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THE KENT LADIES STORM THROUGH THE SECOND ROUND TO REACH THE FINALS OF THE "INTER-COUNTIES"

by Jerry Lodge

During the summer, Christine Conner walked into a restaurant, whilst on holiday on the Norfolk Broads, to be unexpectedly greeted by Alison Teasdale, a regular member of the County Durham Ladies Team. "see you at the county finals in November, Chris?". "Most unlikely, after the way we bowled in the first round" was the reply, "but the men have a good chance".

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For anybody who follows cricket, Saturday 4th September was a significant day with the Natwest Final at Lords when Sussex broke all records by scoring 321 in their Innings, the highest ever opening score in a Final, only for Warwickshire to beat them on the last ball in the gathering gloom for one of the greatest upsets in cricket. An unbelievable for Sussex with the possibility of a new word being introduced into the vocabulary of being "Warwicked".

Back to tenpin bowling. Next day, the Second Round of the Inter-Countries (South East Zone) took place at Lloyd Lanes, Raynes Park. Eight teams in the competition, each team to play one game against all the others, seven matches in all, two points for the winners, one for a tie with overall pinfall relevant in the event of equal points, with two teams to qualify for the finals.

LADIES COMPETITION

At the start of the day, the points carried over from the First Round, Essex leading on 12, with three teams on 10 points, Sussex, London and Surrey, and Kent in 5th place on 6 points. With a maximum of 14 points on offer, Kent needed to win nearly all their matches to stand any chance.

You will hear the remark often at this event that bowling for your county is completely different to any other Tournament. Confidence and "Team Spirit" is the key and so indefinable.

Before the bowling started, the Team

Captains were informed that as Surrey had used an "Illegible" player in the first round, all their 10 points were being deducted, but would be left on the scoreboard during the day as the decision was the subject of an appeal by the Surrey Association.

Memo to BTBA: Now all members have an individual Membership Number, would it be possible to include two more fields on the Computer Database to include everybody's place of birth (as declared on Passports) and which county any bowler has last represented.

This decision brought Kent up to fourth place but with the same points deficit.

Kent started off with a win against Middlesex 879/766 through a steady performance from the whole Team of Christine Conner, Lesley Pope, Lucy Cudmore, Elaine Hinch and Sheila White, the captain at anchor. Significantly Essex lost their opening match.

Match 2 was against the home team, Surrey with current International players at lead Tina Darvill and anchor Kimberley Coote. By steadily raising their game, the ladies ran out comfortable winners 902/833, Christine recording the first 200 game of the team for the day with exactly 200. Both Essex and Sussex lost their games reducing further the points difference but Kent were still in 5th place.

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The last game before the lunch interval and lane dressing was against the 'auld enemy', Essex, but on this occasion the fire had gone out from Essex and Kent won by 915/843, with 200 games from sisters Christine Conner (204) and Elaine Hinch (206). Sussex lost again but London had won their first three matches.

After the break, during which the Kent and London captains, who often bowl together in other competitions, were observed to be in deep conversation. Kent made one change to their team bringing in Beryl Drury for teenager Lucy Cudmore for the important and possible crucial match against London.

A tense close match found the Kent Ladies increasing their scores further to win 944/900, with Elaine having another high score of 214 and Lesley Pope a 205. In this series, Essex recorded their first win of the day and both Surrey and Sussex also won. By now Kent were on the same points as both Essex and Sussex but lower pinfall, with London and Surrey two points ahead.

The last leading team to play was Sussex, anchored by Carol Callow who now bowls regularly at Bexleyheath. With even higher scoring, the Ladies comprehensively won this game by 988/795, with Beryl Drury warming up with a 205 game and Sheila White anchoring with an excellent 232. Essex lost again moving Kent up to third place and more importantly bringing Kent up to highest pinfall overall.

There is no such thing as an easy match at County Level, but on paper Kent now had two games to play against teams lower in the table, with London having to play Essex followed by Surrey in the last game.

