

ECBA Champion of Champions 2014
Wolsingham , County Durham : 7th & 8th June

Fours Report

The representatives for Hertfordshire over this weekend were;

Fours : Paul & Jacqui Harris and Margaret & Jim Forrest

Session 1

The fours started off with a match against Norfolk. After a slow start they gradually grew into the game and managed to get on top of their opponents through the middle and later ends. In the end they sealed a quite comfortable 11-4 win. Very early in the competition but we had gone straight to the top of the table, a great start!

Position	Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Agst	Points
1	Hertfordshire	1	1	0	0	11	4	2
2	Suffolk	1	1	0	0	10	7	2
3	Bedfordshire	1	1	0	0	9	1	2
4	Cambridgeshire	1	1	0	0	9	6	2
5	Essex	1	1	0	0	9	8	2
6	South Tyneside	1	0	0	1	8	9	0
7	Durham	1	0	0	1	7	10	0
8	Northumberland	1	0	0	1	6	9	0
9	Norfolk	1	0	0	1	4	11	0
10	Sunderland	1	0	0	1	1	9	0

Session 2

Next up for the Herts four was a match with South Tyneside. In a game that was close throughout and really could have gone either way, we unfortunately were on the end of a narrow 8-7 defeat. That result saw us slip from 1st to 4th, still very early stages.

Position	Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Agst	Points
1	Essex	2	2	0	0	23	11	4
2	Cambridgeshire	2	2	0	0	22	11	4
3	Durham	2	1	0	1	19	15	2
4	Hertfordshire	2	1	0	1	18	12	2
5	Suffolk	2	1	0	1	16	14	2
6	South Tyneside	2	1	0	1	16	16	2
7	Bedfordshire	2	1	0	1	14	13	2
8	Sunderland	2	1	0	1	8	15	2
9	Northumberland	2	0	0	2	9	23	0
10	Norfolk	2	0	0	2	9	24	0

Session 3

Sunderland was the next opposition. The Herts four never got in to the game, they were possibly dwelling on losing the close match against South Tyneside in the previous game. They were out bowled by their opponents and suffered a heavy 21-6 loss. After three sessions all teams had recorded at least one win and only Cambridgeshire and won all three games, we dropped one position to 5th.

Position	Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Agst	Points
1	Cambridgeshire	3	3	0	0	36	16	6
2	Sunderland	3	2	0	1	29	21	4
3	South Tyneside	3	2	0	1	29	23	4
4	Essex	3	2	0	1	28	25	4
5	Hertfordshire	3	1	0	2	24	33	2
6	Durham	3	1	0	2	23	25	2
7	Suffolk	3	1	0	2	22	21	2
8	Bedfordshire	3	1	0	2	21	26	2
9	Norfolk	3	1	0	2	19	28	2
10	Northumberland	3	1	0	2	16	29	2

Session 4

Bedfordshire were the next opposition. The performance and the result was almost identical to the previous fixture as we suffered another heavy defeat, this time 20-6. It could have had all been so different if that second game had been won, that defeat seemed to just take some of the confidence away from the team. After their bright start they had dropped down to 9th place, only above Northumberland in shots. Suffolk's win over Cambridgeshire had made the rest of the competition very interesting with just two points separating 1st to 8th.

Position	Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Agst	Points
1	Cambridgeshire	4	3	0	1	41	24	6
2	Sunderland	4	3	0	1	38	27	6
3	Bedfordshire	4	2	0	2	41	32	4
4	South Tyneside	4	2	0	2	36	32	4
5	Essex	4	2	0	2	35	34	4
6	Durham	4	2	0	2	32	32	4
7	Suffolk	4	2	0	2	30	26	4
8	Norfolk	4	2	0	2	28	35	4
9	Hertfordshire	4	1	0	3	30	53	2
10	Northumberland	4	1	0	3	22	38	2

Session 5

Herts would be looking to finish the day strongly in the last session of the day against Suffolk, who had moved up into second place in the last session. A very close, tactical game which either side could have won. In the end neither side did as it finished in an 8-8 draw. Whilst the team were

looking for a victory to finish the day, they would have to settle and probably be happy with the point. At least it stopped their run of defeats.

