

BOWLING NEWS

South Eastern Bowling Association
of the B.T.B.A.

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Editorial

Have you missed your recent issues of SEBA Bowling News? When was Bowling News last published? In fact, it was March/April 1986.

What has your Editor and President of SEBA been up to then? All the action started at the beginning of the year with the news of the possible closure of Bexleyheath Bowl. The lease between the Landlords and First Leisure had not been renewed and we heard that Developers were being called in to turn the site into a large Supermarket and Car Park involving the demolition of both the Bowl and the adjacent Cinema. At another site less than half a mile away, the Developers were proposing the construction of a new Ice-Rink to meet the sporting and leisure needs of the area.

For the second time in his life, Ted Shrimpton found himself organising a 'Save our Bowl' Campaign and after a great deal of hard work and support from many people collected over 20,000 signatures on a petition to present to the Local Council. This led our Ted to become involved with local politicians and, in turn, found Ted standing as a candidate in the Local Council Elections in May. Although not successful he obviously made a good impression with the Liberal/SDP Alliance.

Meanwhile, the original possible Supermarket chain had pulled out of the proposed deal, but the Developers had received the message

and suggested a new Bowl instead of an Ice-Rink. So far, there has been no lobby or petition in Bexleyheath for an Ice-Rink.

Bexley Council set up a special Sub-Committee to consider all the proposals to eventually report to the Planning Committee. The latest news is that they have suggested acceptance of the Developer's plans, who have found a new Supermarket chain interested in the present Bowl site, and so it is beginning to look good for a brand new Bowling Centre in Bexleyheath in the near future.

Then, a by-election was called in Danson Ward of Bexley and Ted was invited to stand as the Alliance candidate. After a hard campaign with heavy canvassing Ted Shrimpton was elected a Councillor of Bexley Council and his photograph made Page 3 of the local paper, fully clothed of course.

With all this involvement in Politics, the usual activities of raising a family, working for a living, extending his house and keeping the 'Dagenham Dustbin' on the road, SEBA Bowling News unfortunately took a back seat.

So Ted has now decided to resign from being Editor after several years hard work bringing news of bowling to all the bowlers in the Area. Our thanks go to Ted for all his efforts in that period which have been greatly appreciated by many people. We are glad to report that Ted is to remain as President of the South East Bowling Association.

The SEBA Committee has asked me to take over the role of Editor which I am pleased to accept. In this edition, we are concentrating on bringing you up to date with all the year's results. We then plan to publish SEBA Bowling News on a quarterly basis with the closing date for Copy being:

31st March : 30th June : 30th
September : 31st December

We shall be printing one extra edition shortly, so if you have any news, please send it to me by 31st January either to my home address or leave it for me in the Office at Bexleyheath Bowl.

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INTER-COUNTIES

Kent & Essex Ladies qualify for the Finals

In the Qualifying Rounds for the Inter-Counties this year both Essex and Kent found themselves in the largest Group of seven teams from which the top two would go forward to the Finals to meet the qualifiers from the other three Groups. The Counties in Group One this year were Berkshire, Essex, Kent, London, Middlesex, Norfolk and Surrey.

The first round was at Wokingham and it was nice to see some new faces in the Kent line-up with Beryl Drury and Doreen Lodge in the Ladies' Team and Ray Baldwin and Mark Bird in the Men's Team.

The Kent Men got away to an excellent start with wins against London and Middlesex, Sean Purcell rolling 200 and Mark Bird 234 against London and Roland Foxley 208 against Middlesex. A poor game against Norfolk to give Norfolk their only win of the day was followed by a very close game against Berkshire which was lost 861-878 when Mark rolled 204. Winning form then returned with good wins against Surrey and Essex, Richard Post scoring 203 and 233 whilst Mark Bird had another 203 to finish the day with a 6 game average of 197.8, Ray Baldwin having 185 over 3 games, Roland Foxley 181.6 over 6 and Steve White 176.4 over 5 ably supported by Sean Purcell, Gordon Phillips and Richard Post. A total of 8 points left Kent in third place, two points behind the joint leaders Berkshire and Surrey.

