

IMPROVEMENT BUT MIDDLESEX STILL LOSE OPENING FRIENDLY

For 10 years, or 5 visits between 2007 and 2015, Middlesex won every time they visited Warwickshire. The hosts, though, have found a way to stifle that winning sequence involving taking Middlesex to the Grange BC near Rugby.

Positive's though. Unlike 2017, when Middlesex lost by 56 shots and on all 6 rinks, this year Middlesex won on 2 rinks and only went down by 23. 2021, you never know!

The game was played under a patchy sky but when the sun came through it was a pleasant afternoon.

Top rink for Middlesex were Past President Peter Lavender (Ladygate), Keith Robinson (Ashford), Geoff Salter (Broomfield) and Paul Cater (West Ealing) who won 23-18. Apparently they were aided by their opposition bowling 2 of those very tight woods where the sticker is on the wrong side!

Middlesex's other winning rink, prevailing 15-12 in a tight game, were John Day (Bush Hill Park), Bob Worley (Brentham), Bill Widdowfield (Winnington) and President Andy Docker (Century).

After the game John Day was presented with his Colt's badge and Richard James Smith of North Greenwich received his full County Badge.

Next up for the friendly squad is a home tie against Buckinghamshire of May 9th.

