

Melton v Stamford January 18th 2020

Match Report

They confidently predicted we couldn't do it. Traditionally, the fast Stamford Green doesn't suit our players. We should resign ourselves to a crushing defeat, they said.

As the match got under way it seemed that the prophets of doom had got it right. After 10 ends we trailed 66-40. Malcolm's team 11-1 behind. Evelyn's team suffering a 17-2 deficit. Not much reason for optimism, you might think.

But never underestimate the determination of our Friendly Squad! Evelyn inspired her team to win the next 10 ends, finally losing narrowly 20-18. Malcolm's team took the lead going into the last end, finally losing narrowly 16-15.

Our winning team was led by George, ably supported by Walter, Eileen and John Fairbrother. Score 28-17 to Melton.

The match ended 122-109 to Stamford, Melton having briefly closed the gap to only 4 shots.

An enjoyable afternoon ended with a tasty meal, a raffle which Melton won convincingly, and an entertaining speech by Stamford's Captain Maggie in which she poured unstinting praise on Melton's inspirational fight-back.

That's surely what Bowls is all about!

Malcolm Lomax