



Hertfordshire Bowls

Middleton Cup Report

Hertfordshire 121 Bedfordshire 107

The second round saw Herts play Beds, the venue the superb Aylesbury Town BC. Ample parking, with a great clubhouse providing plenty of food and drink on what was very hot day.

For the second game running there was a late change to the line up due to an injury incurred the previous night playing bowls.

The pre game meeting focused on starting a bit faster than the previous game and the team duly obliged winning 5 of 6 rinks across the board on the 1st end. From there it was a steady increase of the lead.

6 rink matches ebb and flow rapidly though and while the lead increased steadily to 18 shots a blip around end 15 saw this reduced markedly with an accumulative loss of 14. This saw the Beds team which had become noticeably quieter as the game went on become suddenly a little louder as they sensed a comeback. It was not to be as Herts responded well to the situation with Garry's rink scoring a 5 and Scott's a 4 on the very next end. A big finish from the other rinks meant we ran out fairly comfortable winners. Great Spirit within the team was evident throughout the afternoon and excellent game management towards the end with the scoreboard once again running smoothly thanks to the Andrews family.

There were many Hertfordshire Bowlers amongst the crowd and the support is always appreciated, we hope to see them and many more when Herts play Leicestershire on Saturday 23rd July in the area final for a place at Leamington.



**Roger Evans
Manager**