

Hertfordshire v Suffolk – Sunday 16th March 2014

Ware Drill Hall

Hertfordshire played their 5th and final league game of the season against Suffolk and performed well despite going down to a 21-15 defeat.

Session 1 : Two of the three games started and remained close throughout the match. H3 however started slowly and never improved, they were completely out bowled by their opponents and went down to a 21-0 defeat. The other scores reflected the closeness of the games with H5 winning 8-6 and H1 losing 10-7.

Session 2 : Six shots were picked up on the first end by H4 and they controlled the rest of the match from there sealing a 14-4 victory. The other two matches were extremely close. H6 took a two shot lead into the final end but two good bowls from the Suffolk skip enabled them to pick up three on the final end to win 9-8. H2 lead by a single shot going into the final end but needed a great last wood by their skip to take shot and win the game 7-5. This left the overall score at 6-6.

Session 3 : Another good session for Herts. They managed to win two of the three games, H3 & H1 picking up victories both 9-4. H5 were unable to follow up their victory in the first session as the game got away from them in the middle ends and they suffered an 11-3 defeat. Hertfordshire lead 10-8 at this stage.

Session 4 : H4 confident from their victory in the first match carried their form into the second game as they managed to secure a 14-2 victory. H2 were not able to repeat their victory from the first session as they went down to an 11-4 defeat. H6 had chances in their game but again come up a little short as they fell to a 10-6 loss. The score at this stage was 12-12 and we were well in the game and chasing a first ever win over Suffolk.

Session 5 : Two of the matches got away from us a little as H1 lost 10-4 and H3 went down to an 11-3 defeat. H5 managed to keep our hopes alive of an overall victory though with a good 9-6 win.

Session 6: With news coming through that Cambridgeshire had beaten Bedfordshire 30-6, Suffolk would need two points from the final session to secure the title. Where as a 5-1 session victory would give us an overall victory. Unfortunately it proved to be our worst session of the day. Behind in all three games, H6 & H4 both ran out of ends as they went down to a 10-5 & 9-7 defeats respectively. Trailing 10-6 going into the final end H2 managed to score 4 shots on the final end to secure an unlikely draw.

Despite the 21-15 defeat we pushed Suffolk hard and it was a good way to end a great season. The 86 points achieved beat our previous best by a clear 10 points. All credit to Suffolk who bowled well on the day, held their nerve in the final session and are worthy league winners.

The teams performed as per below;

H1 : Mary Cobbold , Gill Baraclough, Vince Tamorro, & Rob Washbrook 2 points

H2 : Paul Harris, Sylvia Page, Margaret Forrest & Rebecca Hearn 3 points

H3 : Alan Bull, Jackie Spearman , Andy Cobbold & Mick Cook 2 points

H4 : Shirley Davidson, Jacqui Harris , Marilyn Cook & Pete Cook 4 points

H5 : Martin Simson, Roy Harding , Ian Carter & Sandra Gammage 4 points

H6 : Dave Smith , Mike Bennett, Tom Slade & Craig Hearn 0 points