Meanwhile the Ladies started off against their great rivals, Essex, with a pulsating game which went to the tenth frame of the anchor bowlers. Essex took the honours 864 to 849 and went on to win all their other games to finish on a maximum of 12 points. The Kent Captain, Sue Trott, dropped herself for the next game against Norfolk and the team of Beryl Drury, Lyn Purcell, Irene Dummett, Christine Lodge and Sheila White rolled a 950 game, Sheila having a 235, to win easily. Keeping the same team they then rolled a 901 for a close victory over Surrey. Doreen Lodge then came in for Beryl Drury for the next two games against Berkshire and Middlesex which were won easily with games of 947 and 968 with low games individually of 177 and 175 and high games of 203 by Sheila White, 212 by Christine Lodge and 223 by Lyn Purcell. For the final game Doreen Lodge was replaced by younger daughter Elaine who was mortified to find that the ball in her bowling bag was not her own, a colleague in her league team who has a ball of

the same colour having picked Elaine's ball up by mistake on the previous night. Sue Trott took her place in the team against London for a win 873-832 to finish on 10 points only two behind Essex and four clear of the next team, Surrey. More importantly, Kent had a large

lead in overall pinfall 5488 to 5146 which could be very critical in the second round. Incidentally only one of the Men's Teams had a higher overall score on the day being Middlesex with 5587. The Kent Ladies' averages at Wokingham were: Sheila White 195.8, Christine Lodge 187.3,

Lyn Purcell 185.5, Doreen Lodge 180.0, Irene Dummett 178.0, Beryl Drury 171.0 and Sue Trott 152.0.

Two months later in August, the venue for the second round was the recently re-opened Lewisham Bowl with plenty of rumour and speculation on how the lanes would play. In the Men's Team, Michael Luckhurst was added to the squad and on
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SEBA Inter-Centre Competition Cliftonville - 23rd February 1986

With the demise of Basildon Bowl, invitations were sent out to the remaining six centres in the Area to compete for the Inter-Centre Trophy held by Bexleyheath. With a maximum of six teams to compete in the 12 lane Centre at Cliftonville, it was not necessary to start so early and the first events were planned for just after midday.

All six Centres entered, but came the day and eastern Kent and Essex were covered in snow with dreadful reports on the radio about road conditions. Numerous telephone calls were made during the morning and eventually Bowlers arrived at Cliftonville except from Walton where the weather was very much the worst.

Prior to the Tournament, Bexleyheath had a slight problem when their Manager for the last few years decided to have a fortnight's rest in hospital, and Keith Hodge stepped into the breach to assemble the team of 18 bowlers. Brian Langford reluctantly let the Permanent Trophy be taken out of his Office on dire threats should it not be returned on the Sunday evening.

The Tournament started sedately with just the Ladies' Trios with Southend unfortunately having only one bowler due to the bad weather. Dagenham shot away to a good start taking the first game by one pin from Cliftonville with Bexleyheath in third place but in the second game the trio of Lyn Purcell, Margaret Shrimpton and Sheila White shot into the lead by 34 pins from Cliftonville represented by Carol Stevenston, Jill Houston and Joyce Chapman. However, Dagenham then decided their time had come and fired in a 574 game to take first place with Anne Forster (543), Jackie Cole (472) and Helen Butcher (502), leaving Bexleyheath in second place and Cliftonville third.

Next on the lanes were the

Men's Doubles and Mixed Doubles. The same three Centres fought out the places in the Men's Doubles ending in a narrow victory for Keith Hodge (522) and Keef Luxton (562) of Bexleyheath from Gary Stevenston and Ricky Post of Cliftonville with Terry Saunders and Pete Butcher of Dagenham third.

Southend started to show in the Mixed Doubles with Ken and Marion Drury finishing third, Tom and Sandy Sawyer of Bexleyheath coming from nowhere to take second place with a last game of 467 (Tom 223 and Sandy 244) but just failing to catch the winners Len (503) and Marge (582) Lazarus from Dagenham.

Positions after 3 events: Dagenham 15, Bexleyheath 22, Cliftonville 25, Southend 12 and Whitstable 10.

