

ECCBA League Fixture 3

Hertfordshire v Essex

Applecroft School, WGC – Sunday 15th January 2017

Our third ECCBA league fixture of the season was a home fixture against Essex. This would be our first ever match at our new home venue

The team chose to represent Hertfordshire was as follows;

H1	H2	H3
1. Mary Cobbold 2. Ron Hart 3. Paul Harris 4. Jason Ellis	1. Marilyn Cook 2. Mick Cook 3. Jack Smalley 4. Pete Cook	1. Audrey Joy 2. Gill Barraclough 3. Dave Smith 4. Margaret Forrest
H4	H5	H6
1. Jacqui Harris 2. Andy Cobbold 3. Martin Simson 4. Craig Hearn	1. Thomas Ellis 2. Thomas Palmer 3. Sandra Gammage 4. David Danby	1. Stuart Palmer 2. Ben Summerfield 3. Rebecca Hearn 4. Rob Washbrook

During the day the odd numbered teams would play at the same time and the even numbered teams would play at the same time.

Session 1

Both teams were trying to find the speed and lines of the carpets in this first session. All three games were close and looked like they could go either way. H1 just fell little short in a very high scoring game as they lost 13-11. H3 were also involved in a very high scoring game but they come out on top with a 12-11 win. H5 looked in control of their game despite never pulling away from their opponents. They lost the last couple of ends but did enough to secure a 9-9 draw.

Session Score
Herts 3-3 Essex

Match Score
Herts 3-3 Essex

Session 2

It looked like being a poor session for us as H2 and H4 were trailing in their matches. H6 always looked in control and secured two points with a 13-6 win. H4 never really got going in their match and were beaten 13-2. H2 picked up six shots on the 7th end to move from five shots behind to one shot ahead. Unfortunately they lost singles on the last two ends and lost the match 10-9.

Session Score
Herts 2-4 Essex

Match Score
Herts 5-7 Essex

Session 3

H3 repeated their win from the first session with a commanding 11-2 victory. H1 responded from their opening session defeat with a good 10-3 win. H5 never looked like making it a clean sweep of wins though as they were soundly beaten 16-3. Still our first winning session of the day got us level at 9-9 in the match.

Session Score
Herts 4-2 Essex

Match Score
Herts 9-9 Essex

Session 4

In exact repeat of the first session for the even numbered teams here as H6 won again with another solid performance taking an 11-5 win. H2 played very poorly over the early ends and it was only a late rally that made the score look a little respectable, but they still lost 15-7. H4 were also never really in with a shout of picking anything up from their game as they were beaten 12-5.

Session Score
Herts 2-4 Essex

Match Score
Herts 11-13 Essex

Session 5

An important session here, that would go a long way to deciding the overall match. It was a game too far for H3, who after winning their first two games were well beaten 17-2. H5 were behind in their game for a long time but some good bowls over the later ends saw them turn the match around and take a 9-7 win. H1 had a very similar game to H5, but in reverse. They led for most of the game but some loose late ends saw them lose the match 11-8.

Session Score
Herts 2-4 Essex

Match Score
Herts 13-17 Essex

Session 6

We would need to win all three matches in the final session if we wanted to take an overall victory. Unfortunately that never looked very likely as H2 and H4 were having uncharacteristically bad days. H2 lost their third straight game with a 10-5 loss. H4 arguably played their best game of the day but it was still not enough as they lost 7-3. H6 completed a great day by winning their third straight game 11-6

Session Score
Herts 2-4 Essex

Match Result
Herts 15-21 Essex

A disappointing 21-15 loss in our first game at our new venue. Essex played well on the day and deserved to take their victory. Having moved to a new venue themselves at the start of the season the Essex captain in his closing speech offered some encouraging words as they said they had struggled in their first game before playing brilliantly in their second match. Hopefully it will be the same story for us.

The individual team performances are displayed below;

Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	SF	SA	Points
H1	3	1	0	2	29	27	2
H2	3	0	0	3	21	35	0
H3	3	2	0	1	25	30	4
H4	3	0	0	3	10	32	0
H5	3	1	1	1	21	32	3
H6	3	3	0	0	35	17	6
Total	18	7	1	10	141	173	15