

Cambridgeshire V Hertfordshire – Sunday 16th February 2014

Milton Community Centre

Hertfordshire played their 4th league game of the season, a disappointing performance and result as we lost 28-8.

Session 1 : We made a reasonably solid start in who three games and had chances in two of them towards the end of the game. Unfortunately it turned out to be the worst possible start for us as we went down in all three by scores of 11-2, 9-5 & 9-5. By not gaining the early momentum we seemed to struggle all day.

Session 2 : A slightly better session as we competed in all three games and were maybe a little unfortunate to only gain the one victory 8-7, the other two games were lost 12-6 & 12-7. Which gave Cambridgeshire an early 10-2 lead.

Session 3 : Another poor session for us. We were by no means hammered in any of the matches but never really looked in control of any of them. We ended up with another three defeats by scores of 12-7, 7-5 & 14-6.

Session 4 : Probably our worst session of the day. We never looked to be in two of the games and through away a 7-0 lead in the other. We ended up going down by scores of 13-2, 14-9 & 11-2. This gave Cambridgeshire a commanding 22-2 lead and we were staring down the barrel of our heaviest ever defeat.

Session 5 : Finally a positive session for us. We controlled two of the three games and come away with wins of 11-3 & 10-3. The other game was lost 8-3 but we had managed to drag ourselves up to 26-6 and could now maybe reach double figures in the final session which looked a very long way off after the fourth session.

Session 6: All the scores were pretty close but we only ever looked like winning one of the three games and we did by a score of 8-5. The other two games were lost 10-5 & 9-3.

A disappointing 28-8 defeat for Hertfordshire. We seemed to bowl a little heavy throughout the day on the quickish carpets, Cambridgeshire's leads and number two's bowled more consistently and we seemed to be chasing matches for the majority of the day. The most pleasing factor of the day was to split the final two sessions 6-6, from 22-2 down it looked like it could have been a lowest ever score for us. This result means that realistically we can only finish as high as 3rd and will need to outperform Essex in our final game who we are now level on points with.

The teams performed as per below;

H1 : Alan Page , Jacqui Harris, Gill Baraclough, & Rob Washbrook 2 points

H2 : Ian Carter, Sylvia Page, Margaret Forrest & Rebecca Hearn 0 points

H3 : Alan Bull, Jackie Spearman , Andy Cobbold & Mick Cook 2 points

H4 : Shirley Davidson, Jacqui Harris , Marilyn Cook & Pete Cook 2 points

H5 : Paul Harris, Roy Harding , Sandra Gammage & David Danby 0 points

H6 : Dave Smith , Mike Bennett, Jonathan Carter & Craig Hearn 2 points