

ECCBA League Game – Sunday 12th April 2015

Six Counties Championship – Hosted by Cambridgeshire

Braintree Leisure Centre

Hertfordshire travelled to Braintree leisure centre on Sunday 12th April for the final ECCBA league fixture of the season. After finishing runners up in the league we were confident of improving on our 5th place finish last year when we scored 23 points.

The team chose to represent Hertfordshire was as follows;

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

Session 1

A tough start for us as we opened the day with four matches against Suffolk. H1, H2, H3 & H4 would open the day and look to secure some early points and get some momentum going for the day. H1 got off to a good start and come out on top in a close game winning 7-6. The other three teams never looked like gaining any points though with H2 losing 12-2, H3 12-5 and H4 13-2. Two points from the first session was not the best of starts.

Session 2

H5 & H6 would play their first games of the day and complete the matches against Suffolk; H6 had chances in their game but lost narrowly 8-7. H5 never got into their game and were well beaten 13-3. H1 & H2 were in action again, this time against Bedfordshire. H2 recovered well from their opening loss with a 10-5 win, H1 maintained their unbeaten start with an 8-8 draw. Five points from the session took us on to seven points from a possible sixteen.

Session 3

H3, H4, H5 & H6 would complete the set of matches against Bedfordshire in this session. Despite opening up an early lead H3 were unable to hold on to it and lost 7-5. H4 fell behind early and were unable to recover losing 12-6. Better news for H5 as they won their game 9-3 and H6 ensured a split session with a 10-6 win.

Session 4

H1,H2 & H3 play three matches against Cambridgeshire in this session. H1 continued their unbeaten start to the day with an 11-7 win H2 and H3 were unable to add any more points as they lost 11-6 and 11-5 respectively. Just the two points from the three games in that session.

Session 5

The games against Cambridgeshire were completed in session 5 as H4,H5 & H6 were in action. We never looked likely to pick up any points in this session as all three teams fell behind early. H5 lost 13-6, H6 lost 12-6 and H4 were thumped 23-0.

Session 6

Four matches against Norfolk in this session as H1,H2 ,H3 & H4 compete.H3 and H4 both picked up their first wins of the day with 13-4 and 12-6 wins. H1 and H2 were unable to add to those victories though as they lost 11-2 and 6-4 respectively. Four points secured from the session.

Session 7

The penultimate session of the day. H5 & H6 complete the set of matches against Norfolk and H1 & H2 finish their day with matches against Essex.H5 were involved in a close match which they just come out on the wrong end of going down to a 8-7 defeat. H6 also suffered a defeat 11-6. H1 recovered well from their loss in the previous session with an 11-8 win H2 were unable to add to their solitary win as they fell to a 15-8 defeat. Just the two points from that session.

Session 8

The final session of the day sees H3, H4, H5 & H6 finish up against Essex. H3 completed a miserable day with a 15-9 defeat, only making the score look more respectable on the last end scoring 7 shots. H4 also suffered defeat in their final match, losing 10-5. H6 won their second game of the day with a convincing 15-7 win. H5 also looked like picking up their second win of the day but dropped 4 shots on the last end to draw their match 9-9.

The final table is shown below;

<u>Team</u>	<u>SF</u>	<u>SA</u>	<u>Points</u>
1. Suffolk	265	193	39
2. Cambridgeshire	285	192	34
3. Norfolk	212	237	31
4. Essex	225	239	30
5. Bedfordshire	218	261	26
6. Hertfordshire	209	292	20

A complete disaster of a day for us. After such a fantastic performance to finish second in the league there were so many bowlers that under performed on the day. We can only hope that it was just a bad day at the office and that this performance was the freak result and not our league position.

Each team's performance on the day is shown below.

	W	D	L	SF	SA	Pts
H1	3	1	1	39	40	7
H2	1	0	4	30	49	2
H3	1	0	4	37	49	2
H4	1	0	4	25	64	2
H5	1	1	3	34	46	3
H6	2	0	3	44	44	4
Total	9	2	19	209	292	20