

ECCBA League Fixture 2

Suffolk v Hertfordshire

Needham Market Community Centre – Sunday 11th December 2016

Our second ECCBA league fixture of the season was an away fixture against Suffolk. We would have to be at our best to get anything from this match as Suffolk were defending champions and are undoubtedly the strongest county

The team chose to represent Hertfordshire was as follows;

H1

1. Mary Cobbold
2. Ron Hart
3. Paul Harris
4. Jason Ellis

H2

1. Marilyn Cook
2. Thomas Palmer
3. Jack Smalley
4. Pete Cook

H3

1. Audrey Joy
2. Gill Barraclough
3. Dave Smith
4. Margaret Forrest

H4

1. Jacqui Harris
2. Mick Cook
3. Martin Simson
4. Craig Hearn

H5

1. Thomas Ellis
2. Doug Parfett
3. Sandra Gammage
4. David Danby

H6

1. Stuart Palmer
2. Ben Summerfield
3. Rebecca Hearn
4. Rob Washbrook

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

Not the start we were looking for as H3 lost 11-7 and H5 were beaten 11-4. H1 were in front in their game but a couple of loose ends saw them drop two big counts and the game was lost 12-8. We would need to improve in the remaining sessions if we were to come away with a positive result.

Session Score
Suffolk 6-0 Herts

Match Score
Suffolk 6-0 Herts

Session 2

H2 trailed 4-3 after six ends but field to pick up any further shots as they lost 9-3. H6 were completely outplayed in their game and were well beaten 17-3. Better news in the final match as H4 picked up our first points of the day with a close 7-6 win.

Session Score
Suffolk 4-2 Herts

Match Score
Suffolk 10-2 Herts

Session 3

H1 were unable to respond from their defeat in the first session as they were well beaten 18-4. H5 and H3 were able to respond to their opening defeats as they both come out on top in close matches with H5 winning 11-7 and H3 winning 9-7.

Session Score
Suffolk 2-4 Herts

Match Score
Suffolk 12-6 Herts

Session 4

H6 responded well to their heavy defeat in their first match with a 9-5 win. That's where the good news ended though as H2 lost their match 9-5 and H4 were well beaten 13-4.

Session Score
Suffolk 4-2 Herts

Match Score
Suffolk 16-8 Herts

Session 5

Trailing 16-8 going into the penultimate session two wins were needed to keep the match alive. The first win was secured by H3 with a narrow 7-6 win. H5 never really got into their match and were well beaten 11-1. H1 held match lie on the final end but the Suffolk skip was able to take shot and with it the match 9-7. Suffolk now held an overall 20-10 lead and had won the match. We would now just be looking to reduce the margin of defeat in the final session.

Session Score
Suffolk 4-2 Herts

Match Score
Suffolk 20-10 Herts

Session 6

H6 followed up their win in the second session with another as they won 11-4. H4 were out bowled by their opponents and lost 13-4. In a close final game H2 were able to defend their two shot lead on the final end and took the match 8-4.

Session Score
Suffolk 2-4 Herts

Match Result
Suffolk 22-14 Herts

After falling 10-2 behind a 22-14 loss was a decent result. We had not played our best bowls during the day and were arguably a little fortunate to come away with as many points as we did. This puts us in a strong position to push for the runners up spot in the league, our next fixture is a home match with Essex.

The individual team performances are displayed below;

Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	SF	SA	Points
H1	3	0	0	3	19	39	0
H2	3	1	0	2	16	22	2
H3	3	2	0	1	23	24	4
H4	3	1	0	2	15	32	2
H5	3	1	0	2	16	29	2
H6	3	2	0	1	23	26	4
Total	18	7	0	11	112	178	14