

ECCBA League Fixture 4

Bedfordshire v Hertfordshire

Barton Le Clay Village Hall – Sunday 19th February 2017

Our fourth ECCBA league fixture of the season was an away fixture against Bedfordshire. A good performance and win was required to keep alive our hopes of runners up spot in the league. The team chose to represent Hertfordshire was as follows;

H1	H2	H3
1. Mary Cobbold 2. Mick Cook 3. Jack Smalley 4. Jason Ellis	1. Jacqui Harris 2. Ollie Mercer-Smith 3. Marilyn Cook 4. Pete Cook	1. Audrey Joy 2. Gill Barraclough 3. Dave Smith 4. Margaret Forrest
H4	H5	H6
1. Doug Parfett 2. Ron Hart 3. Paul Harris 4. Craig Hearn	1. Thomas Ellis 2. Andy Cobbold 3. Sandra Gammage 4. David Danby	1. Stuart Palmer 2. Thomas Palmer 3. Rebecca Hearn 4. Rob Washbrook

During the day the odd numbered teams would play at the same time and the even numbered teams would play at the same time.

Session 1

We got off to good starts in all three matches and it was looking like it might be the perfect start. H1 were first to seal victory with a good 10-4 win, that was followed by H5 who secured a 12-6 win. Unfortunately H3 were unable to hold on to their early lead that they had built and lost their match 10-7. Still a positive start to the day and some early momentum built.

Session Score
Beds 2-4 Herts

Match Score
Beds 2-4 Herts

Session 2

The second session did not start quite so well. H4 got off to a terrible start and found themselves 7-0 behind. H2 also trailed in their match 6-2 (after seven ends). Was better news for H6 who while not pulling away from their opponents always looked reasonably in control and took a 9-3 win. H2 pulled their match back to 6-4 on the final end and held match lie but the Beds skip got shot and the Herts skip was unable to alter it and the match was lost 7-4. A remarkable comeback from H4 in their game as they got back to 8-8 on the last end and took a single to win the match 9-8.

Session Score
Beds 2-4 Herts

Match Score
Beds 4-8 Herts

Session 3

All three Herts teams repeated their results from the first session with H5 winning comfortably 14-4, H1 doing likewise with a good 11-5 win. H3 who had been one of our better performing teams throughout the season were not having their best day as they lost 13-6. A 12-6 lead at the halfway stage was a good position from which to build from.

Session Score
Beds 2-4 Herts

Match Score
Beds 6-12 Herts

Session 4

H4 were never in their game and were well beaten 14-4. H6 fell behind early in their match when they dropped a five. However, five shots of their own later in the match got them back in it and they went on to secure a narrow 11-10 win. H2 were behind in the early ends but found themselves 8-4 up with two ends to play. Three dropped shots on the 8th end and they had to scramble on the last end to secure an 8-8 draw.

Session Score
Beds 3-3 Herts

Match Score
Beds 9-15 Herts

Session 5

An important session here, that would go a long way to deciding the overall match. A good session could see us build a healthy winning margin but a poor session could see the match back in the balance. Towards the end of the games and all three games were very close. H3 come from behind to earn their first point of the day with a 7-7 draw. H5 just come out on top in a close match with a 9-5 win. H1 in trouble on the last end but two great shots from the Herts skip to pick up three shots on the final end was enough to just secure a narrow 9-8 win.

Session Score
Beds 1-5 Herts

Match Score
Beds 10-20 Herts

Session 6

With the match now won it would be a case of trying to increase the winning margin. H4 played their best game of the day as they dominated their opponents with a 15-3 win. H2 fell behind early and it was close in the middle ends but they pulled away from their opponents in the later ends of the game to win 10-4. H6 were unable to win their third straight game of the day as they fell behind and ran out of ends in trying to catch up and were beaten 10-4

Session Score
Beds 2-4 Herts

Match Result
Beds 12-24 Herts

A good 24-12 win which very much puts finished 2nd place into our own hands. We didn't lose a session throughout the day, winning five sessions and drawing one which was another pleasing aspect. However, the game was arguably closer than the scoreline suggests. With the shots difference (rather than points) being a good indication of how close a lot of the games were.

The individual team performances are displayed below, special mention to H1 and H5 who won all three matches.

Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	SF	SA	Points
H1	3	3	0	0	30	17	6
H2	3	1	1	1	22	19	3
H3	3	0	1	2	20	30	1
H4	3	2	0	1	28	24	4
H5	3	3	0	0	35	15	6
H6	3	2	0	1	24	23	4
Total	18	11	2	5	159	128	24