

## National Champion of Champions

### Hartlepool Indoor Bowls Club – Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2026

This event sees the Hertfordshire County champions for each discipline play against the champions from the other member counties of the ECBA (Cambridgeshire, Durham, Essex, Lancashire, Norfolk, Northumberland, Suffolk, and Sunderland) on a round robin league basis to determine the National Champion of Champions. The team representing Hertfordshire in this event was as follows:

<b>Singles</b>	<b>Pairs</b>	<b>Triples</b>	<b>Fours</b>
Pete Cook	Rebecca Hearn Craig Hearn	Lauryn Walker Jack Smalley Jason Ellis	Emma Thurley Amy Missing Simon Missing Matt Thurley

### **Singles**

#### **Session 1**

With there being an odd number of counties, each session there would be a county sitting out, we missed the first session, meaning we would need to play catch up all weekend.

<b>Position</b>	<b>Team</b>	<b>Pld</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>SF</b>	<b>SA</b>	<b>Pts</b>
1	Essex	1	1	0	0	11	10	2
2	Cambridgeshire	1	1	0	0	10	4	2
3	Sunderland	1	1	0	0	10	5	2
4	Durham	1	1	0	0	7	6	2
5	Lancashire	1	0	0	1	10	11	0
6	Norfolk	1	0	0	1	6	7	0
7	Suffolk	1	0	0	1	5	10	0
8	Northumberland	1	0	0	1	4	10	0
9	Hertfordshire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

#### **Session 2**

Pete begun his weekend against Lancashire. He made a solid start and moved into an early 5-0 lead, he managed to hold his opponent at arm's length for the rest of the game and eased away to a 13-5 win. Durham were the only county to have won two games at this early stage. Pete and Sunderland had both won the only game they had played.

Position	Team	Pld	W	D	L	SF	SA	Pts
1	Durham	2	2	0	0	15	12	4
2	Norfolk	2	1	0	1	15	11	2
3	Essex	2	1	0	1	15	19	2
4	Suffolk	2	1	0	1	14	13	2
5	Hertfordshire	1	1	0	0	13	5	2
6	Cambridgeshire	2	1	0	1	13	13	2
7	Sunderland	1	1	0	0	10	5	2
8	Lancashire	2	0	0	2	15	24	0
9	Northumberland	2	0	0	2	10	18	0

### Session 3

A tough game against Norfolk up next, who had won this event twice in the last few years. Pete got off to a sluggish start and found himself 7-2 behind, he got back to 8-5 playing the 8<sup>th</sup> end and held 2, but Norfolk come in with their last bowl to take shot. Pete never looked like scoring all four on the last end. He picked up a couple, losing the game 9-7. Durham and Sunderland were the only two counties with a 100% record after three games.

Position	Team	Pld	W	D	L	SF	SA	Pts
1	Durham	3	3	0	0	28	14	6
2	Norfolk	3	2	0	1	24	18	4
3	Essex	3	2	0	1	24	24	4
4	Sunderland	2	2	0	0	20	11	4
5	Hertfordshire	2	1	0	1	20	14	2
6	Cambridgeshire	3	1	0	2	19	23	2
7	Suffolk	3	1	0	2	16	26	2
8	Lancashire	2	0	0	2	15	24	0
9	Northumberland	3	0	0	3	15	27	0

### Session 4

Pete didn't have his best performance but dug deep to secure a 7-6 win over Northumberland. The two undefeated counties (Durham & Sunderland) played one another and remained undefeated as it finished in a draw. Pete stayed in 5<sup>th</sup> place but closed in slightly on the leaders.

Position	Team	Pld	W	D	L	SF	SA	Pts
1	Durham	4	3	1	0	35	21	7
2	Sunderland	3	2	1	0	27	18	5
3	Norfolk	4	2	0	2	29	25	4
4	Essex	4	2	0	2	28	34	4
5	Hertfordshire	3	2	0	1	27	20	4
6	Suffolk	4	2	0	2	26	30	4
7	Lancashire	3	1	0	2	22	29	2

8	Cambridgeshire	3	1	0	2	19	23	2
9	Northumberland	4	0	0	4	21	34	0

## Session 5

Pete would need a win against Suffolk in the final match of the day to keep alive his chances going into day 2, that's exactly what he did, in control for most of the game he eased away to a 10-5 win.

