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Subject: White Rose Trophy v Northamptonshire

Sunday June 26th was the date for the junior boys to take on last year's runners up Northamptonshire in the White Rose Trophy. We were greeted by our hosts at Thrapston BC with tea, coffee and bacon rolls on arrival which I am sure the boys all appreciated.

Debuts this year were given to 2 juniors in the White Rose, these being at the opposite ends of the age range, Harry Undrell playing in what will be his first and sadly last year for the juniors and one of last year's reserves Matthew Murphy making the step up into the team.

On what looked like a quick green at the start, the greenkeeper was an early bird and had cut it in the morning before we arrived, the game got off to a close start with scores of 1 and 2 being exchanged in the early ends with the rink scores at 5 ends being 4-1 and 3-5, low scores continued until on end 8 one rink picked up a 5 to go 11-2 up, by end 10 the rink scores were 11-4 and 6-8 so a slender lead of 5 shots which by end 13 had turned into a 2 shot deficit 11-8 and 7-12.

With the green quickening up even more in the hot sun, end 15 saw the swing go back in our favour and the lead was regained by 3 shots which was increased over the next 3 ends to 9 shots and the boys were able to manage the game from there and ran out winners by 10 shots 25-11 and 13-17.

The win sees us move to the regional finals at Royston BC on Sunday 3rd July, playing at 10.00am in the Semi Final against Suffolk and if successful then again in the afternoon in the final. All support will be welcome and much appreciated.

The boys should be proud of the way they conducted themselves both on and off the green on the day as I am too, this being our second year together we are making small steps with what is a relatively young squad of players. I would like to take this opportunity to thank not just the players but also the parents and supporters for travelling to Thrapston BC.

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