

## ECCBA League Fixture 1

### Bedfordshire v Hertfordshire

#### Barton-Le-Clay Village Hall – Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2024

Our first league fixture of the season was an away fixture against Bedfordshire. The team chosen to represent us was as follows:

<b>H1</b>	<b>H2</b>	<b>H3</b>
1. Ron Hart 2. Mick Cook 3. Ollie Mercer-Smith 4. Craig Hearn	1. Dave Smith 2. Gary Young 3. Marilyn Cook 4. Neil Tuckey	1. Jacqui Harris 2. David Danby 3. Simon Missing 4. Pete Cook
<b>H4</b>	<b>H5</b>	<b>H6</b>
1. James Warren 2. Stuart Palmer 3. Thomas Ellis 4. Rebecca Hearn	1. Amy Missing 2. Jo Hilson 3. Lisa Edmeand 4. Stuart Mcneil	1. Rosemary Biggs 2. Paul Harris 3. Jack Smalley 4. Jason Ellis

During the day, the odd numbered teams would play at the same time and the even numbered teams would play at the same time.

#### **Session 1**

It took a few ends for our teams to get used to the quick swingy carpets. H1 were behind early in their game. They performed strongly over the middle ends to establish a lead, which they were able to protect in the latter ends to secure a 13-8 victory. It was a similar story for H3, behind in the very early stages before establishing a four shot advantage playing the last end. They held a single shot, protected it, and come away with an 11-6 win. Finally, H5 were a little more comfortable in their game easing away to a 13-6 win. A perfect start and something to build on for the rest of the day.

**Session Score**  
**Beds 0-6 Herts**

**Match Score**  
**Beds 0-6 Herts**

#### **Session 2**

H6 started their game strongly and were into a 5-0 lead after 2 ends. They were pegged back to 6-4 after 5 ends but scored a 2,4 & 3 on ends 6 through 8 to have the game sewn up before the last end. They dropped a single on that last end but secured a 15-5 win. H4 were always fairly in control of their game, they continued to ease away from their opposition throughout and secured a 13-5 win. H2, were not having it all their own way in their game. A poor start saw them fall 5-0 behind early on. They recovered to 6-7 deficit playing the final end but were unable to secure the shot(s) they needed to take anything from the game succumbing to a 9-6 loss.

**Session Score**  
**Beds 2-4 Herts**

**Match Score**  
**Beds 2-10 Herts**

### **Session 3**

Our odd numbered teams would be looking to repeat their success from the first session. H1 were able to comfortably do that, in front from the beginning they continued to pick up shots throughout the game and completed a 15-3 win. H5 were 5-0 down early in their game and struggling, they managed to click into gear through the middle part of the game and scored 10 unanswered shots to catapult into the lead. They managed the game from there and secured a 14-6 win. H3 got off to a slow start and found themselves 4-1 down after 3 ends. They won 3 of the next four ends but only singles each time, to drag themselves back to 4-5 down playing the 8<sup>th</sup>. A poor 8<sup>th</sup> end saw them drop two shots, then chasing the shots they needed on the last end conceded two more to lose the game 9-4.

At the halfway stage we had established a healthy 14-4 lead. We would have to continue to play well for the rest of the day as Bedfordshire were fighting hard and making us work for our wins.

**Session Score**  
**Beds 2-4 Herts**

**Match Score**  
**Beds 4-14 Herts**

### **Session 4**

The early stages of H4's second game looked like it could be a close one, with them leading just 3-1 after 3 ends. However, an emphatic performance over the remainder of the game saw them win the remaining ends and secure a brilliant 21-1 win. Our other two teams were not having it all their own way in their matches. H2, having lost their first game, were involved in another tight match. It took to the final couple of ends before they were secure managing to win 10-4. H6 were involved in the tightest game of the session. They just did enough to come out on top securing a 10-9 win.

**Session Score**  
**Beds 0-6 Herts**

**Match Score**  
**Beds 4-20 Herts**

### **Session 5**

This session proved to be the best of the day for us as we managed to secure 3 comfortable wins. H3 lost the first end but picked up 4 shots on the second end. Controlled the game thereafter and come away with a 15-3 win. H1 had a strong middle part of the game to take the score from 2-1 to 9-1 after five ends. They won 3 of the remaining 4 ends to complete a 14-3 victory. Finally, H5 also controlled their game. Winning the majority of the ends and taking away a good 14-2 win.

**Session Score**  
**Beds 0-6 Herts**

**Match Score**  
**Beds 4-26 Herts**

## Session 6

Having won the last two sessions 6-0, we were looking to finish strong and match our best ever result (32-4) achieved at this same venue back in the 2014/2015 season. This was easily our poorest session of the day. H6 were made to work hard for it but completed their 3<sup>rd</sup> straight win with a 9-5 victory. H4 were always behind in their match, they pulled themselves back to 5-8 behind playing the final end but were only able to score 2 shots to fall to a 7-8 defeat. H2 started their match slowly and found themselves 5-2 down after 3 ends. They recovered to level the score 2 ends later but didn't win another end as they lost the game 11-5.

**Session Score**  
**Beds 4-2 Herts**

**Match Score**  
**Beds 8-28 Herts**

The individual team performances are shown below. A special mention for H1, H5 and H6 who won all three of their matches.

Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	SF	SA	Points
H1	3	3	0	0	42	14	6
H2	3	1	0	2	21	24	2
H3	3	2	0	1	30	18	4
H4	3	2	0	1	41	14	4
H5	3	3	0	0	41	14	6
H6	3	3	0	0	34	19	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>28</b>

Other Results and League Table After Fixture 1:

	Pl	W	D	L	For	Agst	Pts
<b>1 Hertfordshire</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>2 Suffolk</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>3 Essex</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>4 Cambridgeshire</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>5 Norfolk</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>6 Bedfordshire</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>8</b>

**24 November 2024**

**Essex 23-13 Cambridgeshire**

**Norfolk 12-24 Suffolk**

**Bedfordshire 8-28 Hertfordshire**