Durham drew again, this time with Cambridgeshire. They maintained their lead at the end of day 1 but both Pete and Sunderland had games in hand. It looked like it was down to just a three-horse race at this stage.

Position	Team	Pld	W	D	L	SF	SA	Pts
1	Durham	5	3	2	0	43	29	8
2	Sunderland	4	3	1	0	39	20	7
3	Hertfordshire	4	3	0	1	37	25	6
4	Suffolk	5	2	0	3	31	40	4
5	Essex	5	2	0	3	30	46	4
6	Norfolk	4	2	0	2	29	25	4
7	Cambridgeshire	4	1	1	2	27	31	3
8	Northumberland	5	1	0	4	28	39	2
9	Lancashire	4	1	0	3	27	36	2

## Session 6

A critical match first up as Pete took on Sunderland, he lost the first end but took the lead on the second and never let it go after that, coming out on top with a good 10-3 win. With Durham sitting this session out Pete moved up from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 1<sup>st</sup>, leading Durham by 4 shots.

Position	Team	Pld	W	D	L	SF	SA	Pts
1	Hertfordshire	5	4	0	1	47	28	8
2	Durham	5	3	2	0	43	29	8
3	Sunderland	5	3	1	1	42	30	7
4	Norfolk	5	3	0	2	39	26	6
5	Cambridgeshire	5	2	1	2	34	36	5
6	Lancashire	5	2	0	3	40	40	4
7	Essex	6	2	0	4	35	53	4
8	Suffolk	6	2	0	4	35	53	4
9	Northumberland	6	1	0	5	29	49	2

## Session 7

Pete was up against Cambridgeshire in this session, a four on the second end put him into a 4-1 lead and he continued to add more shots throughout the game, a further four on the final end saw him come away with a very good 15-4 win. With Durham losing to Essex, Pete now held a 1-point advantage over Sunderland at the top of the standings.

Position	Team	Pld	W	D	L	SF	SA	Pts
1	Hertfordshire	6	5	0	1	62	32	10
2	Sunderland	6	4	1	1	48	35	9
3	Durham	6	3	2	1	50	38	8
4	Suffolk	7	3	0	4	45	57	6
5	Essex	7	3	0	4	44	60	6
6	Norfolk	6	3	0	3	43	36	6
7	Cambridgeshire	6	2	1	3	38	51	5
8	Lancashire	6	2	0	4	45	46	4
9	Northumberland	6	1	0	5	29	49	2

## Session 8

Pete was up against Durham in his penultimate match. He got off to a good start and built an early lead. His opponent come back into the game strongly and reduced the deficit to 7-6 playing the final end. Knowing a draw would leave Pete in a healthy position going into the final game he restricted his opponent to a single on the final end and took a 7-7 draw.

Sunderland won their game against Norfolk, crucially Pete held a 13 shot advantage, so a victory in his final game would highly likely seal the title.

Position	Team	Pld	W	D	L	SF	SA	Pts
1	Hertfordshire	7	5	1	1	69	39	11
2	Sunderland	7	5	1	1	56	39	11
3	Durham	7	3	3	1	57	45	9
4	Lancashire	7	3	0	4	53	51	6
5	Suffolk	8	3	0	5	49	67	6
6	Norfolk	7	3	0	4	47	44	6
7	Essex	7	3	0	4	44	60	6
8	Cambridgeshire	7	2	1	4	43	59	5
9	Northumberland	7	2	0	5	39	53	4

## Session 9

A slow start was not what Pete was after in his final game, but unfortunately that's exactly what he got. Trailing 5-1 after five ends and struggling to get to grips with the carpet it was not looking good. However, he managed to dig deep picking up a couple of shots on the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> ends to draw himself level. A full house on the 8<sup>th</sup> end all but got him over the line and a single dropped shot on the final end meant he won the game 9-6 and retained the title. He finished a point clear of Sunderland who could only manage an 8-8 draw in their final game.