Against Suffolk in game 6, the Kent Ladies recorded their highest score of the day with 1002 with a 225 from Elaine and a 227 from Beryl to win by over 200 pins. With London and Surrey winning, the team entered the final game with a large pinfall advantage so a win would guarantee a place in the final, but a loss may leave matters in the air with Surrey appealing against their points loss situation.

No such fears as Kent went out in style winning easily against Hertfordshire by 944/769, with Christine Conner rolling a 237 to take the highest pinfall in the team and Beryl Drury bowling her third 200 game in a row with a 204. All eyes were on the close match between London and Surrey where in the last frame, London ran out winners 924 to 909 to win the Group, leaving Kent, unbeaten on the day, also qualifying for the Finals in second place.

Final Positions

County	W.	L.	Pinfall	Pts.
London	11	3	12144	22
Kent	10	4	12273	20
Surrey	10	4	11881	20
Sussex	8	6	11918	16
Essex	7	7	12047	14
Middlesex	4	10	11629	8
Suffolk	4	10	11009	8
Hertfordshire	2	12	10509	4

The full total scores of the Kent team on the day were:-

	Pinfall	Ave.
Beryl Drury	792 (4)	198.0
Christine Conner	1373 (7)	196.1
Elaine Hinch	1332 (7)	190.2
Sheila White	1306 (7)	186.5
Lesley Pope	1271 (7)	181.5
Lucy Cudmore	500 (3)	166.6

TEAM TOTAL 6574 (35) 187.8

At this stage special mention must be made of the seventh member of the Team, Poppy Cope, who didn't bowl a ball on the day but played an invaluable part in maintaining the morale and spirit of the Team through all the matches.

There was appreciative support behind the lanes and the ladies are now looking forward to the Finals to be held at Solar Bowl, Norwich over the weekend of 13/14 November 1993, where a total of 10 Teams will be in competition.

MEN.

At the start of the day, the Kent Men's Team were lying 2nd place on 11 points behind Middlesex (13) and ahead of Suffolk and Surrey (8), Sussex and Essex (6) London (4) and Hertfordshire (0). In the first round, Kent had tied with Middlesex to deprive them of their only point of the day, and ironically, the first match of the second round was against Middlesex, who obviously felt they had a point to prove starting off with a 1018

game to beat the Kent team of Mike Luckhurst, Steve Carnall, Steve White, Keith Hodge and John Amos (200) who totalled 909.

With the same team, Kent narrowly lost to Surrey by 924 to 942, but with Brian Millgate coming in for Keith Hodge raised their game to win match 3 against Essex by 1005/921 with high games from Steve Carnall (227), Mike Luckhurst (207), Steve White (206) and John Amos (203).

After the break Brian Millgate struck form with a 239 game and 213 from John Amos gave a team total of 971 which was not enough to beat London with 1044.

Steve Carnall rolled a 221 game against Sussex in game 5 but a total of 942 was just not enough in a desperately close finish with Sussex edging home on 951.

By now the chances of qualifying for the final had virtually disappeared and game 6 was lost to Suffolk 865/922, (Steve Carnall 220), Richard Post having replaced John Amos who came back into the final game for Mick Luckhurst which resulted in a win against Hertfordshire by 866/768, with another high game from Steve Carnall of 203.

The scores of the individual bowlers on the day were:-

	Pinfall	Ave.
Steve Carnall	1434 (7)	204.8
John Amos	1140 (6)	190.0
Brian Millgate	921 (5)	184.2
Mike Luckhurst	1099 (6)	183.1
Steve White	1262 (7)	180.2
Keith Hodge	329 (2)	164.5
Richard Post	297 (2)	148.5

TEAM TOTAL 6482 (35) 185.2

Final Positions

County	W	L	Pinfall	pts.
Middlesex	11.5	2.5	12403	23
Suffolk	9	5	11880	18
Sussex	8	6	11926	16
Surrey	7	7	11617	14
Kent	6.5	7.5	11839	13
London	5	9	11773	10
Essex	4	10	11819	8
Hertfordshire	1	13	10360	2

KENT COMBINATION FOURS

by Christine Conner

The 3rd of October saw the welcome return to our calendar of the Kent Combination Fours Tournament. After a couple of years when insufficient support led to the cancellation of this event, it was decided to throw it open to Non-Kent bowlers and we received an encouraging response. The 29 teams who took part over the two weekends seemed to enjoy the increased competition as well as the usual warm welcome from the Cliftonville Staff and Management.