At the end of the first days play we had actually dropped down to last place. However, there was room for some optimism as all the teams were tightly packed above. We sat only 1 point behind 6th place and only 3 points behind 2nd place. Cambridgeshire held a two point lead over the rest going into Sundays play

Position	Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Agst	Points
1	Cambridgeshire	5	4	0	1	51	29	8
2	Bedfordshire	5	3	0	2	52	34	6
3	Sunderland	5	3	0	2	46	36	6
4	Norfolk	5	3	0	2	37	43	6
5	Suffolk	5	2	1	2	38	34	5
6	South Tyneside	5	2	0	3	40	44	4
7	Durham	5	2	0	3	37	42	4
8	Essex	5	2	0	3	37	45	4
9	Northumberland	5	2	0	3	34	42	4
10	Hertfordshire	5	1	1	3	38	61	3

Session 6

Similar to the first days play Herts come out on good form and won their first match of the day with a good 9-5 win over Northumberland. With all of the team immediately above them suffering defeats this also leapt us up the table from 10th to 6th place.

Position	Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Agst	Points
1	Cambridgeshire	6	5	0	1	62	35	10
2	Sunderland	6	4	0	2	56	39	8
3	Norfolk	6	4	0	2	51	53	8
4	Suffolk	6	3	1	2	57	35	7
5	Bedfordshire	6	3	0	3	53	53	6
6	Hertfordshire	6	2	1	3	47	66	5
7	Essex	6	2	0	4	47	59	4
8	South Tyneside	6	2	0	4	46	55	4
9	Durham	6	2	0	4	40	52	4
10	Northumberland	6	2	0	4	39	51	4

Session 7

Another great performance and win for the Herts. four in the second game of the day to secure an 8-6 win over Essex. A real encouraging start to the day. Any thoughts of the title could be forgotten as Cambridgeshire seemed to be beating everybody put before them and had opened up a 3 point lead at the top. However, Herts. now sat just 1 point behind the teams in 3rd, 4th & 5th and just 2 points behind 2nd placed Suffolk.

Position	Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Agst	Points
1	Cambridgeshire	7	6	0	1	72	40	12

2	Suffolk	7	4	1	2	74	40	9
3	Bedfordshire	7	4	0	3	64	57	8
4	Sunderland	7	4	0	3	61	49	8
5	Norfolk	7	4	0	3	55	64	8
6	Hertfordshire	7	3	1	3	55	72	7
7	Durham	7	3	0	4	51	62	6
8	Essex	7	2	0	5	53	67	4
9	South Tyneside	7	2	0	5	51	72	4
10	Northumberland	7	2	0	5	49	62	4

Session 8

Next up for Herts. would be a tough game against the leaders Cambridgeshire, although the Cambs. four did have the pressure on them of knowing a victory would secure the title. Could we take advantage off that? It certainly looked possible in the early stages of the game as it remained very close. Unfortunately some loose ends in the later stages of the match and Cambs. eased away to secure a 16-5 win, with the final score line flattering them a little as the Herts. team had held their own for the majority of the match.

That defeat saw us drop a place below Durham in the table. That win for Cambs. also ensured that they could now not be caught by any of the chasing teams.

Position	Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Agst	Points
1	Cambridgeshire	8	7	0	1	88	45	14
2	Norfolk	8	5	0	3	66	71	10
3	Suffolk	8	4	1	3	81	51	9
4	Bedfordshire	8	4	1	3	73	66	9
5	Sunderland	8	4	1	3	72	60	9
6	Durham	8	4	0	4	62	67	8
7	Hertfordshire	8	3	1	4	60	88	7
8	Essex	8	2	1	5	64	78	5
9	Northumberland	8	2	1	5	58	71	5
10	South Tyneside	8	2	0	6	56	83	4

Session 9 (Final Session)

The final session would see all teams just trying to improve their final position with the title already won. The opponents in the final session would be Durham, and a win would guarantee at least a 6th place finish and depending on other results could finish as high as 3rd.

It was not to be, always chasing the game a little Herts. went down to a 10-3 defeat. This resulted in an 8th place position, a little harsh on the Bedford four as their performance over the weekend probably deserved a little better. The defeat against South Tyneside proved to be quite crucial as it seemed to effect their confidence for a couple of matches when they suffered heavy defeats to Sunderland & Bedfordshire.

