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NATIONAL INDOOR BOWLS CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS AT NOTTINGHAM

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FREE RESULTS AND ROUND-UP SERVICE

(images may be available on request)

This service is provided on behalf of the EIBA by David Rhys Jones, who plans to email bulletins and updates to media outlets, once or twice a day during the above championships. Results will be presented in a print-friendly form, but are also available on the EIBA website <www.EIBA.co.uk>. Comments, queries or requests for pictures should be sent to David...

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DAY TWO - UPDATE

Saturday, 8 April

MEN'S OVER 60 FOURS

plus

UNDER 25 INTER-CLUB TWO FOURS

SUTTON, VICTORY, GRATTONS & SCUNTHORPE THROUGH

to (SUN) semi finals



The green at Nottingham today was awash with feisty competitors

A former professional footballer, who won a silver medal for bowls at the Commonwealth Games in New Zealand in 1974, and a man who played bowls indoors for England from 1978 to 1993, skipped their rinks through to the quarter finals of the national Over 60 Fours championship at Nottingham this morning.

John Evans, who played for Torquay, and is now President of the Torquay United indoor bowls club at Plainmoor, skipped his clubmates Geoff Bellamy, Robbie Murch and Bob Condon to a nail-biting 18-16 extra end win over a Malvern Hills quartet skipped by former Scottish international Edric Vorsterman.

Malvern looked the likely winners when they turned a 1-8 deficit into a 15-10 advantage after 14 ends, but four ends later it was all square, at 16-16, and an extra end was required, Torquay taking the spoils with a double. Bill Hobart, a long-serving international, who was also England's team captain for many years, skipped his Barwell (Leicester) colleagues Mick Haywood, John Smith and John Cooper to a 20-12 win over an Ipswich four skipped by Kevin Stephens.

Scoring five shots on the third end, Barwell forged into a 15-4 led by the 11th end, and staved off a late rally by the Suffolk team, who scored eight shots in six ends, but could not catch the Leicestershire man.

A last-end count of four shots saw a Sutton quartet skipped by Bob Chambers beat pip Dunvcan McGovern's Clarrie Dunbar team, while Scunthorpe, skipped by Alec Mullin, scored five shots over the last three ends to beat George Hackett's Geordies from Gateshead, 19-18.

That was also the final score of the match in which Ralph Steele's men from the Grattons club in Crawley defeated a City of Ely rink skipped by the EIBA's former President and Director of Competitions, Geoff Day. City of Ely were 11-2 up at six ends, and 18-11 up with only three ends to play, but dropped two trebles and a single, and it was Grattons who scored the vital single on the extra end.

Paul Brett's Folkestone rink chalked up a comfortable 19-11 win over Cumbria quartet skipped by Jackie Walker, and were joined in the quarter finals by Chigwell, whose team of Opo Tenic, Peter Barham, Mike Samuels and Tim Mould registered a runaway 30-5 win over Norfolk club Pentney.

In tonight's (SAT) quarter finals the teams skipped by Hobart and Evans bit the dust, Scunthorpe beating Barwell, 21-13, and Victory beating Torquay United, 22-11.

In tomorrow's (SUN) semi finals, Scunthorpe will meet Sutton, who got the better of Chigwell, 17-13, while Victory will play Crawley-based Grattons, who accounted for Folkestone, 17-16.

RESULTS...

National over 60 Fours championship...

0930hrs - Last sixteen

Colin Wilkins, Frank Russell, Peter Wenmouth, Bob Chambers (Sutton) bt Duncan Baxter, Alan Brown, Glyn Jones, Duncan McGovern (Clarrie Dunbar) 16-13;

Opo Tenic, Peter Barham, Mike Samuels, Tim Mould (Chigwell) bt Ron Horton, Geoff Freezer, Keith Brand, Mike King (Pentney) 30-5;

Mick Haywood, John Smith, John Cooper, Bill Hobart (Barwell) bt Roger Slee, Gary Miller, Malcolm Mayhew, Kevin Stevens (Ipswich) 20-12;

Neil Rowe, Phil Boulton, Phil Parker, Alec Mullin (Scunthorpe) bt Brian Orrell, Brian Poulter, Robert Graham, George Hackett (Gateshead) 19-18;

Dave Watts, Charlie Bailey, Barry Starks, Colin Thresher (Portsmouth Victory) bt Graham Bradley, Fred Brown, Martyn Chant, Tony Aubrey (West Berks) 20-16;

Geoff Bellamy, Robbie Murch, Bob Condon, John C Evans (Torquay United) bt Ivor Cartwright, Ron Coleman, Brian Macnamara, Edric Vorsterman (Malvern Hills) 18-16 (x);

Ron Adams, David Beard, Tony Grainger, Ralph Steele (Grattons) bt Fred Harrison, Ian McWhinney, Graham Marsh, Geoff Day (City of Ely) 19-18 (x);

David Merrells, John Berry, Colin Elson, Paul Brett (Folkestone) bt Alan Carruthers, David McManus, Anthony Little, Jackie Walker (Cumbria) 19-11.

