

Match Report
Eastern Counties League
Hertfordshire v Cambridgeshire

Result, Hertfordshire (17pts) Cambridgeshire 139 (5pts)

Herts travelled to Bottisham BC in Cambs for their latest ECL game. With 2 wins already under the team's belt confidence was high and we enjoyed some warmth and sunshine for the first time this year. At the pre-match team meeting Josh Duke was congratulated on his ECL debut just before the team took to the green.

In last weeks report the team manger commented on his pleasure on only dropping a single 4 throughout the game, but on Saturday one rink promptly dropped a 5 on the first end. After the 5 ends the game was fairly tight with the general consensus that the green although ok did have its quirks on some hands, no more so than the rink 1 of Colesy who was struggling with some very 'sporting' lines.

No such problem for Craig though who was off to a flying start 14-2 up after 5 and 25-3 after 10 which included two 5's and a 7 curtesy of a great takeout.

So at 10 and 15 ends it was advantage Herts by about 10 and holding steady from there on it was all Herts, Colesy finally found the key to his rink and from 5- 13 down managed to secure a draw, even holding game till the Cambs skip last bowl. Neil's rink went on a real surge 10-12 down @14 ends they won all the remaining ends to secure a 27-12 win, the Exec rink winning their last 5 ends and Dave Martin having been up went into the last end with a 3 shot lead, jack movement meant he was 3 down but had last bowl and drew the perfect shot to secure the rinks win.

Another great effort from the team to secure a comfortable 35 shot win and 17pts to the seasons tally.

We move onto Royston this week for another ECL/Trial before the Middleton Cup starts the following week.

The first MC team will be posted Monday 29th following the last of the trials

Roger Evans
Manager