



NEWSLETTER



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Junior Report

EBYDS Update

Following the completion of all other County events across the country, I can now confirm that Melton juniors, Max Magee, Grace Wade and Tyler King will also be joining Alex Warrington and Isabelle Pymm competing in the regional event on the Sunday 29th March at Melton.

U18 Midlands Junior League

On Saturday 15th February the Melton team consisting of Grace Wade, Isabelle Pymm and Alex Warrington travelled to Barwell for their next clash. A very tense game ensued with Melton eventually taking the honours, winning 38 – 18.

Unfortunately the tie on Sunday 9th February had to be postponed due to storm Dennis.

U18 County Finals

Sunday 23rd February saw Isabelle Pymm and Alex Warrington travelling to Leicester for the U18 County pairs' finals. Facing Barwell's Ellie-Marie Hamblett and Fynn Kyser was never going to be an easy task which proved to be the case going into the last end of the first set 7-4 up but with three shots down in the head, when Alex drew the perfect shot with his last bowl to take the set 8-4. However the pair struggled in the 2nd set, eventually losing it

14-2. Each team claimed an end during the tie-break but Melton eventually lost by a wick off a short bowl.

Following on was a very intense final with Leicester's pairing of Tegan Grewal and Kat Bowman claiming the honours over Barwell

U16 County Pairs Finals

Saturday 29th February saw Melton's pairing of Max Magee and one of the junior club's youngest members Zac Stevenson-Wheeler travelling to Church Gresley for the U16 County pairs' finals. Zac, playing in his first ever match away from home with seasoned Max, found themselves facing the Church Gresley team of Sofie Insley and Alice Atkin. Melton got off to a good start thanks to Zac settling down quickly and took the 1st set 9-3. Not stopping there, they went on to win the 2nd set 11-1. The other semi-final was contested between Leicester and Barwell which went right through to the last bowl on the last end of the tie-break with Barwell claiming the win.

Following a break in proceedings, the final ensued. While Melton didn't get the best of starts, they did pull it back, going into the last end of the 1st set 3-6 down. With the set fading away, Max tried to convert the head from 2 shots down hoping to claim 3 or 4 but unfortunately the jack didn't trail far enough and we were only able to score 2 shots. However during the

2nd set it was Barwell's youngest bowler's time to shine, and although Zac and Max claimed the first end and tried valiantly to keep it tight, it was Barwell who claimed each of the following ends and eventually the title.

Stamford U18 Open Singles 2020

On Sunday 8th March five of our young bowlers competed in this annual junior event being held at Stamford & District IBC. For the first time, this event was split into two categories, the first for those under 14 years of age and the second for those aged 14 but under 18 years of age.

First to take to the greens was Tyler King (12) who was up against the talented Sam Brugnoli (Huntingdon). Tyler put up a very spirited fight, not only taking an early lead but with just one end to go, all was square. Unfortunately despite delivering the almost perfect bowl, the win went to Sam by one shot. Despite suffering a defeat to Owen Aspinall (Stamford), he went onto to win his next two matches against Holly Nurse (Sutton St. James) and Amia Jeapes (Stamford).

Next up was Toby King (17) who after losing the first end came back to beat Thomas Spencer (South Forest) 9-5. He narrowly lost his second match against Aaron Barnes (Spalding) when, while holding three shots to tie the match, Aaron rested Toby's third wood out. Toby also faced defeat in his other matches against Joshua Toon (Barwell) and Nathan Puttrell (Spalding).

Next up was Max Magee, whose first match was against local rival Ellie-Marie Hamlett (Barwell). After narrowly losing the first end, Max came back to take the second and to and fro they went until Max went one shot ahead with two ends to play. Taking the bull by the horns, he went on to claim the remaining ends hence

winning 11-4. Then, Max became another of our juniors to suffer a last end defeat to Harry Mycock (Spalding) 5-6 and another to Sam Ormiston (Huntingdon) before claiming a victory over James Cherry (Spalding) 8-3.

Golden girl Isabelle Pymm was up next, easily beating Bailey Day (Spalding) 14-3 and then James Cherry 8-5. Despite winning the first four ends in her third match against Jorga Jackson (Huntingdon), Jorga struck back earning her a one shot lead going into the last end. Although Isabelle was facing defeat, she managed to get into a tight space, lifting the jack clean out to the head pushing it towards the back of the rink. Jorga was unable to respond, giving Isabelle a 6-5 win. Although Isabelle got off to three shot lead early on and a further two shots later, it was not enough in her last match against eventual event winner Harry Mycock who claimed the victory 13-5. However her three earlier wins, combined with her shot difference, gave her an overall third place event finish.

