

Middleton Cup vs. Bedfordshire

Score Hertfordshire 120 (16pts) Bedfordshire 104 (6pts)

Hertfordshire's Middleton Cup campaign concluded on Saturday versus Bedfordshire, with the previous weeks defeat at Hunts we could no longer qualify and so it was decided to try a few new people and some in different positions plus to give the younger players invaluable experience both for MC and the White Rose.

A debut was given to Matthew Murphy aged 13, plus a Middleton Cup flash to Keith Mileham, a huge congratulations to both.

At the team meeting the focus was on 'team,' enjoyment and support of each other especially our younger players.

Royston had once again provided a great playing surface and with hot and humid conditions the game got off to an even start across the board in the early stages.

The two teams continued to spar until about the 12-end mark with never to many shots in it overall, it was then that 3 rinks began strong second halves to the game. Paul's rink went from 9-9 to finish 19-10, Craig's rink went from 11-7 to finish 25-11 and finally Jack's rink went from 15-8 to finish 32-11, with the scoreboard system working perfectly between Tony Keeling & Julie Andrews the team were able to manage the scores perfectly to ensure the overall win and the 10pts that go with it.

A massive shout must go to the young players, they led the way and the support behind them and the team was phenomenal, the atmosphere around the whole green was there for all to feel and provides great momentum for not just our final ECL game but also for next year's MC.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank the Assistant Manager Tony Keeling as always for his invaluable contribution, to match officer Graham Searle and his very able assistant Phil Havord, the supporters on Saturday who made such a great day and off course to all the players who have given their all this past season.

**Roger Evans
Manager**