The final standings are below:

Position	Team	Pld	W	D	L	SF	SA	Pts
1	Hertfordshire	8	6	1	1	78	45	13
2	Sunderland	8	5	2	1	64	47	12
3	Durham	8	4	3	1	65	50	11
4	Cambridgeshire	8	3	1	4	53	67	7
5	Lancashire	8	3	0	5	58	59	6
6	Norfolk	8	3	0	5	55	54	6
7	Essex	8	3	0	5	50	69	6
8	Suffolk	8	3	0	5	49	67	6
9	Northumberland	8	2	1	5	47	61	5

## Pairs

### Session 1

With there being an odd number of counties, each session there would be a county sitting out, we missed the first session, meaning we would need to play catch up all weekend. Unfortunately, Cambridgeshire also had to withdraw due to illness.

Position	Team	Pld	W	D	L	SF	SA	Pts
1	Durham	1	1	0	0	20	1	2
2	Essex	1	1	0	0	18	1	2
3	Sunderland	1	1	0	0	9	4	2
4	Suffolk	1	0	0	1	4	9	0
5	Lancashire	1	0	0	1	1	18	0
6	Norfolk	1	0	0	1	1	20	0
7	Hertfordshire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	Northumberland	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
n/a	Cambridgeshire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

## Session 2

Bec and Craig started their campaign with a match against newcomers Lancashire. They found themselves 4-1 behind early in the game but rallied nicely to win every end after that and take a comfortable 16-4 win. Essex, Durham & Sunderland all had 100% records so far.

Position	Team	Pld	W	D	L	SF	SA	Pts
1	Essex	2	2	0	0	34	5	4
2	Durham	2	2	0	0	32	9	4
3	Hertfordshire	1	1	0	0	16	4	2
4	Sunderland	1	1	0	0	9	4	2
5	Northumberland	1	0	0	1	8	12	0
6	Lancashire	2	0	0	2	5	34	0
7	Norfolk	2	0	0	2	5	36	0
8	Suffolk	1	0	0	1	4	9	0
n/a	Cambridgeshire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

## Session 3

A match against Norfolk next for our pair, they led for most of the game, never completely got away from their opponents but did enough to come through with a 10-5 win. Durham were leading the way with 3 straight wins, our pair and Sunderland still had 100% records but had played less games.

Position	Team	Pld	W	D	L	SF	SA	Pts
1	Durham	3	3	0	0	40	16	6
2	Essex	3	2	0	1	40	16	4
3	Hertfordshire	2	2	0	0	26	9	4
4	Northumberland	2	1	0	1	19	18	2
5	Sunderland	1	1	0	0	9	4	2
6	Suffolk	2	0	0	2	11	17	0
7	Norfolk	3	0	0	3	10	46	0
8	Lancashire	2	0	0	2	5	34	0
n/a	Cambridgeshire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

## Session 4

A tough game for our pair in the 4<sup>th</sup> session against the experienced Northumberland pair. They just did enough to get the win coming away with a 10-8 win. Even at this early stage, it looked like being a four-horse race between Essex, Durham, Sunderland, and Hertfordshire.

Position	Team	Pld	W	D	L	SF	SA	Pts
1	Essex	4	3	0	1	47	21	6
2	Durham	4	3	0	1	43	25	6

3	Hertfordshire	3	3	0	0	36	17	6
4	Sunderland	2	2	0	0	18	7	4
5	Northumberland	3	1	0	2	27	28	2
6	Norfolk	4	1	0	3	21	48	2
7	Suffolk	3	0	0	3	16	24	0
8	Lancashire	3	0	0	3	7	45	0
n/a	Cambridgeshire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

## Session 5

A tough end to the day for our pair against a quality Suffolk pair. They trailed by one playing the last end but managed to win a tight measure and rescue a 6-6 draw. That point left them top overnight, but Sunderland did have a game in hand and were the only team with a 100% record thus far.