Final Table

The final table is below;

Congratulation to Barry & Maureen Giddens and Beryl & Colin Wickes of Cambridgeshire

Position	Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Agst	Points
1	Cambridgeshire	9	8	0	1	100	50	16
2	Suffolk	9	5	1	3	93	53	11
3	Sunderland	9	5	1	3	82	64	11
4	Durham	9	5	0	4	72	70	10
5	Norfolk	9	5	0	4	70	81	10
6	Bedfordshire	9	4	1	4	78	78	9
7	Northumberland	9	3	1	5	68	75	7
8	Hertfordshire	9	3	1	5	63	98	7
9	Essex	9	2	1	6	66	90	5
10	South Tyneside	9	2	0	7	60	93	4

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Triples Report

The representatives for Hertfordshire over the weekend were;

Triples: Andy Cobbold, Mick Cook & Rebecca Hearn

Session 1

The triples started off their weekend with a match against the ECCBA champions Cambridgeshire. In the ECCBA event Herts managed to defeat Cambs in the first match of the day so confidence should have been high. The match started off close, the game drifted away from us a little towards the middle ends and the final score of a 6-4 loss was probably a little flattering as Cambs had been the more consistent team throughout the whole match.

Position	Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Agst	Points
1	Suffolk	1	1	0	0	15	2	2
2	Essex	1	1	0	0	11	6	2
3	Bedfordshire	1	1	0	0	11	8	2
4	South Tyneside	1	1	0	0	8	4	2
5	Cambridgeshire	1	1	0	0	6	4	2
6	Northumberland	1	0	0	1	8	11	0
7	Sunderland	1	0	0	1	6	11	0
8	Hertfordshire	1	0	0	1	4	6	0
9	Durham	1	0	0	1	4	8	0
10	Norfolk	1	0	0	1	2	15	0

Session 2

Next up was a match against Essex. Another close game but a game that the Herts triple were always chasing a little. They were never quite able to get on terms or build a lead and in the end run out of ends as they went down to a 7-5 loss.

After two session, three teams had maximum points and three teams were yet to score (including Herts)

Position	Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Agst	Points
1	Suffolk	2	2	0	0	27	4	4
2	Bedfordshire	2	2	0	0	24	10	4
3	Essex	2	2	0	0	18	11	4
4	Northumberland	2	1	0	1	22	13	2
5	Sunderland	2	1	0	1	14	18	2
6	Cambridgeshire	2	1	0	1	13	12	2
7	South Tyneside	2	1	0	1	10	16	2
8	Hertfordshire	2	0	0	2	9	13	0
9	Durham	2	0	0	2	6	22	0

10	Norfolk	2	0	0	2	4	28	0
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Session 3

The third session saw Herts take on Suffolk (who had won their first two games). This was a chance to get their weekend back on track; if they were to suffer defeat any chances of putting a run together at the title could be forgotten. Unfortunately we never got going and it took till late in the game to even get on the scoreboard, the final score was a heavy 16-1 defeat.

That result left Herts in 9th place and they would have to win all their remaining games to stand any chance of taking the title. Ominously for the rest that was a 3rd straight win for Suffolk and incredibly had scored 43 shots with only 5 against.

Position	Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Agst	Points
1	Suffolk	3	3	0	0	43	5	6
2	Essex	3	3	0	0	32	15	6
3	Sunderland	3	2	0	1	30	22	4
4	Bedfordshire	3	2	0	1	28	24	4
5	Cambridgeshire	3	2	0	1	22	17	4
6	South Tyneside	3	2	0	1	16	21	4
7	Northumberland	3	1	0	2	27	19	2
8	Durham	3	0	0	3	11	31	0
9	Hertfordshire	3	0	0	3	10	29	0
10	Norfolk	3	0	0	3	8	44	0

Session 4

Whilst there was an improved performance from us in the 4th session the result was unfortunately the same as the previous three, another defeat, this time 9-6. This left us in 9th position, narrowly ahead of Durham on shots. Suffolk slipped up against Bedfordshire and there was now a 5 way tie for the lead at the top all on 6 points.

Position	Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Agst	Points
1	Suffolk	4	3	0	1	48	11	6
2	Essex	4	3	0	1	39	24	6
3	Sunderland	4	3	0	1	39	26	6
4	Bedfordshire	4	3	0	1	34	29	6
5	Cambridgeshire	4	3	0	1	31	20	6
6	Northumberland	4	2	0	2	36	25	4
7	South Tyneside	4	2	0	2	19	30	4
8	Norfolk	4	1	0	3	17	51	2
9	Hertfordshire	4	0	0	4	16	38	0
10	Durham	4	0	0	4	15	40	0

Session 5

The final session of Saturdays play saw us come up against South Tyneside. At last something to cheer about and a great way to finish the day as a 15-2 win finally saw us get some points on the board.