(x) denotes extra end.

1800hrs - Quarter finals

Sutton bt Chigwell 17-13; Scunthorpe bt Barwell 21-13;

Victory bt Torquay United 22-11; Grattons bt Folkestone 17-16

UNDER 25 INTER-CLUB FINAL

Swale oust Torquay United



Swale, the winners, to the left - runners up Torquay United to the right - EIBA President Mike Andrew in the centre

Swale's young bowlers, who were appearing in their fourth Under 25 Inter-club final, lifted the David Cornwell trophy for the second time (following their previous success in 2011), when they defeated four times winners Torquay United, 30-24, in a strange final at the Nottingham indoor bowls club today (SAT).

After Swale took an early lead, there seemed to be some discontent among the players. Sadly, good-natured banter, which is only to be expected from two teams that know each other rather well, gave way to some acrimonious remarks, and made for a tense atmosphere.

The Devon side battled their way back into contention, and the game settled down into the sort of closely contested, skilful and sportsmanlike battle that we expect from occasion like this.

Swale's international star Perry Martin, who had skipped Imogen Jenner, Emily Ferguson and Andy Rodger to a telling 28-6 win against St Neots in the semi final. opened up a 9-0 lead over Cassidy Lenton, Tom Davis, Harriet Stevens and Harry Goodwin, who had themselves returned a 25-9 card in their semi final against Kingsthorpe.

On the next rink, Swale's Paige Dennis, Sam Walker, Charlie Carlow and Josh Pounds kept their noses in front of Kieron Kniveton, Carrie Hadfield, Will Stevens and Zach Kidd for most of the match, but a Torquay revival saw the Devon team narrow the gap to just three shots at one stage.

Martin posted a 15-10 victory, and Pounds edged home by one, scoring a single on the very last end, so that Swale prevailed, 30-24.

Torquay United saw off a spirited challenge from Northampton-based Kingsthorpe in Nottingham in the semi finals, while Swale, who play in Sittingbourne, rattled up a comfortable victory over St Neots.

As it happens, both semi finals were always interesting because Kingsthorpe and St Neots both won on one rink - even though the winning margin in each case was not sufficient to cover the scale of the defeat on the other rink.

Thus, for Swale, Imogen Jenner, Emily Ferguson, Andy Rodger and Perry Martin swept to a 28-6 victory that more than covered the 15-11 defeat for the rink skipped by Josh Pounds at the hands of Rebecca Moorbey, Hannah Felce, Hayden Moorbey and Jamie Barker, and Swale duly won, 39-21.

And, for Torquay United, who beat Kingsthorpe, 37-26, the 25-9 win for Cassidy Lenton, Tom Davis, Harriet Stevens and Harry Goodwin over David Walker's quartet more than compensated for the 17-12 defeat for Zach Kidd's rink at the hands of Katie Smith, Jasmin Spear, Conor Bryan and Connor Cinato.

RESULTS...

Under 25 inter-club Two Fours (David Cornwell Trophy)...

1330hrs - Semi finals

Swale bt St Neots 39-21 - Rink scores (Swale names first):

Imogen Jenner, Emily Ferguson, Andrew Rodger, Perry Martin 28, Robbie Barker, Robyn Hall, Tom Hall, Adam Barker 6. Paige Dennis, Sam Walker, Charlie Carlow, Josh Pounds 11, Rebecca Moorbey, Hannah Felce, Hayden Moorbey, Jamie Barker 15;

Torquay United bt Kingsthorpe 37-26 - Rink scores (Torquay United names first):

Cassidy Lenton, Tom Davis, Harriet Stevens, Harry Goodwin 25, David Iddles, Trudy Beard, Tom Wellburn, David Walker 9; Kieran Kniveton, Carrie Hadfield, Will Stevens, Zach Kidd 12, Katie Smith, Jasmin Spear. Conor Bryan, Connor Cinato 17.

1800hrs - Final

Swale bt Torquay United 30-24 - Rink scores (Swale skips first):

Martin 15, Goodwin 10; Pounds 15, Kidd 14.

SCHEDULE - Sunday, 9 April

0930hrs - Men's Over 60 Fours - Semi finals

Sutton v Scunthorpe; Victory v Grattons

1330hrs - Men's inter-club championship (Denny Plate) - Final

Darlington v Wellingborough

1330hrs - Women's inter-club championship (Yetton Plate) - Final

Isca v Northampton

1745hrs - Men's Over 60 Fours - Final

Sutton or Scunthorpe v Victory or Grattons

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