

JOHNS TROPHY SUCCESS AGAINST LOCAL RIVALS SURREY

Hampshire made just one change to their Johns Trophy side for this second round match giving a debut to Sarah Bowen from Cove BC.

As the two teams stepped onto the green at Pyestock the heavens opened with the predicted downpour but it didn't affect Surrey who picked up two very quick big scores and shot into a ten shot lead after just 2 ends.

By the time the teams had played 5 ends they were both ahead on 3 rinks with Surrey holding the advantage overall at 35 shots to 26. Thankfully for Hampshire as the weather improved so did the match score and with a strong push in the next 5 ends the lead passed to Hampshire to put them ahead by 6 shots at the half way stage thanks to healthy leads on the rinks skipped by Allyson Flint and Brenda Plumpton.

Things continued to improve across the green and by the 15 end position we were ahead by 20 shots and looking reasonably safe.

The next 3 ends saw Hampshire gain a further 19 shots against just 13 from Surrey and with a 26 shot lead the only worry was the risk of a repeat collapse seen in the previous match.

It was never in doubt and Hampshire pushed on to win fairly comfortably in the end by 128 shots to 99, winning on 4 rinks and drawing on another.

Skip's scores were as follows:

Margaret Holden	18 - 27
Kath Patrick	16 - 16
Kay Kerley	24 - 18
Linda Haywood	21 - 15
Brenda Plumpton	27 - 8
Allyson Flint	22 - 15

The next round sees us away to Buckinghamshire in the Group Final which will be played in two weeks time on Tuesday 12 July. Details of the venue and team selected will follow once known.