to a good start. H1 were behind early in their game, some strong middle ends help them to build a two shot advantage playing the last end. Unfortunately, a poor last end saw them drop three shots and lose the game 9-8. H3 also got off to a slow start and found themselves behind early on. They recovered through the middle to later ends and managed to secure a tight 8-7 win. H5 built an early lead and always looked in control of their match, taking an impressive 14-3 win.

Session Score
Herts 4-2 Beds

Match Score
Herts 4-2 Beds

Session 2

The even numbered teams would now look to build on the first session. H6 played poorly in their game and found themselves 5-0 down after just two ends. The next six ends were split evenly with just singles on each end. Therefore, they trailed 8-3 playing the last end. The Herts skip played a good shot with his last wood to trail the track unfortunately it was only for a count of four and the game was lost 8-7. H4 also started slowly and trailed 6-3 after six ends. A count of six on the 7th end was enough to give them the lead. The last two ends were shared and an 11-8 win was secured. H2 were involved in a tight game with never more than a shot or two in it. Trailing 6-4 playing the last end they were only able to score one shot and the match was lost 6-5.

Session Score
Herts 2-4 Beds

Match Score
Herts 6-6 Beds

Session 3

With the match now level at 6-6 the odd numbered teams would be looking to put us back into the lead. H3 started slowly again as they found themselves 5-0 behind. However, they never dropped another shot after and went on to secure a good 13-5 win. H5 whilst not as convincing as their first game always looked reasonably in control of their game despite never pulling away completely from their opponents. Their consistent play secured a 9-6 win. H1 looking to bounce back after the disappointment in the first session played a good solid game and were able to take an 8-4. A perfect 6-0 session and we had managed to open up a bit of a lead.

Session Score
Herts 6-0 Beds

Match Score
Herts 12-6 Beds

Session 4

H4 started well in their game and built an early lead. However, they dropped a count of five and with it the momentum in the match. Their opponents went on to secure a 13-10 win. H2 were never out of their game but never able to get close enough to their opponents to put them under any kind of real pressure. The final score was an 11-6 loss. H6 got off to a flying start in their game with a five on the first end. However, their opponents stuck with them and two good shots from the Beds skip on the 8th end saw them pick up four shots and bring the match level at 9-9. A 6-0 loss session was avoided with a single shot on the last end and a 10-9 victory. Bedfordshire who were playing well had now reduced the lead to 14-10. At this stage the final match result was in doubt and we would need to improve in the final two sessions to secure a victory.

Session Score
Herts 2-4 Beds

Match Score
Herts 14-10 Beds

Session 5

An important session that would go some way to deciding the overall winner. H5, who had been our best performers all day, put in another solid performance which resulted in a good 10-3 win. H3 were involved in a very tight game that looked like it could go either way. Fortunately, for us, it went in our favour with a narrow 7-6 win. H1 were looking like they were going to make it the perfect session as they lead 7-5 playing the last end. Unfortunately they were unable to protect their lead as they dropped two shots and finished with a 7-7 draw.

Session Score
Herts 5-1 Beds

Match Score
Herts 19-11 Beds

Session 6

Now we were 19-11 in front and the overall match win had been secured we could concentrate on trying to extend our winning margin. In arguably our best session of the day we always looked in control of all three matches. H2 played some great bowls and secured a good 15-4 win. H4 responding from their 2nd session defeat always secured a good win 12-3. H6 score was not as convincing as the other two teams but they were always in front and largely controlled each end coming away with a good 8-3 win.

Session Score
Herts 6-0 Beds

Match Result
Herts 25-11 Beds

The day finished with a good 25-11 win. At 14-10 in front after four session we were delighted to come away with 11/12 points from the last two sessions. Bedfordshire played their part in a very competitive day and put us under a lot of pressure especially in those first four sessions.

The individual team performances are displayed below. Special mention for H3 and H5 who won all three matches.

Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	SF	SA	Points
H1	3	1	1	1	23	20	3
H2	3	1	0	2	26	21	2
H3	3	3	0	0	28	18	6
H4	3	2	0	1	33	24	4
H5	3	3	0	0	33	12	6
H6	3	2	0	1	25	20	4
Total	18	12	1	5	168	115	25

Other results since our first fixture;

Cambridgeshire 16-20 Suffolk

Suffolk 20-16 Essex

Cambridgeshire 20-16 Norfolk

League Table

		Pld	W	D	L	SF	SA	Pts
1	Cambridgeshire	3	2	0	1	421	406	62
2	Suffolk	3	3	0	0	451	354	60
3	Hertfordshire	2	1	0	1	288	267	41
4	Norfolk	2	1	0	1	251	274	35
5	Essex	2	0	0	2	248	267	33
6	Bedfordshire	2	0	0	2	238	329	21