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## BERKSHIRE BA V MIDDLESEX BA MIDDLETON CUP GROUP GAME 2 SATURDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2019 – 1100HRS – SUTTONS BC

This Saturday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, Middlesex return to Middleton Cup action when they travel to Suttons BC in the Royal County of Berkshire for their 2<sup>nd</sup> group game.

Last week, whilst Middlesex were enjoying their bye week, the winners from week 1 were losing in week 2 to leave the group wide open. Current leaders Kent have 23 points, only 19 ahead of Middlesex and of course Middlesex have only played the one game. Berkshire sit 2<sup>nd</sup> on 22, Surrey 3<sup>rd</sup> on 21 and Buckinghamshire 4<sup>th</sup> on 18 but Bucks like Middlesex have played only 1.

Following defeat in the opening game Team Manager Darren Gosnell and his selectors have made 6 changes in personnel, 2 of them enforced, as well as additional positional changes in a bid to build on what was encouragingly positive and address any perceived problems. The squad know that they need a good performance and result to remain in contention but the same could be said of Berkshire who lost at Suttons last week to Bucks by 19 shots.

Coming in are the Manager himself, Jay Head, Paul Wilsher and Rob Green from West Ealing, Jack Fisher from Rosedale Park and Allister Frankland from Hendon.

The last time the two Counties met at Middleton level was in 2010 at Suttons. Middlesex won by 6, gaining 18 points, a repeat would be very welcome.

Tomorrows other game see Surrey host Buckinghamshire at Croydon BC knowing that they probably need to win to stay in contention before their final game, a trip to Hendon to face Middlesex next week.

So can Middlesex bounce back from their defeat to Kent and force themselves right back into contention in the South "B" group? You bet they can!

If you fancy supporting the side on from the side lines the game starts at 1100hrs and the forecast is slightly drier than in recent days.

Hopefully a report will follow next week.