Apart from the eventual winners, who are shown below, there were some fine individual performances deserving a mention.

Top scratch series of the tournament was shared with 650 from Cliftonville's Chris Smith and Bexleyheath's Ivan Amos. Two of our visitors also found the Kent coast to their liking, Fred Illings and Brian Hassack from Dagenham shot 648 and 635 respectively, in helping their team, The Black Diamonds, into the prize money.

Local bowlers, Clive Smith, Kevin Miles, Ron Johnson and Paul Crundell all shot over 600 as several local teams figured in the top positions.

Bexleyheath's Alan Petherick, John Hinch and Rod Wickens upheld the honour of north Kent by topping the magic 600.

The many ladies completing were led score wise by Kent County team member Elaine Hinch with a 599.

However the top scratch scores were not the emphasis of the tournament, as the prizes concentrated on handicap performance and team effort.

The overall tournament average was 160, with many bowlers recording qualifying scores for the KTBA Club event as well as seasons best scores. We hope all those completing enjoyed the event and will try again next year. Many thanks once again to Jackie and her staff.

RESULTS

Combination

1st	Reactive Raisans	4936	Clif
2nd	Black Diamonds	4897	Dag
3rd	Two by Two	4894	Whit

Team

1st	24 Karat	2541	Clif/Mar
2nd	Black Diamonds	2501	Dag
3rd	Kaos 69ers	2458	Clif/Mar

Doubles

1st	Kevin Miles/Ron Johnson	1372	Clif
2nd	Ivan Amos/Paul Fletcher	1342	Bex
3rd	Paul Crundell/Chris Smith	1318	Clif
4th	Paul Crundell/Chris Rice	1316	Clif
5th	Roy and Maureen Memmott	1273	Bex
6th	Sandy Knapp/Jeanette Bartrum	1271	Bex

EDITORIAL

I am very surprised by the number of people who have asked me "WHERE IS BOWLING NEWS", have I more readers than I thought or is it useful for some other purpose?

Seriously, we in the KTBA work for you, the bowlers, in our spare time. No spare time no work for KTBA.

As many of you know, this year has been a very busy one for me, both at work (where I have just completed the largest overseas contract my firm has had for many years) and at home, my daughters seem to be bowling somewhere every weekend. I believe that your home life and your work must come before my work for Bowling News, although if someone wants to pay my salary for the rest of my working life I would put Bowling News first.

I wish to publicly thank all those who have donated prizes to our fund raising tombola's and raffles, my thanks go to council members Ivan Amos and Ed Lane for arranging this and I regret not having recognised and thanked the individuals and companies earlier in the publication, I am making their job more difficult in the future.

My thanks to South Eastern Pro Shop, New Eltham Sports, Attrills Dry Cleaners of Footscray Road, Spraystore Maidstone and all the many teams and individuals who donated prizes.

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ANOTHER USE FOR A BOWLING BALL?

A Singapore taxi driver who used a bowling ball and a crowbar to pursue a second career as a thief has been caught and sentenced to 12 years in jail and 12 strokes with the cane.

It was reported that Yusof Abu Hassan, whose one man crime wave apparently began this past January, was apprehended by police in October when several officers noticed the ball and crowbar in his taxi.

Police had previously surmised that a series of shop robberies had been committed by someone using a heavy object to smash the glass door of the shops before prying locks open with the crowbar.

After being confronted by the police, Yusof ran away and was captured at a nearby school.

He later admitted to the crimes, saying he had been jailed for housebreaking in 1978 but had gone straight after his release four years later, only to return to crime after his marriage ended.

