

Hertfordshire played their first 2017 Middleton Cup match against Northamptonshire who had all their international players in their team. Hertfordshire started slowly being 5 shots down at 5 ends and shots down at 10. At 15 ends they were 9 shots down and then Hertfordshire stepped up a gear and rose to the challenge and 18 ends had taken a 2 shot lead. Over the last 3 ends the score went up and down but at the end Hertfordshire held on to win by 4 shots.

Team details and rink scores. Herts Team first.

Martyn Ball, Gordon Avery, Garry Warrender, Neil Sharp v Adam Brown, Jonathan Brown, William Walker, Roger Tansley. 25 - 19

Simon Lee, Chris Sherriff, Jamie Claydon, Scott Lepley v Dave Love, Connor Cinato, Jim McKee, Vernon Gearey. 32 - 9

Peter Roseblade, James Avery, Glenn Williams, Jerry Rumball v Keith Height, Ashley Linnell, Darren Lyman, Darren Childs. 19 - 28

Peter Agnew, Carl Frostick, Alan HUTchison, Mark Plume v Curtis Johnson, Alan Ashby, Paul Broderick, Jamie Walker. 21 - 25

Alan Charran, Dave Houghton, Nick Muir, Tom Muir v Tony O'Learey, Martin Gearey, Mark Tompkins, Phil Exley. 17 - 20

Jason Hall, Steve Horwood, Bryn Evans, David Martin v Adam Pitfield, John Freeman, Peter Ward, Andrew Manton. 16 - 25

Total Score: Herts 130 shots 14 points. N'Hants 126 shots 8 points.

Score at 5 Ends: Herts 31 shots, N'hants 36 shots

Score at 10 Ends: Herts 60 shots, N'hants 68 shots

Score at 15 Ends: Herts 91 shots, N'hants 100 shots

Score at 18 Ends: Herts 114 shots. N'hants 110 shots