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Middleton Cup V Somerset

Venue / host: Hewell BC, Worcestershire, 6th July 2024

Match report:

Good afternoon one and all.

Today was to be the last of our men's competitive team games for this season. Due to England playing at 5:00 it was agreed that we would bring forward the start time to 10:30, as opposed to the usual start time of 2:00. Hopefully that way everyone would get back in time if they wished to watch the match.

So, the weather wasn't looking to good before we started the game, but it seemed to settle down before we took to the green. We had a great start with all rinks taking shots on the first end, an accumulation of 15 shots. Somerset responded on the next end to pick up 11 shots to 4, so two ends in and we were 19 to 11 up. Which remained the same for the next end. We had a surge of 10 shots on the 4th end. With Glenn Weaver rink picking up a 5 and Olly picking a 3 up. Score difference remained at plus 18 for three ends, at this stage of the game the heavens opened, and we had a massive deluge of water.

The game was brought to a stop with three rinks completing 8 ends and the other three rinks playing 9 ends. Due to the condition of the green and playing conditions, it was mutually agreed to cease the game. Being mindful of the Somerset lads having to travel back, plus we didn't wish to have an accident with anyone slipping over. Which was the case for one of the Somerset lads, lucky enough he wasn't injured.

The scores on the board were, we won three rinks and lost the other three, won by 3 shots. Of course this isn't a true reflection of what could have been.

		TOTAL SHOTS		TOTAL			Date 06/07/2024		Venue HEWELL BC		Middleton cup 2024		RULES	
WORCESTERSHIRE		54		6									Open to club affiliated members of clubs within the county.	
SOMERSET		51		6									Six rinks of four players each playing 21 ends.	
Worcester Total		3		16									Two bowls per player.	
													Failure to field 24 players shall result in a walkover	
													22 points on offer. 1pts for a drawn rink, 2pts for a rink win.	
													10pts for the county with the highest accumulative number of shots.	

		POINTS		POINTS		POINTS		POINTS		POINTS		POINTS		POINTS	
		RINK: 1		RINK: 2		RINK: 3		RINK: 4		RINK: 5		RINK: 6		RINK: 7	
Worcestershire		10		5		7		10		10		10		7	
Somerset		5		12		5		13		4		12		12	
Phil Storman		Neil Clarke		Jonathon Smith		Glenn Weaver		Oli Collins		Carl Brooks		Dan Rycroft		Matt Hamilton	
Jim Collins		Neil Westlake		Chris Barton		Richard Moule		Fraser Ham		Neil Westlake		Dave Boughton		Nick Pearce	
Dave Wilde		Dan Taylor		Andy Millward		John Oliver		Gary Hancock		Jack Fudge		Callum Harrod		Jordan Sparey	
Rob Bourne		Mark Sandoz		Dean Hemming		Matt Cuthbert		Jason Price		Brad Cox		Dan Winnill		Adam Bedford	
Neil Williams		Chris Sherreff		Allan Griffiths		Rob Stanley		Nick Best		Steve Mayhew		Simon Barnard		James Amery	
Wayne White		Alan Clarke		Andy Wills		Harvey Griffiths		Lucas Powell		Pete Sloman		Neil Rowe		Levi Hembrow	
1		1		0		0		5		5		0		0	
2		0		1		2		2		0		0		0	
3		0		1		1		3		0		5		1	
4		5		0		3		0		5		1		6	
5		3		9		0		3		0		9		1	
6		0		9		1		4		4		9		0	
7		1		10		0		4		0		9		4	
8		0		10		1		5		1		10		0	
9		10		5		5		12		10		12		12	
10		10		5		5		12		10		12		15	
11		10		5		5		12		10		12		11	



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We would like to thank Hewell BC for hosting us and their team of members for doing such a great job of looking after the guys.

The green played well under the circumstances, but the rain just got the better of the surface.

Thanks also to both Umpires Roy and Eion for giving up their time.

So, with this being the last competitive game for this season. I and the other two selectors would like to thank all players who made their selves available for this season's games. Thanks to our esteemed President Ivan, always on hand to give assistance no matter how small or how big the job is.

Wishing you all well for the rest of season and to all those who are left in competitions.

Best Wishes
Griff