



Hertfordshire Bowls

Walker Cup 2022

Johns Trophy vs Bedfordshire
at Royston BC on Sunday 26th June at 10.15hrs

We won.....end of report.

OK, a bit more meat on the bone. Arrived at 9am to see Steve Kilford toiling away, cutting the green which ensured it was fast and just got quicker with hot sunshine and a slightly cooling breeze.

My litmus test showed that Rachels rink was tight with no four or more shots per end for either side. Alison's rink though, showed a 3-1 difference and this proved decisive as the timing was perfect.

Rather than give each individual rink's timetable of scores, it is probably better to show the progression of the game and how the girls turned up the heat.

Four of the first five ends were won by Hertfordshire with Alison's rink being 7-1 up and Rachel's rink 5-1 up. By the time we got to ten ends, things had changed with Alison being 11-6 up but Rachel falling behind at 7-10 meaning Herts were only 2 up halfway through the game. An eleventh end 4 put Alison eight up but with 13 ends bowled, the overall score was 23-20, so all still to play for. Then, probably the turning point of the game, a magnificent 6 by Alison's rink (showed the value of back woods when Beds unluckily sliced the jack to Herts waiting woods) followed by two 2's meant Alison was 25-8 up at 16 ends. Feeding off the emotional lift this gave the appreciative supporters, Rachel's rink then won 5 ends on the trot so at the 19th end Herts held an almost unassailable lead of 45-24. The final two ends were bowled with Herts running out winners by 52-25.

I cannot praise the girls highly enough and that includes not just the players and reserves; some of the Johns Team came to support, and not just the local ones. We also had a sizable number of our 'regulars' plus others, and you are really appreciated by all the players and the Selection Team.

Cambridgeshire are our next opponents and it will be back at Royston on Sunday 10 July for a 10:15 start. As always, Royston offer bacon rolls at a very reasonable cost so come and have your breakfast here and watch some outstanding bowlers and bowling. NB The bar is open too!

Thank you to our hosts, Royston Bowling Club and especially Steve Kilford, who, after cutting the green, became our Umpire after the original one succumbed to Covid the day before.

Alan Spicer
Johns/Walker Team Manager

Rhianna Russell
Mavis Hendry
Jess Weir
Alison Hall
WON 34-10

Devon Cooper
Joanne Hollister
Hayley Robinson
Rachel Tremlett
WON 18-15