It was not revealed if Yusof was a regular league or club bowler.

PARIS INTERNATIONAL MIXED DOUBLES

The first American team ever to play in the Paris International Mixed Doubles Tournament walked off with the top prize of FF7,000. Jeff O'Neill of Anchorage, Alaska and Lu Perry of the North Pole (yes, North Pole), averaged 208 during the event to post a winning total of 8332, nearly 300 pins better than the final score of 8069 rolled by Parisians Angele Loeb and Alain Bernard. The Americans also hit the high team game of the tournament with their 504. Jeff O'Neill and Lou Perry defeated 83 other couples to win the title.

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UK AND IRELAND CORPORATE GAMES

by Tom McQuade

The UK and Ireland Corporate Games were held at Milton Keynes during June.

Three regular bowlers at Bexleyheath Superbowl took part in the Tenpin Bowling events bowling for their respective companies.

Eddie Flett and Michael Yau with the Wellcome Foundation and Tom McQuade with the Mercury Communications. All did well and gained medals.

Eddie and Michael won Silver medals in the Men's Open Handicap doubles.

Tom won three Gold medals in the Men's Over 60's Scratch Singles, Men's 50-59 Scratch Doubles and with the Mercury Communications team in the Corporate Team Scratch Mixed Open Event.

Next year's event was due to be held in Dublin but indications from the competitors suggested it would not be a popular venue and there was talk that it might return to Milton Keynes.

The event was quite well supported but there is room for many more participants.

After talking to people at different centres since the event I have found that there was a general lack of publicity. I am sure that the entry could be much bigger in coming years.

KENT JUNIOR CHALLENGE TOURNAMENT

by Steve Milham

Cliftonville YBC hosted the Kent Junior Challenge Tournament on the 23rd of October at the Top Ten Bowl, it was a handicap singles, doubles tournament with a one game team event at the end of the day.

In the singles, top honours went to Danny Kendrew with 648 and just one pin behind were Kelly Arthur and Michael Chang both with 647.

In the doubles the winners were Daniel Marsh and Jason Beard with a total of 1204, in second place were Rory Snook and Chris Hall with 1195 and in third place Darren Hatton and Simon Coppins with 1168.

The team event went to the Whitstable Oysters, Samantha Cooper, Jennifer Beale, Jason Whorlow and Mark Lovett with a team total of 790.

Individual high game of the day went to Kelly Arthur and Michael Chang both bowling 225.

Special thanks to John Boulton and Pat Milham who worked so hard to make the tournament a success.

LETTERS

TOP TEN BOWL, CLIFTONVILLE

Dear Sir,

In reply to Mr. Ted Shrimpton's comments, Re:- Bowling conditions at Top Ten, Cliftonville, as featured in the "Failure Club" in last July's edition.

I would just like to point out, that conditions at Cliftonville are 30' of sandpaper 30' of gravel, not 20' - 40' as stated.

I would also like to point out that during last season's bowling at Top Ten no fewer than 5 House Records were broken, most of which had stood for many years, using 30 - 30 oil conditions.

HOUSE RECORDS BROKEN

Singles

Mike Luckhurst 746 series
Dave Buck 734 series

Trio's

The Crab Army 700 game

Fours

24 Carrot 862 game
24 Carrot 2454 series
Junior scores worthy of a mention

Fours

Toxic Waste 830 game
Toxic Waste 2432 series

Not bad for gravel type lane conditions.

Yours faithfully

Alan Hawkins. (Head Mechanic)

BRITAIN'S PAULINE SMITH, GERMANY'S RAINER PUISIS REIGN AT SOUTH AFRICA'S FIRST BOWLING WORLD CUP

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Britain's Pauline Smith, a 37 year old newspaper circulation manager, topped off a career year while 29 year old German national member Rainer PUISIS notched his first international victory ever at the 29th AMF Bowling World Cup at Northcliff Bowl in Johannesburg.