The Singles events for both Men's and Ladies' produced the first 600 series of the day when Billy Preston (Dagenham) rolled 177-191-233 for a 601 to win easily from Steve Carnall (Bexleyheath) and Sean Purcell (Whitstable). In the Ladies event the contest was more closely fought but with a middle game of 232 in her 539 series Jan Hodge (Bexleyheath) pulled away from the home girl Irene Dummett with Joan Nutt representing Dagenham in third place. How do you decide who to bowl for, Joan?

Positions after 5 events with two to go: Dagenham 40, Bexleyheath 38, Cliftonville 24, Southend 20, Whitstable 18.

The final events are the Junior

Fours and the 5 Person Teams of Classified Averages. The Junior event was scheduled to finish first and both Dagenham and Bexleyheath were looking to their Juniors to gain them vital points. It soon became apparent that these two teams would be ahead of the rest and in the first game Dagenham went into an 18 point lead which they extended to 47 pins at the end of the second game. The four lads from Bexleyheath then rolled up their sleeves and threw in a 788 game to take the 10 points for Bexleyheath and put them in a 2 point lead from Dagenham. The individual scores were (Over 16 years old) Nick Mullins 569, Neil Webb 491 (Under 16) David Petherick 528 and Robert Petherick 511. In the Dagenham Team, Micky Maher rolled 542.

Meanwhile, in the 5 Person Team event, Cliftonville shot into the lead on 876 with only a few pins separating the rest nearly 40 pins behind. In the second game, Bexleyheath fought back with a 894 game to take the lead from Dagenham and Cliftonville. The best bowling in the final game came from Southend with a 866 but the other teams were unable to catch Bexleyheath who ran out winners both of this event and the whole Competition. The Bexleyheath Team was Doreen Lodge (497), John Jones (464), John Cudmore (537), Roland Foxley (512) and Steve White (534).

Final Results:

Bexleyheath	58
Dagenham	52
Cliftonville	38
Southend	27
Whitstable	27

The trophy has been returned to Brian Langford's Office but we promise to rescue it, should his office be demolished before next year's Competition.

Huge success in first season

The success story of the SEBA Travelling League started on Walton Pier at the SEBA Championships in May 1985. I was talking to Ted Shrimpton, President of the Association, and I put to him it would be nice to see a tournament for bowlers of all averages taking part in a competition, travelling to different centres other than their own. Ted liked the idea and asked me to try and organise it and go back to SEBA Council for approval.

A challenge indeed, so I contacted all centres regarding forming a travelling league, but not only for top bowlers. To take part a team had to register a squad of nine bowlers with the following categories, 2 bowlers under 150 average, 3 bowlers

150-159 average and four bowlers over 160 average 2 of which must not be over 170 average.

Interest was shown from bowlers but Centre Managers were sceptical about it. Our first entry was from dear old Ernie Setchell who entered a squad, to be

known at Walton Spitfires. My own centre, Cliftonville, entered 2 teams led by the only Lady Captain, my wife, Irene Dummett, while Cliftonville II was headed by bowling stalwart of long standing Jim Buchanan. Southend were the next to join captained by Kevin Norris. Dagenham were again approached and Bob Hayter formed a team from his own centre and finally Keith Boyden was the last entry from Walton Pier Bowl. Bexleyheath the seventh team joined us for the second round at Whitstable.

Our first fixture was at Walton Pier Bowl and due to only 6 teams being involved we decided to bowl one game of fours against each team in the league and one game of threes against each. This being the format for the first season.

After one of the most enjoyable days bowling in my life, Walton & Walton Spitfires finished top of the league with 6 points each. Highlight of the day being a 240 high game by Francis Jones (Cliftonville I), top lady bowler was Jill Hardy (Walton) with a 168 average.

The second round was held at Whitstable, where we were delighted to be joined by a 7th team from Bexleyheath, captained by Keith Knott. Walton widened the gap at the top to 6 with 12 wins and only 2 defeats. Jill Hardy took the ladies high game with a 207. Southend climbed from 5th to 2nd place with Cliftonville I holding on to 3rd.

On to Southend for the 3rd round, Walton continued to hold 1st place with Southend closing to within 2 points and Cliftonville I still there in 3rd place. Jill Hardy improved in the ladies high game with a 223.

Bexleyheath was our next venue. Positions at the end of the day, Walton, Southend, Cliftonville I still holding 3rd place with Walton Spitfires, Dagenham and Bexleyheath in close pursuit. Bexleyheath being close pursuit. Bexleyheath being top team winning 13 out of 14 games without the aid of skipper Keith Knott.

