

MIDDLESEX BA v BOWLS ISLE OF WIGHT



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DO OR DIE FOR MIDDLESEX IN MIDDLETON CUP CAMPAIGN

Middlesex play their 2nd group game of the 2018 Middleton Cup campaign on Saturday 16th when they host Bowls Isle of Wight at Ashford (Middlesex) BC in a game which starts at 1330hrs.

This is a make or break game for Middlesex having lost their 1st group game to Buckinghamshire. Anything other than a significant win will effectively see the County eliminated with 1 game to go. The same, I guess, could be said for the Islanders who lost their 1st game, heavily, to Hampshire BA.

Team Manager Ray Fortune and his selectors have made 3 personnel changes for this game and tweaked a couple of rinks. Coming in are Antony Lam (North London), Alan Harman (Bounds Green) and Paul Cater (West Ealing).

Last season Middlesex made the long trip to Shanklin BC on the Island and lost by 9, gaining only 4 points. The 3 years prior to that Middlesex had enjoyed good wins and a return to that form is vital to Middlesex's chances this year. It is also likely to be the last time the 2 Counties meet for a while at this level as Middlesex change groups for 2019.

It can't go without mentioning that this game will see the return to Middlesex of ex stalwart Ron LeLeux, also visiting will be housewives favourite Travis Mellor (or at least that is what I have been told he is all week!!!!)

The days other game sees Buckinghamshire host Hampshire at Gerrards Cross BC.

So 1330hrs, Saturday at Ashford BC, why not come along and cheer the boys on to what could be a vital win.

Report to follow later in week