

ECCBA League Game – Sunday 9th April 2017

Six Counties Championship – Hosted by Essex

Braintree Leisure Centre

Hertfordshire travelled to Braintree leisure centre on Sunday 9th April for the final ECCBA competition of the season.

The team chose to represent Hertfordshire was as follows;

H1	H2	H3
1. Mary Cobbold 2. Mick Cook 3. Jack Smalley 4. Jason Ellis	1. Harry Wilson 2. Martin Simson 3. Marilyn Cook 4. Pete Cook	1. Audrey Joy 2. Shirley Davidson 3. Gill Barraclough 4. Margaret Forrest
H4	H5	H6
1. Doug Parfett 2. Ron Hart 3. Paul Harris 4. Craig Hearn	1. Eric Shepherd 2. Ollie Mercer-Smith 3. Rebecca Hearn 4. Rob Washbrook	1. Thomas Ellis 2. Andy Cobbold 3. Sandra Gammage 4. David Danby

Session 1

H1 – H4 were in action first and were looking to get us off to a good start with four games against Cambridgeshire. In four very close games that looked like they could go either way a split session was probably a fair result. H1 fell behind early, got back into the game but lost the last couple of ends to lose 11-7. H2 trailed by one shot going into the final end but the Herts skip managed to draw for two with his last wood to take the match 7-6. H3 were ahead in their match but allowed their opponents back into the match and lost 10-7. H4 started very well and built a healthy lead which they were able to defend winning 10-5.

Session Score

Herts 4-4 Cambs

Match Score

Herts 4-4 Cambs

Session 2

H5 & H6 would play their first games of the day and complete the matches against Cambridgeshire; H1 & H2 would play their 2nd match against Norfolk. H5 never got going in their game and could not recover from a slow start losing 12-4. H6 were involved in a very tight match and shared the points with a 9-9 draw. H1 played a fantastic match and recovered from their opening loss with a 13-3 win. H2 were involved in another tight match but managed to control the last end to lose just the one shot and with the match 7-5.

Session Score

Herts 1-3 Cambs
Herts 4-0 Norfolk

Match Score

Herts. 5-7 Cambs
Herts 4-0 Norfolk

Session 3

H3,H4,H5 & H6 would complete the set of matches against Norfolk in this session. The games were all close to start with but rather drifted away from us. H3 ended up going down to an 11-9 loss. H4 also struggled against their opponents losing 12-5. H5 fell to a narrow 9-7 loss and H6 completed a miserable session for us with a 10-4 loss. Defeats in all four matches meant that we had ground to catch up if we wanted to repeat our runners up spot from last year.

Session Score

Herts 0-8 Norfolk

Match Score

Herts 4-12 Norfolk

Session 4

H1,H2 & H3 play three matches against the hosts Essex in this session. H1 always looked in control of their game as they eased away to an 11-6 win. H2 were involved in a high quality match that always looked like going down to the final end. With the scores tied our skip managed to get the shot with his last wood to secure a 6-5 win. H3 just fell short of making it a perfect session for us as they narrowly lost 7-6.

Session Score

Herts 4-2 Essex

Match Score

Herts 4-2 Essex

Session 5

The games against Essex were completed in session 5 as H4, H5 & H6 were in action. H4 played their best match of the day and fully deserved their comfortable 15-3 win. H6 were involved in much tighter game and just done enough to secure a 7-5 win. Like the previous session H5 were unable to make it three wins from three as they were beaten 12-6.

Session Score

Herts 4-2 Essex

Match Score

Herts 8-4 Essex

Session 6

Four matches against defending champions Suffolk in this session as H1,H2 ,H3 & H4 compete. H3 were completely out bowled by their opponents and suffered a 19-2 loss. H1 were also able to really get going in their match as they were beaten 10-5. Better news for the other two teams as H4 controlled their game for large parts and eased away to a 13-7 win. H2 were behind early and it was close through the middle ends but they were able to just pull away from their opposition and secure an 11-3 win.

Session Score

Herts 4-4 Suffolk

Match Score

Herts 4-4 Suffolk

Session 7

The penultimate session of the day. H5 & H6 complete the set of matches against Suffolk and H1 & H2 finish their day with matches against Bedfordshire. Both teams were never completely out of their games but were always playing catch up and never really looked like getting much from them. H5 in the end were beaten 12-5 and H6 lost their match 8-3. There was better news for H1 & H2 in their games with Beds. H2 secured their 5th straight win with a 9-4 win and H1 also won their game 9-5.

Session Score

Herts 0-4 Suffolk
Herts 4-0 Beds

Match Score

Herts 4-8 Suffolk
Herts 4-0 Beds

Session 8

The final session of the day sees H3, H4, H5 & H6 finish up against Bedfordshire. Despite sitting in 5th place at the start of the session all of the teams above us (with the exception of Suffolk who had already sealed the title) were only a few points above us. Four wins in the final session could be enough to secure another runners up spot. H4 were involved in a high scoring game and come out on top with a 13-9 win. H6 also played a solid game and come away with a 10-5 win. H3 got ahead early in their game but could not maintain their form and suffered a 9-6 loss. H5 completed a miserable day in fine fashion with a 16-4 loss.

Session Score

Herts 4-4 Beds

Match Score

Herts 8-4 Beds

A disappointing 5th place finish. Although we did only finish four points behind second placed Cambridgeshire. The damage was probably done with the 8-0 session loss against Norfolk early in the day. Congratulations to Suffolk who defended their title with another dominant display.

The final table is shown below;

	Points	Shots For	Shots Against
Suffolk	42	271	194
Cambridgeshire	33	238	229
Norfolk	31	259	217
Essex	31	236	233
Hertfordshire	29	230	248
Bedfordshire	14	178	291

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

	Beds	Cambs	Essex	Norfolk	Suffolk	Played	Points	SF	SA
H1	9-5	7-11	11-6	13-3	5-10	5	6	45	35
H2	9-4	7-6	6-5	7-5	11-3	5	10	40	23
H3	6-9	7-10	6-7	9-11	2-19	5	0	30	56
H4	13-9	10-5	15-3	5-12	13-7	5	8	56	36
H5	4-16	4-12	6-12	7-9	5-12	5	0	26	61
H6	10-5	9-9	7-5	4-10	3-8	5	5	33	37
Total	51-48	44-53	51-38	45-50	39-59	30	29	230	248