2 games left to go and we were at Princess Bowl Dagenham. Surprise, surprise Walton slumped from 1st to last winning only 4 games. Southend moved to 1st

place, into second place moved Dagenham (best team on the day) and in 3rd place yes you've guessed it Cliftonville I. Chris Twomey took the ladies high game with a 235. At the end of the day the top team had 75 points and the last team 70 points.

What a finale at Cliftonville!!

June 1st was here, the date of the last fixture, this was the day 1st could come last and last could come 1st it was that close. Who was to crash first.

After some frantically exciting games, all suffering from nerves, the most important game of the whole season was due on the lanes, Dagenham v. Cliftonville I. Dagenham team included Captain Bob Hayter, Chris Twomey and Roy Ashenden, Cliftonville I Captain Irene Dummett, John Boulton and Andy Jasper.

Chris Twomey started off with 3 in a row which was counteracted by John Boulton's 6 in a row. The other bowlers in the match obviously under a great amount of pressure were finding it hard to keep in touch, but in the end Cliftonville I ran out winners by 572 to 433.

Cliftonville I were champions able skippered by Irene Dummett and still 1 match to go. Irene's comments were "Terrific, a real team effort by all members of Cliftonville I squad who gave 100% effort in every match". But spare a thought for Francis Jones who had held the high game for men from the very first game, John Boulton with his very last game took that with a terrific 249 game

Final Table

Cliftonville I	47½	32½	95
Southend	45½	34½	91
Dagenham	45	35	90
Walton	44	36	88
Walton Spitfires	44	36	88
Cliftonville II	44	36	88
Bexleyheath	40	25	80

Plans for 1986/7 Season

Due to the success of this year's tournament there is going to be 2 divisions of the league next season with prize fund for the first division of £2,200 and the second division will have a prize fund of £1,800.

The format will be slightly different, nine man squads will consist of 2 under 155, 3 x 155-164 and 4 x 165+ of which 2 must not be over 180 average. All games to be 5 person games.

Anyone wishing to join please contact me at the address below.

In closing I must gratefully thank the management of the bowling centres that entertained us for the day and also First Leisure Corporation for providing the trophies, AMF Humber Bowl for donating Bowling

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Richard Post dropped out through sickness and young Nick Mullins was drafted in as extra cover.

The Ladies' squad was reduced to seven as Irene Dummett has temporarily given up bowling for the nicest of reasons as she is expecting a baby, but she was very much in evidence supporting the team on the day.

The Men had a disastrous start losing to both London and Berkshire and any chance of qualifying had really gone. They then won a low scoring game against Essex by 2 pins and it was not until their fourth game that a 200 game was bowled for Kent by Mark Bird with a 239. A 210 from Mark and 213 from Steve White contributed to a 905 game for a win against Middlesex but then they lost their final game against their bogey team, Norfolk. Mark Bird was again the top average with 186.0, Steve White had 177.5 and Gordon Phillips 173.0.

The final positions in Group 1 after two rounds were:

	P	W	L	Pts.
Berkshire	12	11	1	22
Surrey	12	10	2	20
Kent	12	6	6	12
Middlesex	12	5	7	10
London	12	5	7	10
Essex	12	3	9	6
Norfolk	12	2	10	4

High Averages:

A. Barrett (Middx)	193 x 12
M. Bird (Kent)	192 x 11

High Games:

C. Buck (Middx)	256
J. Whiffen (Surrey)	256

By a quirk of the draw, Kent Ladies again started against Essex. With plenty of banter and talk of side-bets, Essex got away to a fine start and seemed to be coasting to a win, when Kent fought back over the closing frames to win 848 to 816, Christine Lodge leading the charge with a 201. Elaine Lodge came in for her first game against

Surrey but except for Lyn Purcell, the team struggled and lost by over 50 pins. However, Surrey had lost their first game so there was still a 4 point gap between second and third although London were looking threatening on their home ground.