At the close of play on day 1 it was Sunderland & Bedfordshire who lead the way on 8 points, you could argue that everybody down to 8th place was still in contention for the title, although the winner was likely to come from one of the top 6 teams.

Position	Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Agst	Points
1	Sunderland	5	4	0	1	48	33	8
2	Bedfordshire	5	4	0	1	46	37	8
3	Suffolk	5	3	0	2	55	20	6
4	Essex	5	3	0	2	47	34	6
5	Northumberland	5	3	0	2	46	33	6
6	Cambridgeshire	5	3	0	2	38	28	6
7	Norfolk	5	2	0	3	25	58	4
8	South Tyneside	5	2	0	3	21	45	4
9	Hertfordshire	5	1	0	4	31	40	2
10	Durham	5	0	0	5	23	52	0

Session 6

Herts. started strongly against the over night leaders Sunderland and opened up an early 4-1 lead. However, they were unable to maintain their form and ended up losing the match 12-4. The victory for Sunderland left them ahead of Beds on shots, Herts remained in 9th place.

Position	Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Agst	Points
1	Sunderland	6	5	0	1	60	37	10
2	Bedfordshire	6	5	0	1	55	44	10
3	Suffolk	6	4	0	2	71	22	8
4	Essex	6	4	0	2	56	41	8
5	Northumberland	6	3	0	3	48	49	6
6	Cambridgeshire	6	3	0	3	45	37	6
7	Norfolk	6	3	0	3	35	65	6
8	South Tyneside	6	2	0	4	28	54	4
9	Hertfordshire	6	1	0	5	35	52	2
10	Durham	6	0	0	6	30	62	0

Session 7

Herts were to face off against Durham in the 7th session who were the only team in all disciplines who had yet to win a game. This offered Herts a good chance to put some distance between themselves and Durham and look to close in on the teams above them. However, it was not to be. They never got in to the game and trailed from start to finish and ended up going down to a 10-3 defeat.

That result meant we dropped down to last place, behind Durham on shots and were 4 points behind the 8th place team. Defeats for both Sunderland & Bedfordshire through the competition

wide open as Suffolk jumped over them both to take top spot with just two sessions remaining. Just two points separated the top 6 teams.

Position	Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Agst	Points
1	Suffolk	7	5	0	2	84	26	10
2	Sunderland	7	5	0	2	63	46	10
3	Bedfordshire	7	5	0	2	61	53	10
4	Essex	7	4	0	3	60	54	8
5	Northumberland	7	4	0	3	59	50	8
6	Cambridgeshire	7	4	0	3	54	43	8
7	South Tyneside	7	3	0	4	37	57	6
8	Norfolk	7	3	0	4	36	76	6
9	Durham	7	1	0	6	40	65	2
10	Hertfordshire	7	1	0	6	38	62	2

Session 8

The penultimate session of the weekend for the triples saw them face title chasing Bedfordshire. A much improved performance but unfortunately an all too similar result for the guys. They went down to a narrow 7-5 defeat.

Durham were also beaten so still a chance to avoid last spot for the triples. Bedfordshire held a two point lead over 5 other teams and they were all in with a mathematical chance of taking the title.

Position	Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Agst	Points
1	Bedfordshire	8	6	0	2	68	58	12
2	Suffolk	8	5	0	3	89	33	10
3	Northumberland	8	5	0	3	69	55	10
4	Sunderland	8	5	0	3	68	56	10
5	Essex	8	5	0	3	68	59	10
6	Cambridgeshire	8	5	0	3	61	48	10
7	South Tyneside	8	4	0	4	46	65	8
8	Norfolk	8	3	0	5	44	85	6
9	Durham	8	1	0	7	45	73	2
10	Hertfordshire	8	1	0	7	43	69	2

Session 9 (final session)

A good final session for the Herts triples as they beat a spirited Norfolk team 7-5. Andy, Mick & Rebecca will be disappointed to have only won 2 of their 9 games. In a very open discipline they had enough quality in the team to have a better run at the title. They finished the tournament in a disappointing 9th place on 4 points.

In one of the closest finishes in any discipline there has even been it was Suffolk who took advantage of Bedfordshire's defeat in the final session to take the title. There early convincing wins on Saturday proved to be decisive as they won on shots over 4 other teams.

