

Match Report
Middleton Cup Trial
Result, Hertfordshire 110 Essex 106

The travels continued for the Senior Mens' Team on Sunday with the MC Trial vs. Essex.

The venue was the superb Essex County BC with 2 outdoor Greens and a welcome canteen for breakfast.

The weather forecast in the week was for sunshine so a trip to the seaside was looked forward to; cold, wet and windy was not in the forecast.

At the pre game meeting a minutes silence was held in the memory of Noel Roberts who sadly passed away earlier in the year. Noel would have been Mens' County President 2022 and a memorial game in his honour was being held at his home club Harpenden on this day.

Again the team combined youth and experience with 1 Rink made up entirely of 'younger' players

The team couldn't replicate the fast start of the day before and found themselves 6 down at 5 Ends mainly due to one bowl from an Essex skip that resulted in a big swing in shots. 7 down at 10 ends the second half proved to be very strong and going into the last few ends the team were a few up, bearing in mind we had drawn with Essex two weeks ago there was a feeling of *déjà vu*.

In the pre game meeting we had discussed the need for a 'snail' rink so in a tight game we knew what was needed come the last end. The snails were indeed slow!! But it worked, 3 up with 1 end to go and the rink knew what it had to do and played accordingly.

My thanks go to all who played, travelled over the weekend and Ruby the Mascot



Roger Evans
Manager