

**Amy Rose 2023**  
**Hertfordshire 37 Northamptonshire 39**

Once again, the Amy Rose team drew Northamptonshire, this being our fourth meeting in the last 4 years of competition.

Playing at Royston's superb facilities we expected a battle like all the previous encounters, with last year's game coming down to the last bowl and a heart-breaking loss.

This year proved to be no different and once again it came down to the last bowl of the game.

With Rachel's rink of Rhianna, Leah & Devon having finished first Hayley's rink knew exactly what they had to do in their final few ends. With 2 ends to go we were 4 behind.

End 20 Northants holding 1, last bowl with Hayley, a yard of weight looking for the bowl for 2 or, bowl and jack together for a possible 4...in the end a millimetre out and all the jack, no problem we had all the back bowls bar 1 and that is exactly where it went so 1 down thus 5 down going into the last end. A tough ask but Megan, Chloe & Jazz having packed the head it was 3 up with Hayley's last wood and a shot for the 5 to take us into an extra end. Contact on our front and Northants bowl together would have pushed ours in and theirs out with our bowl staying for the 5, perfect weight but alas again a millimetre out resulting in only a 3.

Yet another thrilling game going down to the last wood, but alas more heartbreak.

Our thanks go to all our supporters who lined the banks, a superb atmosphere, and a great advert for bowls.

My thanks as always to the Team for their commitment and effort, we hope next year for that millimetre to be in our favour.

**Roger Evans**  
**Manager**