Congratulations to Clint Watling, Sam Runnacles & Tom Runnacles of Suffolk

Final League Table

Position	Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Agst	Points
1	Suffolk	9	6	0	3	98	37	12
2	Essex	9	6	0	3	85	63	12
3	Sunderland	9	6	0	3	76	63	12
4	Bedfordshire	9	6	0	3	75	66	12
5	Cambridgeshire	9	6	0	3	72	50	12
6	Northumberland	9	5	0	4	71	66	10
7	South Tyneside	9	4	0	5	50	82	8
8	Norfolk	9	3	0	6	49	92	6
9	Hertfordshire	9	2	0	7	50	74	4
10	Durham	9	1	0	8	49	82	2

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Pairs Report

The representatives for Hertfordshire were;

Pairs: Marilyn & Pete Cook

Session 1

The first game for Herts. was a match against Essex. The game was close throughout and we managed to establish a small lead with a couple of ends to play, unfortunately Essex managed to win the game with their last wood on the last end and take the victory 7-6

Position	Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Agst	Points
1	Sunderland	1	1	0	0	14	5	2
2	Suffolk	1	1	0	0	12	4	2
3	Durham	1	1	0	0	11	3	2
4	Essex	1	1	0	0	7	6	2
5	Bedfordshire	1	0	1	0	9	9	1
6	Norfolk	1	0	1	0	9	9	1
7	Hertfordshire	1	0	0	1	6	7	0
8	Cambridgeshire	1	0	0	1	5	14	0
9	South Tyneside	1	0	0	1	4	12	0
10	Northumberland	1	0	0	1	3	11	0

Session 2

A slow start in the second match against Suffolk left us 4-1 behind after the first 3 ends. However, an improved performance over the second part of the game and we managed to secure victory on the last end 7-6.

Two very close games to start the weekend, these results and the closeness of the league table below was already a clear indication of how the discipline would be all weekend.

Position	Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Agst	Points
1	Durham	2	1	1	0	19	11	3
2	Norfolk	2	1	1	0	18	14	3
3	Bedfordshire	2	1	1	0	17	16	3
4	Sunderland	2	1	0	1	19	14	2
5	Suffolk	2	1	0	1	18	11	2
6	Essex	2	1	0	1	14	14	2
7	Hertfordshire	2	1	0	1	13	13	2
8	Cambridgeshire	2	0	1	1	13	22	1
9	South Tyneside	2	0	1	1	11	19	1
10	Northumberland	2	0	1	1	10	18	1

Session 3

Next up for Herts. was bottom placed Northumberland and a chance to build on their win over Suffolk. Another slow start and Herts. found themselves 4-0 down after 2 ends. In a similar story to the previous match we got stronger as the game went on and managed to not drop anymore shots over the last 7 ends to secure a 12-4 victory.

After three sessions we sat in 3rd place, incredibly just 1 point separated 1st to 8th place.

Position	Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Agst	Points
1	Suffolk	3	2	0	1	32	17	4
2	Sunderland	3	2	0	1	30	20	4
3	Hertfordshire	3	2	0	1	25	17	4
4	Essex	3	2	0	1	20	19	4
5	Durham	3	1	1	1	25	22	3
6	Norfolk	3	1	1	1	23	20	3
7	Bedfordshire	3	1	1	1	23	30	3
8	Cambridgeshire	3	1	1	1	22	30	3
9	South Tyneside	3	0	1	2	19	28	1
10	Northumberland	3	0	1	2	14	30	1

Session 4

Next up for Herts. was a match with the defending champions Cambridgeshire. A fortunate bowl on the first end from the Cambs. skip saw him wick off a short bowl to pick up the jack and take 4 shots on the first end. Herts. were always from that point chasing the game, they needed 4 shots on the final end to secure a draw but could only pick up a single and lost the match 9-6.

This result dropped us down to 6th place but still just 2 points separated the top 7 teams.

Position	Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Agst	Points
1	Sunderland	4	3	0	1	39	26	6
2	Suffolk	4	3	0	1	38	22	6
3	Durham	4	2	1	1	35	26	5
4	Cambridgeshire	4	2	1	1	31	36	5
5	Bedfordshire	4	1	2	1	32	39	4
6	Hertfordshire	4	2	0	2	31	26	4
7	Essex	4	2	0	2	26	28	4
8	Norfolk	4	1	1	2	28	26	3
9	Northumberland	4	0	2	2	23	39	2
10	South Tyneside	4	0	1	3	23	38	1

Session 5

The final session of the day and Durham were the opponents. Herts. knew if they wanted to stand a realistic chance on Sunday they would have to win this game. Unfortunately they never really got in to the match and their worst performance of the weekend saw them suffer a 9-4 defeat.

