

Hertfordshire v bedfordshire – Sunday 8th December 2013
At Ware Drill Hall

Hertfordshire followed up their 21-15 over Essex with an 18-18 home draw against Bedfordshire.

In a slow start we lost the first two session 4-2 as Bedfordshire come out of the traps fast and built an early 8-4 lead. Hertfordshire won their first session of the day 4-2 to cur Bedfordshire's lead to 10-8.

A terrible fourth session for Hertfordshire saw them lose 2 and draw 1 of the three matches and we were now trailing 9-15 and not just looking like taking a defeat but possible a heavy defeat.

The fifth session was a great one for Hertfordshire as they reversed the 5-1 scorline from the previous session and moved within two points at 14-16 and with a chance of winning the match.

Two wins out of three in the final session was enough to secure Hertfordshire a draw which looked unlikely after the fourth session.

The teams performed as per below;

H1 : Paul Harris, Roy Harding , Sandra Gammage & David Danby 6 points

H2 : Dave Smith , Nathan Brown, Jonathan Carter & Craig Hearn 4 points

H3 : Jacqui Harris, Jackie Spearman , Andy Cobbold & Margaret Forrest. 1 points

H4 : Alan Bull, Mike Bennett , Marilyn Cook & Pete Cook. 0 points

H5 : Mary Cobbold , Gill Baraclough, Vince Tamoro & Rob Washbrook. 4 points

H6 : Ian Carter, Sylvia Page, Mick Cook & Rebecca Hearn. 3 points

A special well done to H1 who managed to win all three of their matches. We did not perform as well as we did against Essex and the great team spirit that we displayed at Braintree seemed to be lacking from the start. It was mentioned that it is because the hall is too large and we struggle to generate a good atmosphere. This is something that the selection committee may have to consider when playing future home matches.

The result keeps us in 3rd place and we still have a great chance of finishing higher than our customary 5th position.

Other results and league table are displayed below

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against	Points
1. Suffolk	2	2	0	0	330	242	45
2. Cambridgeshire	2	1	0	1	302	268	41
3. Hertfordshire	2	1	1	0	286	271	39
4. Essex	2	0	0	2	256	298	32
5. Bedfordshire	2	0	1	1	256	296	30
6. Norfolk	2	1	0	1	246	301	29

Results

24th
November
2013

Bedfordshire	12	-	24	Norfolk
Essex	15	-	21	Hertfordshire
Cambridgeshire	10	-	26	Suffolk

8th
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Hertfordshire	18	-	18	Bedfordshire
Suffolk	19	-	17	Essex
Cambridgeshire	31	-	5	Norfolk