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MIDDLESEX BA V SURREY BA
MIDDLETON CUP GROUP GAME 3
SATURDAY 22ND JUNE 2019 – 1000HRS – HENDON BC

A week on from the excellent win at Berkshire BA and Middlesex are preparing for another do or die encounter in the Middleton Cup.

The trouble with losing your first game is that, often, every subsequent game becomes a straight knockout in relation to your own chances of progression.

This Saturday, June 22nd, Middlesex host current group "South B" leaders Surrey, at Hendon BC in a game that this week starts at 1000hrs.

Middlesex may remain bottom of the group but they are only 14 points behind Surrey and buoyed by last week's result team manager Darren and his selectors have made no personnel changes for this game, although they have made one positional one.

It was 2010 when the sides last met at Middleton Cup level and that game did not go well for Middlesex at Shirley Park in Surrey but Middlesex did win the last home fixture in 2009 at Ladygate. Repeat tomorrow and things will look very promising indeed.

Tomorrow is Surrey's last group game and they will know that defeat will effectively eliminate them. They also started the campaign with a defeat, at home to Berkshire but have responded with a good win in Kent and a narrow home win over Buckinghamshire last week.

Tomorrows other game sees Buckinghamshire host Kent at Gerrards Cross. Both these sides have only played two games so the loser could effectively be out dependent upon the margins involved.

Victories for Middlesex and Buckinghamshire could make things interesting on July 6th, defeats for both don't bare thinking about at this stage!

So can Middlesex build on last week's result and put Surrey to the sword? Supporters did so much to encourage the side to victory last week and will be most welcome again on what promises to be a reasonable morning to relax and enjoy top level bowls.

Report to follow....