Position	Team	Pld	W	D	L	SF	SA	Pts
1	Hertfordshire	4	3	1	0	42	23	7
2	Essex	5	3	0	2	52	32	6
3	Durham	4	3	0	1	43	25	6
4	Sunderland	3	3	0	0	29	12	6
5	Northumberland	4	2	0	2	39	32	4
6	Norfolk	4	1	0	3	21	48	2
7	Suffolk	4	0	1	3	22	30	1
8	Lancashire	4	0	0	4	11	57	0
n/a	Cambridgeshire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

## Session 6

A crucial game first up on Sunday morning against Sunderland. Bec and Craig trailed 9-3, but a great rally in the second half of the game saw them turn it around and take a 9-8 win. That gave them a 3-point advantage at the top of the standings, although Durham and Sunderland both had a game in hand.

Position	Team	Pld	W	D	L	SF	SA	Pts
1	Hertfordshire	5	4	1	0	51	31	9
2	Essex	5	3	0	2	52	32	6
3	Northumberland	5	3	0	2	49	39	6
4	Durham	4	3	0	1	43	25	6
5	Sunderland	4	3	0	1	37	21	6
6	Suffolk	5	1	1	3	48	31	3
7	Norfolk	5	1	0	4	28	58	2
8	Lancashire	5	0	0	5	12	83	0
n/a	Cambridgeshire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

## Session 7

With Hertfordshire scheduled to play Cambridgeshire in this session, Durham and Sunderland had the opportunity to close in. Sunderland were able to, winning their game, Durham lost to Essex putting them out of contention.

Position	Team	Pld	W	D	L	SF	SA	Pts
1	Hertfordshire	5	4	1	0	51	31	9
2	Essex	6	4	0	2	61	37	8
3	Sunderland	5	4	0	1	47	25	8
4	Northumberland	5	3	0	2	49	39	6
5	Durham	5	3	0	2	48	34	6
6	Suffolk	6	2	1	3	60	35	5
7	Norfolk	6	1	0	5	32	70	2
8	Lancashire	6	0	0	6	16	93	0
n/a	Cambridgeshire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

## Session 8

A tough game against the two-time defending champions Durham for our pairs in their penultimate game. They did enough to take a two-shot advantage into the final end, which they were able to protect, dropping just a single and winning the game 8-7. Sunderland were behind in their game against Norfolk but turned it round to win 10-8.

Position	Team	Pld	W	D	L	SF	SA	Pts
1	Hertfordshire	6	5	1	0	59	38	11
2	Sunderland	6	5	0	1	57	33	10
3	Essex	6	4	0	2	61	37	8
4	Suffolk	7	3	1	3	72	40	7
5	Durham	6	3	0	3	55	42	6
6	Northumberland	6	3	0	3	54	51	6
7	Norfolk	7	1	0	6	40	80	2
8	Lancashire	6	0	0	6	16	93	0
n/a	Cambridgeshire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

## Session 9

Our pair would finish against Essex, with Sunderland just a point behind, a win would be needed to secure the title. Our pair opened an early lead but were pegged back to lead just by the single shot playing the last end. Sunderland had finished their game, taking a win and securing enough shots to mean that Bec and Craig needed to win the game, a draw would not be enough.

Craig's penultimate wood was just a little heavy and moved the jack out to the side. The Essex skip was too narrow with his last bowl but flicked off a short wood and

finished an inch or two in front of the jack, leaving Craig very little to go at. He attempted a wide draw but was a little heavy, meaning they dropped two shots and lost the game 7-6. Meaning Sunderland jumped to the top in the final session and took the title by a single point.

