

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

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