

ECCBA League Fixture 1

Hertfordshire v Suffolk

Applecroft School – Sunday 26th November 2017

Our first ECCBA league fixture of the season was a home fixture against defending champions Suffolk. A good performance would be needed to come away with a positive result. The team chose to represent Hertfordshire was as follows;

H1

1. Audrey Joy
2. Gill Barraclough
3. Dave Smith
4. Margaret Forrest

H2

1. Harry Wilson
2. Kate Summerfield
3. Roy Grethe
4. Ben Summerfield

H3

1. Mary Cobbold
2. Mike Bennett
3. Paul Harris
4. Jack Smalley

H4

1. Stuart Palmer
2. Mick Cook
3. Ron Hart
4. Jason Ellis

H5

1. Thomas Ellis
2. Andy Cobbold
3. Sandra Gammage
4. David Danby

H6

1. Mary Grethe
2. Jacqui Harris
3. Marilyn Cook
4. Neil Tuckey

During the day the odd numbered teams would play at the same time and the even numbered teams would play at the same time.

Session 1

It would be the odd numbered teams to play first. A fast start would be important to try and build some early momentum. H1 played some consistent bowls and come away with a good 12-6 win. H3 were involved in a tight game with their opponents and just did enough to secure a tight 10-9 win. H5 never really looked like making it the perfect start for us as they were defeated 8-3. A great start for us as we take an early 4-2 lead.

Session Score
Herts 4-2 Suffolk

Match Score
Herts 4-2 Suffolk

Session 2

H4 were never in their game and were outplayed by their opponents as they were beaten 16-4. H6 were always playing catch up in their match and eventually ran out of ends as they lost 11-6. H2 played well in their game and avoided a whitewash session as they won their game 9-7.

Session Score
Herts 2-4 Suffolk

Match Score
Herts 6-6 Suffolk

Session 3

It was role reversal in session three for the odd numbered teams with H5 winning 7-4 (after losing their first game) and H3 (3-12) and H1 (9-10) going down to defeats after winning their first games. Suffolk therefore took the session 4-2 and took the lead in the match for the first time 10-8 at the halfway stage.

Session Score
Herts 2-4 Suffolk

Match Score
Herts 8-10 Suffolk

Session 4

H2 followed up their opening win in the first session with another win 6-4. Unfortunately H4 and H6 also repeated their results from the first session with both suffering defeat again by scores of 8-7 (H6) and 11-6 (H4).

Session Score
Herts 2-4 Suffolk

Match Score
Herts 10-14 Suffolk

Session 5

Now trailing in the match 14-10 we would need to pick up at least three points in this session to keep the match alive. H5 always looked in control of their game and they secured a good 11-4 win. On the other side of the coin H3 never looked in control and the score reflected that as they lost 14-5. The other game in this session involving H1 was close all the way but we just did enough to secure a vital win 7-5. Suffolk were now leading 16-14 in the overall match score.

Session Score
Herts 4-2 Suffolk

Match Score
Herts 14-16 Suffolk

Session 6

We have beaten every other county in league games with the exception of Suffolk who we have never even drawn with. We would require four points for the draw and five points for the win for what would be a fantastic result. Unfortunately the win never looked on the cards as H4 completed a miserable day with an 11-3 loss. However, a draw was very much still within our reach going into the final end of the other two games. H6 trailed 6-5 going into their final end, with the last wood of the match the Herts skip added another shot to the one - we already held to take a 7-6 win. H2 looking for their third straight win were level at 5-5. Suffolk took shot in the end and then proceeded to put blockers in and protect what they had which they were able to do and take a 6-5 win.

Session Score
Herts 2-4 Suffolk

Match Result
Herts 16-20 Suffolk

A fantastic performance from the team and a narrow 20-16 loss. A great effort to push such a strong Suffolk team so close which should give us great confidence for the remainder of the season. We now have to firmly believe that we are Suffolk's closest challengers. We have taken the most points off of them in league fixtures in each of the last three seasons and with 16 points achieved that is likely to become four seasons in a row. However, we need to prove that by consistently playing as we did today and start to be disappointed if we do not at least finish as runners up.

The individual team performances are displayed below

Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	SF	SA	Points
H1	3	2	0	1	28	21	4
H2	3	2	0	1	20	17	4
H3	3	1	0	2	18	35	2
H4	3	0	0	3	13	38	0
H5	3	2	0	1	21	16	4
H6	3	1	0	2	20	25	2
Total	18	8	0	10	120	152	16

The results from the first round of fixtures and league table are shown below.

Results

Norfolk 19-17 Essex

Hertfordshire 16-20 Suffolk

Bedfordshire 10-26 Cambridgeshire

League Table

		Pld	W	D	L	SF	SA	Pts
1	Cambridgeshire	1	1	0	0	161	123	26
2	Suffolk	1	1	0	0	152	120	20
3	Norfolk	1	1	0	0	120	132	19
4	Essex	1	0	0	1	132	120	17
5	Hertfordshire	1	0	0	1	120	152	16
6	Bedfordshire	1	0	0	1	123	161	10