Overnight we sat in 7th place, 4 points off of the lead. Just 1 point separated the top four teams so it was all to play for on Sunday.

Position	Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Agst	Points
1	Suffolk	5	4	0	1	48	25	8
2	Sunderland	5	4	0	1	47	33	8
3	Durham	5	3	1	1	44	30	7
4	Cambridgeshire	5	3	1	1	37	41	7
5	Norfolk	5	2	1	2	38	35	5
6	Bedfordshire	5	1	2	2	37	45	4
7	Hertfordshire	5	2	0	3	35	35	4
8	Essex	5	2	0	3	29	38	4
9	Northumberland	5	0	2	3	32	49	2
10	South Tyneside	5	0	1	4	30	46	1

Session 6

We started off Sundays play with a match against South Tyneside, a solid performance and a win of 8-4 was secured.

This moved us up into 5th place. Sunderland took the lead as they secured a win against the overnight leaders Suffolk.

Position	Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Agst	Points
1	Sunderland	6	5	0	1	57	39	10
2	Durham	6	4	1	1	55	36	9
3	Cambridgeshire	6	4	1	1	48	46	9
4	Suffolk	6	4	0	2	54	35	8
5	Hertfordshire	6	3	0	3	43	39	6
6	Norfolk	6	2	1	3	43	46	5
7	Bedfordshire	6	1	2	3	43	56	4
8	Northumberland	6	1	2	3	40	55	4
9	Essex	6	2	0	4	35	46	4
10	South Tyneside	6	0	1	5	34	54	1

Session 7

Next up was a difficult match against the leaders Sunderland. In arguably their best performance of the weekend the Herts. pair controlled the match and managed to secure an impressive 8-3 win.

The victory kept them in 5th place but they did make up some ground on the teams above them. Although not mimetically impossible (3 points behind with two games to play) the title was highly unlikely as Herts. last two games were against teams below them so they could not take any points off of their title rivals.

Durham held a 1 point advantage over Suffolk & Sunderland with two games to play.

Position	Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Agst	Points
1	Durham	7	5	1	1	65	42	11
2	Suffolk	7	5	0	2	69	36	10
3	Sunderland	7	5	0	2	60	47	10
4	Cambridgeshire	7	4	1	2	53	56	9
5	Hertfordshire	7	4	0	3	51	42	8
6	Essex	7	3	0	4	45	51	6
7	Bedfordshire	7	1	3	3	52	65	5
8	Norfolk	7	2	1	4	49	56	5
9	Northumberland	7	1	2	4	41	70	4
10	South Tyneside	7	0	2	5	43	63	2

Session 8

The 8th session and a match against Bedfordshire for the Herts. pair. A game in which they started strongly and never really let up not allowing their opponents settle we come away with a good 10-2 victory.

Unfortunately Durham's win over Essex meant that the title was now beyond Hertfordshire. Although they could still finish as high as 2nd with a win in their final match. Suffolk would meet Durham in the final match for a straight shootout for the title.

Position	Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Agst	Points
1	Durham	8	6	1	1	74	46	13
2	Suffolk	8	6	0	2	79	38	12
3	Sunderland	8	5	0	3	65	56	10
4	Hertfordshire	8	5	0	3	61	44	10
5	Cambridgeshire	8	4	1	3	55	66	9
6	Norfolk	8	3	1	4	62	59	7
7	Northumberland	8	2	2	4	50	75	6
8	Essex	8	3	0	5	49	60	6
9	Bedfordshire	8	1	3	4	54	75	5
10	South Tyneside	8	0	2	6	46	76	2

Session 9 (final session)

The final match of the weekend would be against Norfolk. In a tight low scoring game Herts managed to come out on top with a 6-3 win. A great final day for the Hertfordshire pair as they managed to win all four of their games during Sundays play. Unfortunately they lost three of their five games on Saturday and left themselves with too much to do.

They ended up finishing in 4th place (level on points with 2nd and 3rd) on 12 points after winning six of their nine games.

The final table is below;

Durham took the title by defeating Suffolk in the winner takes all last game.

Congratulations to John Leonard (Jr) and John Leonard (Sr) of Durham.

