



## EIBA Liberty Trophy Inter – County

Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> November 2016 - Leicestershire CIBA 'V' Warwickshire CIBA

### Match Report

Good fight backs on Rinks 1 and 5 including a 16<sup>th</sup> end seven helped Warwickshire's cause on the tricky Slater Street carpet and it was pleasing to see the early big losses had reduced from the mid-point of the game to just a few:

Shots score	WCIBA	LCIBA	
Nil			2
One	24	24	
Two	12	20	
Three	7	10	
Four	3	3	
Five	1	1	
Six	0	0	
Seven	1	0	
Eight	0	0	
Ends Won	48	58	2

Looking at plus points:

- Four Under 25 players were selected in the team
- Warwickshire managed to win on three out of the six rinks
- Rink 5 picked up a seven
- From 29 shots down after 12 ends, Warwickshire pulled back to within 11 shots at 16 ends (an 18 shot gain over 24 ends)
- WCIBA never gave up and slowly pulled themselves back into contention towards the end of the game.

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The new reduced format introduced by the EIBA of 18 ends certainly didn't help our efforts on the day especially after the poor start, we seemed to be running out of ends extremely quickly in the game and I'm not one to say if we had the additional 18 ends left to play the match score would have been different but I can add this definitely helped the home advantage Leicester had at the start of the game!

Moving forward we have the Midland Counties (Warwick Trophy) matches to contest and I will treat these three games as trails towards next seasons Liberty Trophy team. Changes will be made to give all players the opportunity to compete in their preferred positions.

Sunday, 19 <sup>th</sup> February 2017 – Leicestershire CIBA	Away	TBC	10:00
Sunday, 19 <sup>th</sup> March 2017- Northants CIBA	Home	Solihull IBC	10:00
Saturday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> April 2017 – Bedfordshire CIBA	Away	Bedford Borough IBC	14:30

Finally may I thank all players for making the effort to support and represent Warwickshire, hopefully next year the EIBA will reward us with a home tie something we're not had the luxury of since 2012 – 2013.

We forward our best wishes to Leicestershire CIBA in the remainder of the competition

**Brian Lees – Team Manager**

**28<sup>th</sup> November 2016**