

Match Report
Eastern Counties League
Hertfordshire v Bedfordshire

Result, Hertfordshire 109 (20pts) Bedfordshire 99 (2pts)

Hertfordshire Men completed their Eastern Counties Campaign on Saturday. Heading into the game we knew we couldn't win overall, even 22 points would have left us 1 shy of leaders Essex; however our opponents Bedfordshire only needed 6 pts, 3 winning rinks to snatch overall Victory.

The Executive Rink who have their own mini league were unbeaten as were Beds so that rink was literally winner takes all.

In keeping with the policy of giving youth players every experience possible we fielded a rink whose total age was 69, the future is bright as this rink despite dropping a 4 on the first end fought hard, kept the game tight and ran out victors by 1 shot.

Elsewhere as is customary this season we found ourselves behind, not by many but at 15 ends we had just 1 winning rink at the time but the overall deficit was 11 and after what the teams have achieved this year this was nothing.

Unlike the Middleton with 6's and a 7 it was just steady accumulation of winning ends, Indeed Phil's Rink won 5 of the last 6 to go from 1 down to winning by 8. Even better was the Exec rink of Mike, Phil, Steve and Don, 7- 11 @ 12 Ends they won all bar 1 end to run out winners 20-13.

This has been a characteristic of all the team performances this year, spirit and determination.

The end result of the League, we finished 3rd, 3 points behind Winners Essex and level with Bedfordshire but a few worse off on shot difference.

A great achievement and I take this opportunity to thank all who played.

The Executive Rink was unbeaten and thus won their own League, Congratulation to them and for all their support and contributions throughout the season.

Our thanks go to Welwyn & District for our home games, great hospitality and an outstanding green was provided in what has been a challenging year weather wise.

To the match Officers, Graham and Phil for making things easy for me and to Assistant Manager Tony, get well soon.

And so we move to Leamington for the Middleton Cup on Saturday 10th September, we go full of momentum from both MC and last Saturdays ECL, we go full of confidence and belief, we go as a Team.

See you all there.



Roger Evans
Manager