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Balcombe Trophy Regional Finals V Warwickshire

Venue / host: Ilminster BC 23rd June 2024

Match report:

This morning seen our lads take on Warwickshire BC in the Balcomb Trophy regional final. Host for the day were Ilminster BC, who hosted the finals well. Thanks to all the members and staff involved.

The green looked to be a quick pace, which one of the rinks adopted to quickly whilst the other rink struggled to nail the pace. Mainly due to the inconsistency of the playing surface, there was quite a big brown patch of quickness, which all players apart from Luke Horne who to be host had a sublime game at two.

Richard's rink started off well managing to edge in front 4 shots up at 5 ends, whilst our other rink of Wills struggled to get onto the board until the 5th end trailing by four on this rink so level pegging at 5 ends seven a piece.

Over the next 5 ends Warwickshire pulled away to a ten shot lead at ten ends, our boys got a bit unlucky on end six holding a good four. Andy Walters had a bit of an edge to kill the end, this seemed to take the wind out of the rink for a few ends. Dropping nine shots over 4 ends taking Warwickshire into a lead of twelve shots on that rink.

Wills rink conceded 5 shots over the same 5 ends with a response of 3 shots on the other 2 ends.

Over the next 5 ends Warwickshire managed again to pull away to a further 5 shots on top of the 15 ends. Giving them a commanding lead of 15 shots.

So, it was now or never to make our move, we were getting a bit of misfortune on a few ends but managed to claw back to 12 shots down at 18 ends, with Richard's rink on a 11 shot deficit and Wills managing to get back to 1 on their rink. So, we still had it all to do. Richard's rink went a scoring spree picking up 5 shots over the next 2 ends, along side a 3 shot response from Wills.

At 20 ends the lads managed to pull the game back to within touching distance. Only 4 in the game, so poised to a dramatic finish. As it stood, we were holding 2 on Wills rink with only the skip to bowl and holding a decent three on Richard's rink but the skip also had a bowl to play. But Adam smith managed to squeeze the jack for 2 giving the Warwickshire lads the win.

Wayne White		Keith Avery
Andrew Millward		Tom Millership
Stephen Poyner	V	Craig Carter
Richard Moule		Andrew Walters
19		22
Rob Stanley		Mark Smith
Harvey Griffiths		Luke Horne
Matt Cuthbert	V	Mark Ireland
Andy Wills		Adam Smith
18		18




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We have had a great campaign, with all the rinks which seemed to gel well over both games. Thank you all for your professionalism and attitudes towards the games.

I would also like to thank all players and supports who took the time to come and watch. The lads were very grateful for all the support given.

Thanks, also go to Ilminster BC for hosting us.

Regards Griff.

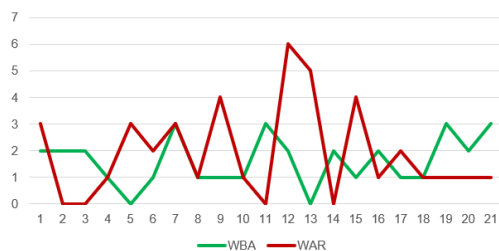
		TOTAL SHOTS
	WORCESTERSHIRE	37
	WARWICKSHIRE	40
	Worcester Total	-3

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Balcombe Trophy			
POINTS		POINTS	
RINK: 3		RINK: 4	
Worcestershire	Warwickshire	Worcestershire	Warwickshire
Wayne White Andrew Millward Steve Poyner Richard Moule	Keith Avery Tom Millership Craig Carter Andrew Walters	Rob Stanley Harvey Griffiths Matt Cuthbert Andy Wills	Mark Smith Luke Horne Mark Ireland Adam Smith
19	22	18	18
2	2	0	0
1	3	0	1
1	4	0	3
1	5	0	1
	5	1	1
1	6		1
	6	3	4
	6	1	5
	6	4	9
	6	1	10
1	7		10
	7	6	16
	7	3	19
1	8		19
1	9		19
2	11		19
	11	2	21
	11	1	22
3	14		22
2	16		22
3	19		22

End	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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OVERALL SCORE TREND



Shot scoring trend, you will see by the trend Warwickshire had some strong scoring against us, up until end 16 were we seemed to get back into the game. So, a strong finish for our lads. But just wasn't enough in the end.