

Middleton Cup Report

Hertfordshire 127 (4pts) Northamptonshire 141 (18pts)

Herts second game of their MC proved a difficult day with a loss to Northants.

Bucking our usual trend, we got off to a flying start, up on 5 rinks and the other only a few behind, this was still the case at 12 ends.

Then came a momentum shift, with a 6 rink match things can change very quickly if you lose a few scores and so proved the case on Saturday, with 20 shots going across the board in a matter of ends, a wick here, a wick there, a change of length here, a change of hand there all contributed to the momentum change and so at 17 ends we were only a few ahead.

Things stabilised but we found ourselves 5 behind with just 4 total ends left, at this point you are chasing the game slightly and despite our best efforts we fell just a little short. Gary's Rink from being 1 behind going into the last end secured a win and 2pts and Glen's rink had a comfortable win.

While not ideal the round robin format still gives us a chance and we play group leaders Hunts next week in what is a must win match.

Our thanks to Royston for their superb facilities and thanks to the supporters on the day, it was great to see so many around the green.

Roger Evans

Manager