The next game was against London and Sue courageously stayed with the same team, who came through to win by over 50 pins. The scoring was noticeably lower than at Wokingham and there was an absence of 200 games amongst all the ladies. For the next game Doreen Lodge replaced Sue Trott and we had the experience of Mother (Doreen) and her two daughters (Christine and Elaine) bowling for their County together for the first time. At this stage only Surrey had any chance of preventing Essex or Kent qualifying, Essex having lost another game. However, Middlesex were handsomely beaten and Surrey lost their game and it was all over with one game to be played. Essex kept their concentration to win the Group but Kent lost their last game against Berkshire.

The high Kent average on the day went to Christine Lodge with 180.5 and a 12 game average in the qualifying rounds of 183.9. Doreen Lodge only had 2 games at Lewisham (average 168.5) and Lyn Purcell averaged 165.8 over 6.

The final table after two rounds was:

	P	W	L	Pts.
1. Essex	12	10	2	20
2. Kent	12	9	3	18
3. Surrey	12	7	5	14
4. Berkshire	12	6	6	12
5. London	12	5	7	10
6. Middlesex	12	5	7	10
7. Norfolk	12	0	12	0

High Averages

C. Lodge (Kent)	183 x 12
G. Bevan (Middx)	181 x 11
T. Thorogood (Essex)	180 x 10
High Game	
S. White (Kent)	235

Area Championships — 1986

The 24th Annual Championships of SEBA were held at Bexleyheath in May over three weekends. There was the usual very close competition with constant changes to the Leader Board. The Championships ran to schedule under the close supervision of the Tournament Managers, John Cudmore and Christine Lodge ably assisted by several members of SEBA Council in their new distinctive sweaters.

The full results were:

Regular Handicap Singles

1. Nils Hoversholm	719
2. Harry Bracher	705
3. John Cook	702
4. Alex Hoskins	696
4. Dave Fannon	696
6. Les Ware	692
7. Robert Petherick	678
7. Darren Jarvis	678
9. John Boulton	674
10. Eric Frankland	671

Regular Handicap Doubles

1. Frank Weston/ David Middler	1363
2. Roland Foxley/ Sean Purcell	1358
3. Dennis Walker/ Keith Luxton	1356
4. Steve Dyson/ Debra Wain	1317
5. Norman Williams/ Jan Cormack	1307

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Bags as prizes and Embroiderall for donating 2 embroidered shirts as prizes.

I am also pleased to announce that next year a substantial amount of prize money has been donated by First Leisure Corporation to the league. AMF Humber Bowling are also considering a donation in some form.

Divisions 1 and 2 will be on a promotion and relegation basis as from 1986/87 season.

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Fixtures for 1986/87 season:

7 Sep Bexleyheath	at 10.00 am
5 Oct Southend	at 10.00 am
23 Nov Whistable	at 10.30 am
11 Jan Lewisham	at 10.00 am
15 Feb Stevenage	at 10.30 am
15 Mar Walton	at 10.00 am
12 Apr Cliftonville	at 10.00 am
3 May Harrow	at 10.00 am
31 May Tolworth	at 10.30 am
2 July Dagenham	at 10.00 am

As usual, Registration is 30 minutes before the above starting times.

P.S. Chas and Irene are expecting to be proud parents, due date about February 15th next year. This only 8 weeks after them being made grandparents by Chas's eldest son. The new arrival will be Aunt or Uncle to their new grandson. Irene will not be bowling again for some time.

6. John Barnes/Les Ware	1305
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7. Steve Churcher/ John Darby	1299
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Adrian & Bob Greenfield	1299
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8. Chas Painter/ John Whiffen	1296
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9. Phil Dawson/ John Boulton	1282
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10. John Terry/ Chas Dummett	1281
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Regular Handicap Team

1. Ward and Partners	3143
2. Raiders Defence	3089
3. Travellers	3064
4. Enterprise II	3046
5. Hits & Misses Strikers	3027
6. The Clubmen	3017
7. The Steelers	3013
8. Highwaymen 'B'	3009
9. Animals	3006
10. Don't Know	3002

Regular Handicap All Events

1. John Boulton	2020
2. Sean Purcell	2004
3. Phil Dawson	1967
4. Phil Eldridge	1943
5. Robert Petherick	1933
6. Ray Howard	1932
7. Carol Leeds	1917
8. Chris Skudder	1914
9. Les Watts	1912
Roland Foxley	1912

