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## **2022 HOME COUNTIES LEAGUE GROUP GAME 1**

### **SAT 21<sup>st</sup> MAY - LADYGATE BC – 1100HRS**

Middlesex start their 2022 Home Counties League Campaign, on Saturday, when they host Buckinghamshire BA at Ladygate in a game which starts at 1100hrs.

With no campaign in 2020 and last year's knock out tournament this will be both Counties first game in the revised league where the now 8 Home Counties are split into 2 groups of 4, playing 3 games with the group winner progressing to a final.

Team Manager Ray Fortune has picked a strong side with plenty of experience but also some new faces. Ashford's Martin Payne, Andy Bennett and Mark Smith join Poplar's Andrew Griggs in making their debuts for the County at this level.

The last time the sides met in the league was in 2019 when, again at Ladygate, Middlesex won 143-104 with 5 winning rinks. Something similar will do just nicely to start this season's competitive campaign.

Ladygate are selling breakfast rolls, tea / coffee etc before the game, the bar will be open during and after the game so spectators will be most welcome.

Subject to no last minute call up live scoring will be provided via the facebook page and a full report (maybe even some pictures) will be available some time next week.

After this Middlesex have fixtures away to Hampshire and Home to Kent to complete their programme with the aim of making the July 16<sup>th</sup> final.

Good luck to all those playing.