The final standings are below:

Position	Team	Pld	W	D	L	SF	SA	Pts
1	Sunderland	7	6	0	1	68	36	12
2	Hertfordshire	7	5	1	1	65	45	11
3	Essex	7	5	0	2	68	43	10
4	Durham	7	4	0	3	84	42	8
5	Suffolk	7	3	1	3	72	40	7
6	Northumberland	7	3	0	4	57	62	6
7	Norfolk	7	1	0	6	40	80	2
8	Lancashire	7	0	0	7	16	122	0
n/a	Cambridgeshire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

## Triples

### Session 1

With there being an odd number of counties, each session there would be a county sitting out, we missed the first session, meaning we would need to play catch up all weekend.

Position	Team	Pld	W	D	L	SF	SA	Pts
1	Essex	1	1	0	0	25	1	2
2	Norfolk	1	1	0	0	9	5	2
3	Sunderland	1	1	0	0	8	4	2
4	Cambridgeshire	1	0	1	0	8	8	1
5	Northumberland	1	0	1	0	8	8	1
6	Durham	1	0	0	1	5	9	0
7	Suffolk	1	0	0	1	4	8	0
8	Lancashire	1	0	0	1	1	25	0
9	Hertfordshire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

### Session 2

A match against newcomers Lancashire first up for our triple. They largely controlled the game but never completely got away from their opponents coming away with a 9-3 win. Norfolk were early front runners having won both games.

Position	Team	Pld	W	D	L	SF	SA	Pts
1	Norfolk	2	2	0	0	19	9	4
2	Cambridgeshire	2	1	1	0	14	12	3

3	Essex	2	1	0	1	29	11	2
4	Durham	2	1	0	1	15	14	2
5	Hertfordshire	1	1	0	0	9	3	2
6	Sunderland	1	1	0	0	8	4	2
7	Northumberland	2	0	1	1	13	18	1
8	Suffolk	2	0	0	2	8	14	0
9	Lancashire	2	0	0	2	4	34	0

### Session 3

Although it was early in the competition, the fact that Norfolk had won their first two games, made this a crucial one for our triple. The game was close, but our triples did enough to come home with a 10-7 win. That left the standings incredibly close with the top five teams all on four points, although Sunderland and Hertfordshire had a game in hand.

Position	Team	Pld	W	D	L	SF	SA	Pts
1	Essex	3	2	0	1	39	20	4
2	Norfolk	3	2	0	1	26	19	4
3	Durham	3	2	0	1	25	18	4
4	Hertfordshire	2	2	0	0	19	10	4
5	Sunderland	2	2	0	0	18	6	4
6	Cambridgeshire	3	1	1	1	16	22	3
7	Northumberland	3	0	1	2	22	28	1
8	Suffolk	3	0	0	3	12	24	0
9	Lancashire	2	0	0	2	4	34	0

### Session 4

A third straight win for our triple as they eased away from Northumberland with a 12-3 win, which left us in 3<sup>rd</sup> place level on six points with the two teams above us but with a game in hand.

Position	Team	Pld	W	D	L	SF	SA	Pts
1	Norfolk	4	3	0	1	43	20	6
2	Durham	4	3	0	1	35	24	6
3	Hertfordshire	3	3	0	0	31	13	6
4	Essex	4	2	0	2	40	32	4
5	Sunderland	3	2	0	1	24	16	4
6	Cambridgeshire	3	1	1	1	16	22	3
7	Suffolk	4	1	0	3	24	25	2
8	Northumberland	4	0	1	3	25	40	1
9	Lancashire	3	0	0	3	5	51	0

## Session 5

We finished the day with a tough game against high quality Suffolk triple. Probably our best performance of the day, we eased away to a particularly good 11-4 win. That left us with a two-point advantage overnight over Norfolk, Sunderland, and Durham.