Regular Scratch Singles

1. Nils Hoversholm	640
2. Harry Bracher	634
3. Dave Fannon	633
4. Brian Greene	616
5. Roland Foxley	602
Sean Purcell	602
7. Steve White	591
8. Roy Myhill	590
9. Keith Hodge	589
10. Chris Smith	584

Regular Scratch Doubles

1. Roland Foxley/ Sean Purcell	1260
2. Dennis Walker/ Keith Luxton	1248
3. Chas Painter/ John Whiffen	1180
4. Alan Hutchins/ Pat Duggan	1145
5. Peter Coote/ Dave Lehrian	1114
Mark Bird/Les Watts	1114
7. Marc Carver/ John Coote	1107
8. Pete Butcher/ Terry Saunders	1103
9. Lee Jordan/Ian Clark	1097
10. Steve Conquer/ Keith Knott	1096

Regular Scratch Team

1. Travellers	2780
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2. Cavaliers	2728
3. Hits & Misses Strikers	2620
4. Refuge Assurance I	2592
5. Gabicci	2591

Regular Scratch All Events

1. Sean Purcell	1872
2. Roland Foxley	1750
3. Chris Smith	1721
4. Roy Myhill	1691
5. Les Watts	1687
6. Gary Steventon	1686
7. Harry Bracher	1677
Mark Presley	1677
9. John Whiffin	1676
10. Chas Painter	1673

Female Handicap Singles

1. Edith Challoner	688
2. Sue Trott	675
3. Pat Overy	666
4. Carol Leeds	661
5. Dorothy Edwards	661
6. Christine Lodge	652
7. Ruth Molineaux	645
8. Stevie Summers	641
9. Sandra Press	640
10. Susan Thomas	633

Female Handicap Doubles

1. Lesley Harman/ Sue Portsmouth	1299
2. Elaine & Christine Lodge	1286
3. Jill Houston/ Irene Dummett	1282
4. Lorraine Hubert/ Liz McHugh	1259
5. Eve Lewis/ Sandra Mitchell	1256

Female Handicap Team

1. Sherbert Lemons	3047
2. Pussy Cats	2986
3. Apollo II	2973
4. Tutti Frutti	2970
5. Ladies from Hades	2948

Female Handicap All Events

1. Elaine Lodge	1946
2. Poppy Cope	1896
3. Jenny Myhill	1884
4. Pat Overy	1872
5. Debra Wain	1870
6. Lesley Harman	1869
7. Sheila White	1861
Liz McHugh	1861
9. Jackie Playford	1851
10. Susan Thomas	1847

Female Scratch Singles

1. Edith Challoner	588
2. Sue Trott	583
3. Ruth Molineaux	582
4. Christine Lodge	564
5. Sheila White	560

Female Scratch Doubles

1. Elaine & Christine Lodge	1085
2. Lesley Harman/ Sue Portsmouth	1081
3. Lindsey Clark/ Jackie Playford	1069

Female Scratch Team

1. Tutti Frutti	2590
2. Sherbert Lemons	2554
3. Apollo II	2446

Female Scratch All Events

1. Sheila White	1672
2. Ruth Molineaux	1655
3. Jackie Playford	1644
4. Elaine Lodge	1607
5. Poppy Cope	1596

Teams to bowl in Inter-County Finals for Essex and Kent

The final averages over the two qualifying rounds for the Essex and Kent Ladies teams were:-

Essex		Kent	
Tina Thorogood	180.6	Christine Lodge	183.9
Debbie Gross	174.8	Lyn Purcell	175.6
Ruth Molineaux	173.0	Doreen Lodge	174.2
Ann Finch	170.0	Sheila White	172.6
Debbie Heffer	168.8	Beryl Drury	154.5
Jan Cormack	162.0	Sue Trott	150.1
Jenny Myhill	151.6	Irene Dummett	178.0
Sheila Staines	141.7	Elaine Lodge	150.5

The first six ladies listed above represented their County in the Finals at Wolverhampton over the weekend November 8th/9th

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County Durham won the Ladies Inter-County Title for 1986 from Yorkshire in second place and Dorset third. Essex finished seventh and Kent eighth. Full report in next issue of 'Bowling News'.



"I'm trying to improve my bowling."