

SICKNESS, PUNCTURES, CAR CRASHES, NOTHING CAN STOP MIDDX BEAT BEDS!!

It is often said that a Match Secretary can only truly relax when all the players have arrived and a game has begun, then 18 / 21 ends later they simply move on to worrying about the next game!

Last week's friendly away to Bedfordshire at Mauldon Bc was a case in point for the hardest working man in the County, our Match Secretary Eric Prior.

At 0900hrs Middlesex had the full 6 rinks, then one player dropped out due to illness. Not usually an issue, we can hopefully get a home side substitute on arrival. Upon said arrival notification was received that a player had broken down on the M1, with a puncture and would not arrive in time whilst he awaited assistance. This was shortly followed by the news that in conjunction with another road user Andy Knott had decided to re arrange the panelling on his car and he would not be arriving either. Most importantly no one was injured but Middlesex would now be 3 short.

Eric put duty before his own afternoon's game by dropping out leaving Middx a round full rink down and thanks to the good grace of the four Bedfordshire players who ended up forgoing their game the match was reduced to 5 rinks.

So issues over the game began on a pleasant afternoon. All the chaos did not affect the remaining Middlesex players who won on 3 rinks to gain a 2nd victory of the season, this time by 101-78.

Top rink was Laurence Gatfield (Cambridge Park), Peter Hicks (Edmonton), Godfrey Sheldon (Finchley) and Brian Hearn (Senior Deputy President / Hendon) who won 25-10. All four were playing on their first winning rink of the friendly campaign.

During the game County Treasurer David Todd decided to make the President's afternoon by bowling one of his woods with the little sticker on the outside, David takes home a stress ball for his pains!

Next up for the friendly squad the annual squabble with the Middx Woman's Bowling Association on May 19th

