

Six Counties Championship – Sunday 8th April 2018

Littleport Leisure Centre – Hosted by Suffolk

Hertfordshire travelled to Littleport leisure centre on Sunday 8th April for the final ECCBA competition of the season. The team had high expectations of a successful day after a great league season.

The team chose to represent Hertfordshire was as follows;

H1	H2	H3
1. Mary Grethe 2. Paul Harris 3. Jack Smalley 4. Jason Ellis	1. Thomas Ellis 2. Andy Cobbold 3. Sandra Gammage 4. David Danby	1. Harry Wilson 2. Jacqui Harris 3. Roy Grethe 4. Pete Cook
H4	H5	H6
1. Marilyn Cook 2. Kate Summerfield 3. Ben Summerfield 4. Neil Tuckey	1. Dave Smith 2. Ron Hart 3. Mary Cobbold 4. Margaret Forrest	1. Stuart Palmer 2. Mick Cook 3. Rebecca Hearn 4. Craig Hearn

Session 1

H1 – H4 were in action first and were looking to get us off to a good start with four games against Norfolk. Two of the games were quite one sided and two of the games were close throughout. Of the one sided games, each county controlled one game, H1 eased away to an excellent 16-8 win. H2 never looked like getting much from their game and were beaten 10-4. Of the close games, H3 trailed 6-4 playing the final end but were unable to win the final end and lost 8-4. H4 did just enough to stay in front and secured a good 6-4 win.

Session Score

Herts 4-4 Norfolk

Match Score

Herts 4-4 Norfolk

Session 2

H5 & H6 would play their first games of the day and complete the matches against Norfolk; H1 & H2 would play their 2nd match against Essex. H5 played some good consistent bowls in their game and deserved their 9-3 win. H5 were unable to make it a winning session against Norfolk as they lost their game 7-3. H1 followed up their good form from the first session with a good 11-3 win. H2 were well behind in their game and threatened to get back into it but just ran out of ends as they lost 10-8.

Session Score

Herts 2-2 Norfolk

Herts 2-2 Essex

Match Score

Herts 6-6 Norfolk

Herts. 2-2 Essex

Session 3

H3,H4,H5 & H6 would complete the set of matches against Essex in this session. The games were all close and looked like they could go either way right up to the final ends. H3 largely controlled their

match but only held a 7-4 advantage playing the final end. A good last shot from the opposing skip was enough to earn them three shots and a 7-7 draw. It was the same scoreline for H6 as they also drew their game 7-7. That was where the positive results ended though as H4 lost 10-7 and H5 lost narrowly 7-6.

Session Score

Herts 2-6 Essex

Match Score

Herts. 4-8 Essex

Session 4

H1,H2 & H3 play three matches against the hosts and defending champions Suffolk in this session. H1 looking for their 3rd straight win were just unable to do so but did secure a credible 8-8 draw. H2 responded well from defeats in their opening two games as they always looked in control and secured a good 10-4 win. H3 were always behind in their game and trailed 6-3 playing the final end. Three shots were needed on the final end to secure an unlikely draw but it was their opponents who scored the three shots and took a 9-3 win.

Session Score

Herts 3-3 Suffolk

Match Score

Herts 3-3 Suffolk

Session 5

The games against Suffolk were completed in session 5 as H4, H5 & H6 were in action. H4 were involved in a tight game. Trailing by one playing the final end they were attempting to block and take a draw. With the last wood of the game the Suffolk skip, attempting to secure victory, unfortunately played their own wood out of the head and handed an 8-7 win to our team. H5 also come from behind on the final end, scoring a single shot to secure a good 7-7 draw. H6 were unable to add any further points though as their opponents largely controlled the game and took an 11-4 win.

A 6-6 split match score was an improvement on the first two sessions but we were still a long way behind the leaders.

Session Score

Herts 3-3 Suffolk

Match Score

Herts 6-6 Suffolk

Session 6

Four matches against Bedfordshire in this session as H1,H2 ,H3 & H4 compete. H1 & H3 both stormed into early leads and never looked in danger of giving them away. H1 winning 13-4 and H3 going one better at 14-4. H2 who should have been confident after their win over Suffolk never got into their game and the match was lost 10-4. It was a similar story for H4, although they did only trail 8-5 playing the final end. The H4 skip almost secured a draw with his final wood but was only able to pick up two shots and the match was lost 8-7.

Session Score

Herts 4-4 Beds

Match Score

Herts 4-4 Beds

Session 7

The penultimate session of the day. H5 & H6 complete the set of matches against Bedfordshire and H1 & H2 finish their day with matches against Cambridgeshire. H5 and H6 were both involved in close games. This time they both went in our favour as H5 secured a 9-7 win and H6 also took victory 7-4. H1 and H2 both held early leads in their games but they could not be maintained. H1 suffered their first defeat of the day as they went down to an 8-5 loss. H2 also suffered defeat in their game 12-7.

Session Score

Herts 4-0 Beds
Herts 0-4 Cambs

Match Score

Herts 8-4 Beds
Herts 0-4 Cambs

Session 8

The final session of the day sees H3, H4, H5 & H6 finish up against Cambridgeshire who led the way and were trying to secure the title. H5 were never really in their game and were beaten 13-6. It was a similar story for H3 as their opponents played the better bowls throughout the game. They did only trail 8-6 playing the last end but conceded a single shot and lost the game 9-6. Better news for H4 who come from behind on the final end to win the game 10-9. Lastly H6 arguably put in the best performance of the day as they completed a good 18-2 win.

Session Score

Herts 4-4 Cambs

Match Score

Herts 4-8 Cambs

A disappointing 5th place finish, when so much more was expected after our strong league season.

Although we did only finish 10 points behind the eventual winners Cambridgeshire (congratulations on their win).

The final table is shown below;

	Pts	F	A
1 Cambridgeshire	38	269	204
2 Suffolk	36	252	190
3 Essex	34	217	239
4 Norfolk	30	235	205
5 Hertfordshire	28	234	220
6 Bedfordshire	14	159	308

Each team's performance on the day is shown below. Special mention for H2 who won all five of their games.

Hertfordshire								
	Beds	Cambs	Essex	Norfolk	Suffolk	Pts	F	A
H1	13 - 4	5 - 8	11 - 3	16 - 8	8 - 8	7	53	31
H2	4 - 10	7 - 12	8 - 10	4 - 10	10 - 4	2	33	46
H3	14 - 4	6 - 9	7 - 7	4 - 8	3 - 9	3	34	37
H4	7 - 8	10 - 9	7 - 10	6 - 4	8 - 7	6	38	38
H5	9 - 7	6 - 13	6 - 7	9 - 3	7 - 7	5	37	37
H6	7 - 4	18 - 2	7 - 7	3 - 7	4 - 11	5	39	31