

**Match Report
Middleton Cup
Hertfordshire v Cambridgeshire**

Result, Hertfordshire 114 (14pts) Cambridgeshire 109 (8pts)

The men kicked off their MC campaign with a trip to Newmarket Avenue BC, after last years trip in the Balcomb where the green was not in the best of condition, we were pleased to find it green and the general view was it played well. Our compliments to Marcus Fuller.

Pre match there was a presentation of MC flash and congratulation to Jack Bunting.

As with all MC games it was a tense affair with two very competitive teams. Herts as is their norm got off to a slow start and were down for much of the game, 2 of the rinks got adrift but this was compensated for by two of our rinks having good leads and the remaining two tight.

After all the sparring it came down to the last overall 10 ends with us being behind by 8, strong finishes by both Scott's rink who finished 4,3,2,2 and Glens who finished with a 4 saw us over the line for the win and the 10pts.the two tight rinks unfortunately both lost on the last end but the overall win and 14 points was a good start.

As last year the team showed great spirit to come back once again and I cannot emphasise enough the importance of this team spirit for the success the team had last year and so far, this year.

In my opening message and again with the first MC selection I stated that it was not a requirement for selection to be available for all games and as such that there would be a rotation of players, so may I take this opportunity to thank everybody for their support and reiterate that the key to success is 'team.'

My phone is on day and night and I am always happy to discuss matters either with a phone call or in person.

If anybody outside the squad wants to chat with me personally, once again I am happy to do so.

**Roger Evans
Manager**