

AC Friendly v's Northampton June 3rd 2010

A lovely sunny day greeted Nick and Jane Evans, Owen Bryce and Richard Cain from Northampton. Lined up to do battle were Peter Dennis, Cliff Daniel and John's Handy and Leader.

The morning session saw Kenilworth take an early lead when John L won +21 in 75 minutes. An hour later Peter came from behind to beat Owen +6 and we went 3 - nil up when Cliff beat Richard +8. Northampton won the forth match to make it 3 - 1 at lunch when Jane won +5 on time.

The afternoon started shakily for Kenilworth, Owen took his first ball round to rover using only one and a half bisques, John scraped through hoop 1 but was unable to continue. Owen used his remaining 6 bisques to go to peg and peel his first ball through rover to win +25 in about 90 minutes.

Kenilworth lead reduced to 3 - 2. Meanwhile Peter (Green & Brown) was going great guns against Nick (Pink & White) and reached peg (Brown) and penult (Green) with Nick way behind. Nick then got going and took his Pink ball round to peg and pegged Peter's Brown out. Peter missed and Nick took his second ball round to rover but stuck in the hoop. Peter shot from the North boundary, skimmed past penult, past the peg and struck the White ball in rover dead centre, great shot but it meant he had peeled Nick's White through rover so Nick only had to peg both balls out to win. Undeterred Peter calmly took off from White, rushed Pink to penult, ran penult but failed to get position at rover. Nick missed a short shot at Pink ending on the North boundary. Peter took position at rover, Nick played White and hit Pink, took off to move Green away from rover, miscalculated and hit the peg thus pegging his Pink out. Peter again stuck in rover and Nick rolled his Pink from the North boundary to midway between penult and peg. Peter ran rover managing to give himself an 8 yard sudden death shot at the peg. Outwardly cool as a cucumber but probably shaking like a leaf on the inside he hit the peg to win plus 1.

That made it 4 - 2 then Cliff beat Jane +11 fifteen minutes before time putting us in a winning 5 - 2 position. When time was called Richard was 16 hoops ahead of John Handy so the final result was 5 - 3 to Kenilworth.

The contestants then enjoyed Apple Pie and Cream in the sun. What a sensible way to spend a June day.

John Leader beat Nick Evans +21
Peter Dennis beat Owen Bryce +6
Cliff Daniel beat Richard Cain +8
but John Handy lost by 5 to Jane Evans so 3 1 to Kenilworth at lunchtime.
In the afternoon John L was slaughtered by Owen +25
Peter won a nail-biter against Nick +1
Cliff beat Jane +11 to clinch victory but John H lost by 16 to Richard Cain.

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