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2019 Home Counties League

Middlesex v Sussex

Hendon BC – Saturday 25th May 2019 – 1030hrs

MIDDLESEX LOOKING FOR BOUNCE BACK ABILITY AS SUSSEX VISIT

This Saturday, 25th May, Middlesex play their 2nd Home Counties League game of the season when they host Sussex BA at Hendon BC in a game which starts at 1030hrs.

The two Counties have enjoyed vastly different starts to the current League Campaign. Middlesex of course lost heavily to Surrey last week, whilst Sussex, have won both their opening games 18-4 against Berkshire at Home and Kent Away to lead the table.

Middlesex, positively, have a good record against Sussex in this competition and the squad won't be phased by their oppositions opening success's. Last season Middlesex won by 29 in Eastbourne and in 2017 they won by 2 at Hendon but the points were good 18-4. Prior to that Middlesex had won the fixture 7 years on the trot between 2007 and 2013.

3 new caps, at Home Counties Level, are earned this week with John Crabb, Howie Shearing and Kevin Liffen all from North Greenwich taking their bow. Middlesex will be looking to utilise home advantage on two fronts with 9 of the side being members of Hendon, surely something of a record?! This is also the last chance for players to impress team manager Darren Gosnell and his selectors before the Middleton Cup side is selected over the Bank Holiday weekend.

Two other Home Counties games are being played this weekend. Berkshire look to improve on their two loses to date when they host Oxfordshire at Shrivenham BC and Kent look to bounce back from their, perhaps, surprise loss last week when the host Surrey at Folkestone BC.

After the game Hendon BC are laying on a buffet for the players and it is hoped that all will stay to benefit from the efforts of the host club.

So will Middlesex bounce back and boost confidence ahead of the Middleton campaign?

Time will tell, report later in weekend.