

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

Triples Report

The representatives for Hertfordshire over the weekend were;

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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. Their 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