Position	Team	Pld	W	D	L	SF	SA	Pts
1	Hertfordshire	4	4	0	0	42	17	8
2	Norfolk	4	3	0	1	43	20	6
3	Sunderland	4	3	0	1	40	18	6
4	Durham	5	3	0	2	40	31	6
5	Cambridgeshire	4	2	1	1	23	27	5
6	Essex	5	2	0	3	42	48	4
7	Northumberland	5	1	1	3	49	41	3
8	Suffolk	5	1	0	4	28	36	2
9	Lancashire	4	0	0	4	6	75	0

## Session 6

An important game against a good quality Suffolk triple first up Sunday morning. A win here would put our triple in a strong position. A tight game that went in our favour 10-8, that maintained the two point gap at the top (from Norfolk) but put a four-point cushion in place to the rest of the field.

Position	Team	Pld	W	D	L	SF	SA	Pts
1	Hertfordshire	5	5	0	0	52	25	10
2	Norfolk	5	4	0	1	52	25	8
3	Essex	6	3	0	3	49	53	6
4	Sunderland	5	3	0	2	48	28	6
5	Durham	5	3	0	2	40	31	6
6	Cambridgeshire	5	2	1	2	28	34	5
7	Suffolk	6	2	0	4	38	42	4
8	Northumberland	6	1	1	4	54	50	3
9	Lancashire	5	0	0	5	12	85	0

## Session 7

A really good performance over Cambridgeshire brought a sixth straight win for our team. They got in front early and extended their lead winning the game 9-3. Norfolk won their match too, so our team maintained their 2-point advantage at the top of the table.

Position	Team	Pld	W	D	L	SF	SA	Pts
1	Hertfordshire	6	6	0	0	61	28	12
2	Norfolk	6	5	0	1	62	32	10
3	Sunderland	6	4	0	2	59	33	8
4	Durham	6	4	0	2	55	33	8
5	Essex	7	3	0	4	51	68	6
6	Cambridgeshire	6	2	1	3	31	43	5
7	Suffolk	7	2	0	5	45	52	4
8	Northumberland	6	1	1	4	54	50	3
9	Lancashire	6	0	0	6	17	96	0

## Session 8

If Norfolk failed to win in this session and our triple secured a draw or win, they would take the title with a session to spare. The first part of the equation come good with Norfolk falling to an 8-7 defeat to Sunderland. Unfortunately, our triple lost a tight game against Durham 8-6.

This tightened up the standings with four teams now in with a shout of winning the event. Our triple maintained their two-point advantage and would just need a draw or better in the final session.

Position	Team	Pld	W	D	L	SF	SA	Pts
1	Hertfordshire	7	6	0	1	67	36	12
2	Norfolk	7	5	0	2	69	40	10
3	Sunderland	7	5	0	2	67	40	10
4	Durham	7	5	0	2	63	39	10
5	Cambridgeshire	7	3	1	3	47	46	7
6	Essex	7	3	0	4	51	68	6
7	Northumberland	7	2	1	4	62	55	5
8	Suffolk	8	2	0	6	50	60	4
9	Lancashire	7	0	0	7	20	112	0

## Session 9

Off the four teams in contention, Norfolk failed to apply any pressure as they fell behind early and never recovered, eventually losing 12-2 to Cambridgeshire. Sunderland were playing Northumberland and put themselves in a position to take victory with an 11-5 win. However, Durham eclipsed that with a convincing 19-1 win over Lancashire. All three of those games were finished as Hertfordshire were starting their final end, they trailed Essex 6-5, if they won the final end they would take the title, if they didn't, they would end up in 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Unfortunately, in trying to get shot Jack took the jack off the carpet, handing Essex an 8-5 win. Heartbreak for our triple who had led the standings for most of the weekend but ended up missing out by 10 shots with Durham taking the title.

Position	Team	Pld	W	D	L	SF	SA	Pts
1	Durham	8	6	0	2	82	40	12
2	Sunderland	8	6	0	2	78	45	12
3	Hertfordshire	8	6	0	2	72	44	12
4	Norfolk	8	5	0	3	71	52	10
5	Cambridgeshire	8	4	1	3	59	48	9
6	Essex	8	4	0	4	59	73	8
7	Northumberland	8	2	1	5	67	66	5
8	Suffolk	8	2	0	6	50	60	4
9	Lancashire	8	0	0	8	21	131	0

## Fours

### Session 1

With there being an odd number of counties, each session there would be a county sitting out, we missed the first session, meaning we would need to play catch up all weekend.