Pauline, who had previously won the World Games, the British Open, the Euro Zone doubles and team and numerous other honors in 1993, defeated Dutch national bowler Ross Greiner in the finals of the women's stepladder, 178-177, when the Dutch girl left a stubborn 7 pin on her final delivery in the 10th frame. Ross Greiner had paced the 40 woman field at Northcliff from the first day of qualifying but could not connect with any consistency during the televised finals. Ironically, Pauline attributed her success in the stepladder to the TV imposed requirements of having each woman's game alternate with one of the men's stepladder games. "The Bowl a game, wait a game format was perfect for me, because I had injured the tendon on my bowling ring finger and this gave me a chance to rest between games," Pauline said afterwards. Her victory is her second World Cup title, she also won the crown in New York, in 1981.

Pauline's other victories in the stepladder finals were against Lotta Lundin from Sweden, 237-202, Stacy Manley, USA, 223-182 and Arianne Cerdana, Philippines, 210-183.

Rainer PUISIS, whose main claim to fame prior to Johannesburg

was winning the 1992 German Mixed Masters title, was a dark horse in the 47 man field among the likes of tournament leader Tomas Leandersson of Sweden and defending champion Paeng Nepomuceno of the Philippines, who was seeking his fourth cup. However, the young mechanic mowed down Nepomuceno in the semifinal match 227-174 and then convincingly overcame 1993 World Games king Leandersson, 258-184 to capture the title.

Britain's Paul Delany just missed the cut off for the stepladder and finished in a creditable seventh place, although he did have the honour of bowling the highest game of the championships, a 280.

The Bowling World Cup was saddled with its first ever Weather delay, as a leaky roof during a rainstorm forced postponement of play during the men's qualifying midway through tournament week. Play was delayed for approximately one hour while the leak over lanes 9 and 10 was temporarily repaired, no further delays occurred for the remainder of the tournament.

The federations of Hungary, Cyprus, Botswana and Martinique sent representatives to the Cup for the first time.

The 30th edition of the AMF Bowling World Cup will be staged at Hermosillo, Mexico between the 6th and 11th of November 1994.

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TAPPED OUT

By John Boulton

Reproduced from the 17th January 1976 edition of Royal Air Force News

It was a normal league game
our lad he hit the mark,
a graceful ball that carried well
swept all into the dark.

A double now was in his mind
to put his team ahead
his run up was a long one
as to that mark he sped.

The ball swept all before it
as it was meant to do
a third time now he tried the same
that was successful too!

the 4th and 5th were pocket balls
that clearly left no doubt,
a good sound when the ball is right
and all the pins fade out.

The lad now had a sweat on
as from the rack he took
his bowling ball in nervous hand
and prayed hard for that hook.

This time the line a trifle wide,
he's thrown the game away;
but no the pins come bouncing back
and ten pins down they lay.

The 7th and 8th were lovely
balls that were a joy to see
the players now all gave a roar
"Let's see that perfect three".

His heart beat at a faster rate
as the ninth ball he let go
crossed the head-pin Brooklyn side,
but still the pins all flow.

The final frame needs all his skill,
three balls that must be right
to be amongst the immortal few
all bowlers dream at night.

The ball was good upon the wood,
his follow through well planned,
a nervous moment for the lad
as the ten pin tries to stand.

Two balls to go, and tension high,
our lad's nerves now are taut.
On the approach he starts his run,
what now will be his thought?

The ball is high on the head pin
it isn't looking good
but lady luck is on his side
in the mixing of the wood.

The last ball was a beauty,
along that curving line
it hammered in the pocket
but sadly left pin nine.

The moral of this story,
if you are in any doubt,
"You may think you are the greatest,
but the pins will find you out."

MIKE LUCKHURST 300

Congratulations to Mike Luckhurst for
bowling his **second** 300 game.

Mike, bowling for his team, Bowlmasters,
in the Blackpin league at Top Ten Bowl
Cliftonville, rolled his "Perfecto" in game
three of their match.

Mike's other games of the night were
212 and 182 for a 694 series.

More news on this in the next issue.

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