

Match Report
Middleton Cup
Hertfordshire v Huntingdonshire

Result, Hertfordshire 118 Huntingdonshire 114

Hertfordshire travelled to the neutral venue of St Neots for their first Middleton Cup game of the year, as last year it was a straight knockout so there was no margin for error.

The previous day had seen temperatures in of 30c; we were greeted on Saturday with overcast skies and rain. A late drop out due to illness forced a last minute reshuffle and after the team talk and photo we took to the green.

Well I think we did because it was a somewhat slow start....

28 shots down at half way is not ideal and the Manager was a little stressed. The rain eased, the skies brightened, a few fizzy sweets were consumed and the fight back started.

It's not the first slow start of the season and yet again the team fought back. Gradually with no huge scores but a steady winning of ends and you could see the momentum shift, the opponents sensed it to and their body language reflected the turning tide.

Having worked on staggering our finish and the scoreboard being run efficiently we knew exactly where we stood going into the last few ends, good game management and communication across the rinks meant shot selection was perfect and with 1 end to go we were 5 up. The rink played the end perfectly with bowls in the head and everything else covered we were happy to drop a 1.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank a few people, Assistant Manager Tony Keeling for his support and counsel, to Match Officer Graham Searle for doing the admin on the day, the Andrews family for coordinating the scoreboard and all the supporters who travelled.

Lastly the Squad of players on the day who showed great resolve and support for each other, highlighted by everyone round the green for the last end. A great team effort carried us to victory.

Onwards we go vs Bedfordshire, Saturday 9th July, venue to be confirmed but likely somewhere in Buckinghamshire.



Roger Evans
Manager