

Match Report
Balcomb Trophy on Sunday 17th July
Hertfordshire v Norfolk

Result, Hertfordshire 22 Hunts 44

Hertfordshire played Norfolk for the second time in 2 days, this time at Wellingborough BC, Northants, in the Balcomb Trophy Regional Finals. Yet another great venue and another excellent green.

The day though started with confusion, BE had helpfully supplied pre written scorecards to the umpire, only they had the wrong teams on the cards...

Having had an inclement weather email from BE regarding the hot temperatures there was discussion about reducing ends, All teams decided on the full 21 ends as the weather although hot wasn't extreme.

1 change from the week before, Mark Yelland replacing Steve Kilford who was unavailable.

Unlike last week the team couldn't get off to the fast start with the first 5 ends being shared and only a couple in it. From there Norfolk steadily increased their lead. Despite some excellent bowls from Herts, Norfolk found a response most ends, Wayne Willgress, current national pairs champion was having an outstanding game. Tom's rink were holding multiple counts but Wayne rescued the situation many times and had a particularly devastating bowl on the 18th end, Herts were 12 adrift overall but Tom holding 4, a tightly packed head Wayne found a route through with probably 2 feet of weight to draw the jack back for 3, a turnaround of 7 shots,

Over on the other rink, Garry's rink were now beginning to chase the game, holding 1 but needing shots found his draw for another a few inches to heavy and a tap on the shot bowl moved the jack for 2 down.

A great effort by the team who as always showed great team spirit and fought hard, the day was not meant to be and so we pick ourselves up and go again this Saturday for the Middleton Cup with a place at Leamington the prize.



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