Last up was Alex Warrington who also claimed his first match against Liam Darby (South Forest) 8-5. Next up was local rival Kieran Chambers (Barwell) who having been defeated in his first match by Nathan Puttrell, would normally have been billed as a really close thing. However that was not to be the case, with Alex being 12-0 after only three ends. Alex continued to apply the pressure eventually winning 19-2. He then went onto to claim an 11-3 win over Nathan Puttrell before losing his fourth game 6-10 to Joshua Toon. With his three earlier victories and combined with his shot difference, Alex had earned a place in the senior final.

However, despite a spirited performance, Alex had to accept second place to Harry Mycock.

The junior final saw Ollie Jeapes (Stamford) take on Sam Brugnoli with Sam crowned the winner. Third place went to George Britton-Brown (Chesterton).



Picture (L-R) Ian Hall, Alex Warrington, Harry Mycock, Ollie Jeapes, Sam Brugnoli and Shirley Suffling.

Other News

Saturday 7th March saw the County U16 Singles finals being held at Melton. Holding the torch for Melton was Max Magee who faced Joshua Toon (Leicester) in the semi-final winning 2-0 and then went onto face Alice Atkin (Church Gresley) in the final. A very close match ensued with Alice claiming the first set quite easily. However, Max came back to claim the second set and on to the tie-break they went. However Max came into his own, winning the tie-break 2-0 and the title.

Melton Times Sports Awards

Friday 28th February saw Alex Warrington nominated for Junior Sportsman and twelve other juniors nominated in the Junior Team of The Year attending this event with other family members. Although neither of our nominees claimed winners' trophies, all had a good time. Congratulations though were in order for one of Melton's club other members in Colin

Wagstaff who won Disability Sportsman of The Year

Melton V Rushcliffe Match Report

Being St David's Day, both teams were welcomed in Welsh language by Mal Williams, and a daffodil plant was presented to Mal by Hazel in grateful thanks. No doubt it found its way to Mal's wife Joan.

The match commenced with the nearest the lamb contest, which was won by Alan Barton who received a bottle of scotch whiskey generously donated by Sue & Mel Burgess.

The team skipped by George Stone, supported by Rosie Barton and Yvonne Kent narrowly won the highest rink with a winning margin score of 10 shots, closely followed by Mel Burgess, Kate Toon and Mick Northing with a winning margin of 9 shots.

Notwithstanding Rushcliffe strengthening their usual team by some of their "big Guns" following our last December encounter, the final result was a very close defeat by 128 – 122 in their favour.

The match was followed by an excellent meal in the club restaurant and, following the St David's Day theme, Alan Barton gave a rousing rendition of Tom Jones Delilah with vocal support by the diners in the chorus – many thanks Alan – great job.

The afternoon closed with the customary raffle and a vote of thanks to Mehdi and the catering team plus Kim at the bar for dispensing drinks throughout the event.

A summary of the results of this season's friendly fixtures follows this match report:

MELTON MOWBRAY INDOOR BOWLS CLUB FRIENDLY MATCHES 2019/2020 SEASON

DATE	OPPOSITION	HOME OR AWAY	RESULT
13 th October 2019	Charnwood	Away	MMIBC 100 Charnwood 59
27 th October 2019	Barwell	Away	MMIBC 87 Barwell 76
3 rd November 2019	Lincolnshire VPs	Home	MMIBC 123 Lincs VPs 91
10 th November	Grantham	Away	MMIBC 90 Grantham 96
25 th November 2019	Notts H.V.Ps	Home	MMIBC 125 Notts H.V.Ps 73
1 st December 2019	Rushcliffe I.B.C.	Away	MMIBC 105 Rushcliffe I.B.C. 79
8 th December 2019	Birstall	Home	MMIBC 137 Birstall 69
5 th January 2020	Stamford	Home	MMIBC 110 Stamford 82
12 th January 2020	Erewash	Home	MMIBC 109 Erewash 74
18 January 2020	Stamford	Away	MMIBC 109 Stamford 122
26 January 2020	Barwell	Home	MMIBC 108 Barwell 80
01 March 2020	Rushcliffe	Home	MMIBC 122 Rushcliffe 128