

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

Fours Report

The representatives for Hertfordshire over this weekend were;

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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 Bedfordshire 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