Position	Team	Pld	W	D	L	SF	SA	Pts
1	Essex	1	1	0	0	17	2	2
2	Norfolk	1	1	0	0	16	6	2
3	Suffolk	1	1	0	0	11	5	2
4	Cambridgeshire	1	1	0	0	9	3	2
5	Durham	1	0	0	1	6	16	0
6	Sunderland	1	0	0	1	5	11	0
7	Northumberland	1	0	0	1	3	9	0
8	Lancashire	1	0	0	1	2	17	0
9	Hertfordshire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

### Session 2

A convincing start from our four who took a good 14-1 win over Lancashire to get them up and running. Essex and Cambridgeshire were making the early running both having won their first two games.

Position	Team	Pld	W	D	L	SF	SA	Pts
1	Essex	2	2	0	0	31	6	4
2	Cambridgeshire	2	2	0	0	20	7	4
3	Norfolk	2	1	0	1	20	20	2
4	Northumberland	2	1	0	1	15	13	2
5	Suffolk	2	1	0	1	15	16	2
6	Hertfordshire	1	1	0	0	14	1	2
7	Durham	2	0	0	2	10	28	0
8	Sunderland	1	0	0	1	5	11	0
9	Lancashire	2	0	0	2	3	31	0

### Session 3

A good performance and a tight 9-6 win over Norfolk gave our team their second straight win. Essex and Cambridgeshire continued their winning ways and with nobody else having more than 2 points it was already potentially looking like a 3-horse race.

Position	Team	Pld	W	D	L	SF	SA	Pts
1	Essex	3	3	0	0	48	10	6
2	Cambridgeshire	3	3	0	0	31	15	6
3	Hertfordshire	2	2	0	0	23	7	4
4	Norfolk	3	1	0	2	26	29	2
5	Suffolk	3	1	0	2	19	24	2
6	Northumberland	3	1	0	2	19	30	2
7	Durham	3	1	0	2	18	32	2
8	Sunderland	2	0	0	2	13	22	0
9	Lancashire	2	0	0	2	3	31	0

### Session 4

A third straight win for our fours who picked up a comfortable 19-3 win over Northumberland. Essex and Cambridgeshire won again too keeping themselves clear of the chasing pack.

Position	Team	Pld	W	D	L	SF	SA	Pts
1	Essex	4	4	0	0	60	18	8
2	Hertfordshire	3	3	0	0	42	10	6
3	Cambridgeshire	3	3	0	0	31	15	6
4	Norfolk	4	2	0	2	35	35	4
5	Suffolk	4	1	0	3	27	36	2
6	Durham	4	1	0	3	25	40	2
7	Northumberland	4	1	0	3	22	49	2
8	Sunderland	3	1	0	2	21	29	2
9	Lancashire	3	0	0	3	9	40	0

### Session 5

Our four completed a great first day with another win, this time over Suffolk, with a good 12-3 win. Cambridgeshire won their 4<sup>th</sup> straight game too. Essex did finally slip up, but they finished the day top of the standings on shots having played a game more.

Position	Team	Pld	W	D	L	SF	SA	Pts
1	Essex	5	4	0	1	63	32	8
2	Hertfordshire	4	4	0	0	54	13	8
3	Cambridgeshire	4	4	0	0	45	20	8

4	Sunderland	4	2	0	2	35	32	4
5	Norfolk	4	2	0	2	35	35	4
6	Suffolk	5	1	0	4	30	48	2
7	Durham	5	1	0	4	30	54	2
8	Northumberland	5	1	0	4	27	55	2
9	Lancashire	4	1	0	3	15	45	2

## Session 6

Hertfordshire suffered their first defeat of the weekend with a narrow 11-10 loss to Sunderland. Essex recovered from their loss on Saturday evening to inflict a first defeat on Cambridgeshire, which left them two points clear, although they had played a game more.

