

Norfolk V Hertfordshire – Sunday 19th January 2014

Wortwell Community Centre

Hertfordshire continued their impressive start to the season with a 24-12 victory away to Norfolk.

The first session started slowly with Norfolk opening up early leads on all three carpets. Hertfordshire began to grow in to the match though and managed to turn two of the three games around to take an early 4-2 lead.

The second session looked more promising for Herts. They opened up early leads in two of the games which they never looked like letting go of. The other game remained close but Norfolk managed to hang on, Herts had doubled their lead to 8-4

Two of the three games were close in the third session, Herts had built an 11-3 lead in the third game. Despite managing to win both of the two close games the other Herts side let their lead slip away. Still another good session and the lead had increased to 12-6.

The fourth session looked like being a disappointing one as Norfolk built leads in all three games. Some good battling performances and we managed to turn two of the three games around to extend the lead further to 16-8.

The fifth session was an important one as we wanted to ensure we got past the 18 points needed for victory as quickly as possible. Two of the games were won convincingly, the other team trailed by five going in to the last end. They very nearly pulled it off picking up four shots on the last end and just losing out on a measure what would have given them a draw. This now meant a 20-10 lead, and victory had been guaranteed. We needed to build on this in the last session.

In the sixth and final session one game was controlled by each county with the other remaining close. Norfolk trailed by three going in to the last end but only managed two shots which meant another 4-2 victory in the session.

An impressive 24-12 win for Hertfordshire, what was even more pleasing is that every session was won (4-2). Probabyl a more impressive display then the match against Essex where we built an early lead and stuggled to get over the line. This time we powered over the line and were even able to increase our winning margin in the final session.

The teams performed as per below, a good team performance with everybody winning at lease one match. Special mention for H5 & H6 who won all three games.

H1 : Paul Harris, Roy Harding , Sandra Gammage & David Danby 2 points

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

H3 : Alan Bull, Jackie Spearman , Andy Cobbold & Mick Cook 4 points

H4 : Shirley Davidson, Mike Bennett , Marilyn Cook & Pete Cook. 2 points

H5 : Mary Cobbold , Jacqui Harris, Gill Baraclough, & Rob Washbrook. 6 points

H6 : Ian Carter, Sylvia Page, Margaret Forrest & Rebecca Hearn. 6 points