Position	Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Agst	Points
1	Durham	9	7	1	1	82	52	15
2	Suffolk	9	6	0	3	85	46	12
3	Sunderland	9	6	0	3	75	61	12
4	Hertfordshire	9	6	0	3	67	47	12
5	Cambridgeshire	9	5	1	3	64	73	11
6	Norfolk	9	3	1	5	65	65	7
7	Northumberland	9	2	2	5	57	84	6
8	Essex	9	3	0	6	54	68	6
9	Bedfordshire	9	1	3	5	59	85	5
10	South Tyneside	9	1	2	6	54	81	4

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Singles Report

The representatives for Hertfordshire were;

Single : Craig Hearn

Session 1

Craig (two time previous winner of this event) started off his weekend against another previous winner in Durham. Never really getting in to the game and chasing from the start Craig went down to a 14-6 defeat.

Position	Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Agst	Points
1	Durham	1	1	0	0	14	6	2
2	Bedfordshire	1	1	0	0	12	6	2
3	Essex	1	1	0	0	10	5	2
4	Sunderland	1	1	0	0	8	6	2
5	Norfolk	1	1	0	0	6	5	2
6	South Tyneside	1	0	0	1	6	8	0
7	Cambridgeshire	1	0	0	1	6	12	0
8	Hertfordshire	1	0	0	1	6	14	0
9	Northumberland	1	0	0	1	5	6	0
10	Suffolk	1	0	0	1	5	10	0

Session 2

Next opponent for Craig was South Tyneside, although the final score line was close it was a game that Craig largely controlled he managed to secure a 10-7 win.

There was a three way lead at the top after just two games with Essex, Bedfordshire & Sunderland leading the way.

Position	Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Agst	Points
1	Essex	2	2	0	0	22	12	4
2	Bedfordshire	2	2	0	0	20	12	4
3	Sunderland	2	2	0	0	19	11	4
4	Durham	2	1	0	1	20	14	2
5	Cambridgeshire	2	1	0	1	16	17	2
6	Hertfordshire	2	1	0	1	16	21	2
7	Norfolk	2	1	0	1	11	15	2
8	South Tyneside	2	0	0	2	13	18	0
9	Northumberland	2	0	0	2	12	18	0
10	Suffolk	2	0	0	2	10	21	0

Session 3

A great win for Craig by 10-4 over the defending champion Sunderland got him right back in to the mix. Bedfordshire could only manage a draw so it was now only Essex that had a 100% record after three games.

Position	Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Agst	Points
1	Essex	3	3	0	0	33	15	6
2	Bedfordshire	3	2	1	0	27	19	5
3	Durham	3	2	0	1	32	17	4
4	Hertfordshire	3	2	0	1	26	25	4
5	Sunderland	3	2	0	1	23	21	4
6	Northumberland	3	1	0	2	21	24	2
7	Cambridgeshire	3	1	0	2	19	28	2
8	Norfolk	3	1	0	2	14	27	2
9	South Tyneside	3	0	1	2	20	25	1
10	Suffolk	3	0	0	3	16	30	0

Session 4

Craig's next match was against the recent ECCBA champion from Bedfordshire, who had yet to lose a game. Craig never really got in to the match and the result was never really in doubt. It ended in a heavy 12-1 loss. Durham defeated the previously unbeaten Essex to really open up the tournament.

Position	Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Agst	Points
1	Bedfordshire	4	3	1	0	39	20	7
2	Durham	4	3	0	1	42	22	6
3	Essex	4	3	0	1	38	25	6
4	Sunderland	4	2	0	2	30	29	4
5	Northumberland	4	2	0	2	29	31	4
6	Hertfordshire	4	2	0	2	27	37	4
7	South Tyneside	4	1	1	2	28	28	3
8	Suffolk	4	1	0	3	24	34	2
9	Cambridgeshire	4	1	0	3	23	36	2
10	Norfolk	4	1	0	3	17	35	2

Session 5

Craig knew that victory in his last game of the day and he would be no more than 2 points behind the leader and having played (on paper) some of the stronger bowlers he would have a chance going in to Sundays play.

In a close game Craig was never able to get away from his opponent and needed three on the final end to win the game. Unfortunately he was unable to do so only picking up 2 shots to finish with a 9-9 draw.

It was Durham & Bedfordshire who led the way with 8 points over night, Craig sat in 6th place on 5 points and would need to win all of his games on Sunday and hope other results went his way to stand any chance of the title.