Position	Team	Pld	W	D	L	SF	SA	Pts
1	Essex	6	5	0	1	72	37	10
2	Hertfordshire	5	4	0	1	64	24	8
3	Cambridgeshire	5	4	0	1	50	29	8
4	Sunderland	5	3	0	2	46	42	6
5	Suffolk	6	2	0	4	52	51	4
6	Norfolk	5	2	0	3	40	42	4
7	Northumberland	6	2	0	4	34	60	4
8	Durham	5	1	0	4	30	54	2
9	Lancashire	5	1	0	4	18	67	2

## Session 7

A crucial session for our four against Cambridgeshire. On a slow carpet that our team could not quite get to grips with, the game just slipped away from them, and they suffered a 10-3 loss. An excellent session for Cambridgeshire as Essex lost to Durham, putting them into a strong position.

Position	Team	Pld	W	D	L	SF	SA	Pts
1	Essex	7	5	0	2	75	46	10
2	Cambridgeshire	6	5	0	1	60	32	10
3	Hertfordshire	6	4	0	2	67	34	8
4	Sunderland	6	4	0	2	66	45	8
5	Suffolk	7	3	0	4	69	54	6
6	Norfolk	6	2	0	4	43	59	4
7	Durham	6	2	0	4	39	57	4
8	Northumberland	6	2	0	4	34	60	4
9	Lancashire	6	1	0	5	21	87	2

## Session 8

A good 10-2 win over Durham kept our teams hopes alive going into the final session. They would be reliant on a slip up from Cambridgeshire though who secured their 6<sup>th</sup> win with a solid 15-2 win over Lancashire.

If Cambridgeshire did slip up Essex and Sunderland would also come into contention too.

Position	Team	Pld	W	D	L	SF	SA	Pts
1	Cambridgeshire	7	6	0	1	75	34	12
2	Hertfordshire	7	5	0	2	77	36	10
3	Essex	7	5	0	2	75	46	10
4	Sunderland	7	5	0	2	73	49	10
5	Suffolk	8	4	0	4	81	59	8
6	Norfolk	7	2	0	5	47	66	4
7	Durham	7	2	0	5	41	67	4
8	Northumberland	7	2	0	5	39	72	4
9	Lancashire	7	1	0	6	23	102	2

## Session 9

Our team finished their weekend with a tough game against Essex. A tight game that they could never quite establish a lead in, chasing a big score on the final end to with the game they just come up a little short going down to a 7-6 loss. Sunderland secured a 13-3 win over Northumberland to leapfrog both Hertfordshire and Essex, but that did not end up being enough as Cambridgeshire held their nerve to secure a 12-7 win over Norfolk and take the title.

The final standings are below:

Position	Team	Pld	W	D	L	SF	SA	Pts
1	Cambridgeshire	8	7	0	1	87	41	14
2	Sunderland	8	6	0	2	86	52	12
3	Essex	8	6	0	2	82	52	12
4	Hertfordshire	8	5	0	3	83	43	10
5	Suffolk	8	4	0	4	81	59	8
6	Durham	8	3	0	5	52	69	6
7	Norfolk	8	2	0	6	54	78	4
8	Northumberland	8	2	0	6	42	85	4
9	Lancashire	8	1	0	7	25	113	2

## Team

A fantastic first day for us saw us secure 29/32 points and a healthy advantage in the team event. A not so successful second day allowed Sunderland to make up ground on us throughout the day, losing 3 of the 4 games against Essex in the final session allowed Sunderland to surpass us and take the title by two points.

Position	Team	Pld	Pts	SF	SA
1	Sunderland	31	48	296	180
2	Hertfordshire	31	46	298	177
3	Durham	31	37	283	201
4	Essex	31	36	259	237
5	Cambridgeshire	24	30	199	156
6	Suffolk	31	25	252	226
7	Norfolk	31	22	220	264
8	Northumberland	31	20	213	274
9	Lancashire	31	8	120	425