

Hertfordshire v Suffolk – ECCBA League Fixture 3

Ware Drill Hall – Sunday 17th January 2016

Hertfordshire faced defending champions Suffolk in the 3rd fixture of the ECCBA league season. The team chosen to represent Hertfordshire is detailed below;

H1	H2	H3
1. Mary Cobbold 2. Ian Carter 3. Marilyn Cook 4. Jason Ellis	1. Jacqui Harris 2. Thomas Ellis 3. Sandra Gammage 4. David Danby	1. Dave Smtih 2. Roy Harden 3. Jonathan Carter 4. Pete Cook
H4	H5	H6
1. Shirley Davidson 2. Andy Cobbold 3. Jack Smalley 4. Rob Washbrook	1. Shirley Davidson 2. Mick Cook 3. Paul Harris 4. Craig Hearn	1. Ron Hart 2. Margaret Forrest 3. Ben Summerfield 4. Rebecca Hearn

Session 1

The odd numbered teams would play first. A positive session was essential to try and build some early momentum. H3 got off to a good start and built an early 6-1 lead, they were pegged back to 6-4 but managed to maintain their slender lead and won the match 8-6. H1 looked in control of their match and built a solid looking 8-1 lead, however four dropped shots on the penultimate end meant they only lead 8-6 going into the final end. They managed to restrict their opponents to a single shot and held on for a narrow 8-7 win. H5 were unable to make it the perfect start. They were out bowled by their opponents and were well beaten 13-3. A good start to the day with a positive first session win.

Session Result Hertfordshire 4-2 Suffolk

Match Score Hertfordshire 4-2 Suffolk

Session 2

The second session started well as all three teams built early leads. H6 built an early advantage and whilst their opponents got back into the match they never got close enough to out any real pressure on and the match was won 10-7. H4 were involved in a tight game were they always held a narrow lead. It was a lead they were able to hang on to till the end and a 7-6 win was secured. H2 were looking to make it a 6-0 session win and looked well placed to do it as they lead 6-4 with two ends to play. Unfortunately a poor 8th end saw them drop four shots. Chasing the two shots they needed for a draw on the last end they dropped another big count and lost the match 13-6. Another winning session and our lead had been extended.

Session Result Hertfordshire 4-2 Suffolk

Match Score Hertfordshire 8-4 Suffolk

Session 3

H3 continued their good form from the first session and built a solid advantage. They led 10-4 going into the final end and never really looked in too much danger of dropping a big count. A single shot

was conceded on the final end and a 10-5 victory was secured. Whilst the score in the other two games was always reasonably close, Suffolk looked in control in both games. H5 went down to a 9-5 loss and H1 lost their match 10-3. Suffolk win their first session of the day and reduces the overall match score deficit to just two points.

Session Result Hertfordshire 2-4 Suffolk

Match Score Hertfordshire 10-8 Suffolk

Session 4

After losing the previous session it was vital that we had a positive session to continue the momentum. Unfortunately H2, maybe dwelling on their first game a little, never really got into their match and were well beaten 16-8. It was a similar story for H6 who again never really got into a position where they put their opponents under any pressure and were beaten 13-3. H4 kept their scoreline closer but also never really looked like taking anything from the match, a 10-6 loss meant that Suffolk had now taken a four point advantage with just two sessions to play.

Session Result Hertfordshire 0-6 Suffolk

Match Score Hertfordshire 10-14 Suffolk

Session 5

A response was needed in the 5th session if we wanted to retain any hopes of taking a draw or win in the overall match result. H3 continued their impressive form and secured their 3rd win of the day with an impressive 12-6 win. The matches for H1 and H5 were closer but they did always appear to be slightly on top. H5 managed to secure a narrow 9-7 win, the final score was even close for H1 but they also come out on top with an 8-7 win. A fantastic response from the Hertfordshire team to win the session 6-0 and take a 16-14 lead into the final session.

Session Result Hertfordshire 6-0 Suffolk

Match Score Hertfordshire 16-14 Suffolk

Session 6

Three points were required from the final session to secure a first ever win over an impressive Suffolk team. H2 were unable to recover after a slow start and whilst never being completely out of touching distance their opponents secured a comfortable 10-4 win. It was a similar story for H4, they also got off to a slow start and never recovered going down to a 12-2 loss. It was left to H6 to try and win their game and secure an overall match draw. Trailing 8-6 going into the final end the Herts skip with their final word attempted to trail the jack to hold the required amount of shots. Unfortunately it did not go quite far enough and only a single shot was secured and the match was lost 8-7

Session Result Hertfordshire 0-6 Suffolk

Match Result Hertfordshire 16 (120) - 20 (165) Suffolk

A good performance from the Hertfordshire team to run Suffolk so close. Suffolk have won every ECCBA league fixture since they were beaten 20-16 by Essex in the final fixture of the 2010/2011 season. That meant they were on a 22 match winning run. Therefore, we have to take the positives from the fact that we run them so close.

However, we also have to look at the fact that in the last two fixture we have got ourselves into a fantastic position to win the match going into the final session only to lose that session 6-0. We have done a lot of work over the last 2/3 seasons to establish ourselves as one of the better counties. It is vital know that we recognise that we are more than capable of competing at the top level and start to produce more consistent results.

The performances of the teams on the day is detailed below;

	W	D	L	SF	SA	Pts
H1	2	0	1	19	24	4
H2	0	0	3	18	39	0
H3	3	0	0	30	17	6
H4	1	0	2	15	28	2
H5	1	0	2	18	29	2
H6	1	0	2	20	28	2
Total	8	0	10	120	165	16