Position	Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Agst	Points
1	Durham	5	4	0	1	56	26	8
2	Bedfordshire	5	3	2	0	45	26	8
3	Essex	5	3	0	2	42	35	6
4	South Tyneside	5	2	1	2	38	32	5
5	Sunderland	5	2	1	2	36	35	5
6	Hertfordshire	5	2	1	2	36	46	5
7	Northumberland	5	2	0	3	34	41	4
8	Cambridgeshire	5	2	0	3	33	41	4
9	Norfolk	5	1	1	3	26	44	3
10	Suffolk	5	1	0	4	28	48	2

Session 6

Essex were the opposition for the first game of the day, Craig not bowling his best was unable to get the better of his opponent and lost the game 10-8. Durham & Beds both won their opening games and it looked like only Essex had any chance of catching the two leaders.

Position	Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Agst	Points
1	Durham	6	5	0	1	70	30	10
2	Bedfordshire	6	4	2	0	57	28	10
3	Essex	6	4	0	2	52	43	8
4	Cambridgeshire	6	3	0	3	41	46	6
5	Hertfordshire	6	2	1	3	44	56	5
6	South Tyneside	6	2	1	3	41	42	5
7	Sunderland	6	2	1	3	41	43	5
8	Suffolk	6	2	0	4	38	51	4
9	Northumberland	6	2	0	4	38	55	4
10	Norfolk	6	1	1	4	28	56	3

Session 7

Suffolk was next up for Craig. An improved performance and an improved result to go with it as Craig come out on top with a 7-3 win. This result kept Craig in 5th place overall. Essex's chances of success were now all but over after a defeat against Bedfordshire. Durham remained top on shots after a win over Cambridgeshire.

Position	Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Agst	Points
1	Durham	7	6	0	1	84	34	12
2	Bedfordshire	7	5	2	0	71	34	12
3	Essex	7	4	0	3	58	57	8
4	Sunderland	7	3	1	3	51	47	7
5	Hertfordshire	7	3	1	3	51	59	7

6	South Tyneside	7	2	2	3	50	51	6
7	Cambridgeshire	7	3	0	4	45	60	6
8	Northumberland	7	2	1	4	47	64	5
9	Suffolk	7	2	0	5	41	58	4
10	Norfolk	7	1	1	5	32	66	3

Session 8

The penultimate session of the weekend and a match against Northumberland. Craig largely controlled this match and secured back-to-back wins with an 11-5 win. This result lifted him up two places into third place. Durham lost to Sunderland as Bedfordshire moved two points clear at the top with just the one game left to play.

Position	Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Agst	Points
1	Bedfordshire	8	6	2	0	83	41	14
2	Durham	8	6	0	2	88	43	12
3	Hertfordshire	8	4	1	3	62	64	9
4	Sunderland	8	4	1	3	60	51	9
5	Essex	8	4	0	4	65	65	8
6	Cambridgeshire	8	4	0	4	59	62	8
7	South Tyneside	8	2	2	4	52	65	6
8	Northumberland	8	2	1	5	52	75	5
9	Norfolk	8	2	1	5	40	73	5
10	Suffolk	8	2	0	6	48	70	4

Session 9 (Final Session)

The final game of the weekend for Craig would be against Cambridgeshire. A win for Craig in his final match would secure either a 3rd or 4th place finish. However it was not to be. Craig fell behind early in the game and never really looked like getting back into the match, he finished up his weekend with an 11-5 loss. This result saw Craig drop down two places and finish in 5th position. A disappointing result as Craig would have been one of the favourites going into the competition. However, the field was very strong and to win the event Craig would have had to play close to his best and that is something he was unable to do.

Final league table can be seen on the following page.

Final Table

Bedfordshire won their final match and took the title. In a very strong field to go the whole weekend without losing a game was a great achievement. This was not achieved by anybody else in the other three disciplines.

Congratulations to Neil Tuckey of Bedfordshire

Position	Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Agst	Points
1	Bedfordshire	9	7	2	0	92	45	16
2	Durham	9	7	0	2	101	46	14
3	Sunderland	9	5	1	3	67	55	11
4	Cambridgeshire	9	5	0	4	70	67	10
5	Hertfordshire	9	4	1	4	67	75	9
6	Essex	9	4	0	5	69	72	8
7	Suffolk	9	3	0	6	55	75	6
8	South Tyneside	9	2	2	5	55	78	6
9	Northumberland	9	2	1	6	56	84	5
10	Norfolk	9	2	1	6	45	80	5