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National Finals

Delamere Forest Monday 16th September to Friday 20th September 2019

We are just back from an exhilarating but exhausting week's golf at the National Women's County Team Finals, representing Midlands South Region. We took a full team of 12 players this year: names below in alphabetical order:

Georgina Bowers (The Lambourne)
Ella Butteriss (Wexham Park)
Hannah Cash (The Buckinghamshire)
Amelia Curtis (Stoke Park)
Daisy Kennedy (Stoke Park)
Rosie Bee Kim (The Buckinghamshire)
Thalia Kirby (Stoke Park)
Alice Kozlowski (Ellesborough)
Olivia Lee (Gerrards Cross)
Susanna Mitterer (Woburn)
Jessica Pilgrim (Stoke Park)
Grace Rigby-Walden (Gerrards Cross)

Helen Mines and Carolyn Rivett shared "House Mum" duties, supported by Sally Harborne and myself. We had good weather, so there was a full programme of matches this year. I have written a review of the week (see below). Then we have set out the individual results on a day by day basis. Photos will be added in a few days time.

In the meantime, if you would like to see the results of all the counties you can do so via the [England Golf live leaderboard](#), via the following link:

<https://www.Englandgolf.org/competition/womens-county-finals/#/competition/1710326/roundrobin>
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Gail Sharp County Captain

Captain's Report on the National Finals 2019

Sunday 15th September: The team arrived mid morning at Delamere Forest Golf Club for the practice day. The course can best be described as a hilly, heathland course, with brutal rough bordering the fairways, few flat lies, several blind tee shots and long carries. The normal course from the red tees is 5596 yards (Par73). England Golf set up a composite course, which extended the overall yardage to 6066 yards (par 72).

Monday 16th September: The weather for our first match against Yorkshire started off misty; overnight rain made initial playing conditions tricky, slower greens and a long course longer! Our girls were up in all 3 foursomes matches most of the way round, but putts did not drop and we ended up 3 down at lunchtime. The weather improved for the afternoon singles, with some sunshine. The Yorkshire girls were unrelentingly steady. Bucks girls were occasionally up in some of the matches but mostly struggled to make any inroads once down. Thalia kept us from a complete whitewash by winning her singles match 2 Up. In the evening we heard that we had been voted "best dressed buggy" by England Golf: congratulations to our President, Sally, for her handiwork!

Tuesday 17th September: Our second match against Lincolnshire. The weather was chilly with overcast skies. The initial scoring in the morning foursomes was a bit "nip and tuck", but at lunchtime, we were 3 nil up! This included wins by our two rookies Ella and Jess with some assistance from their respective partners of course Hannah and Amelia, and Ella almost scored a hole in one at the Par 3 4th hole, captured on video by England Golf. In the afternoon the sun came out and the team played some excellent golf, sinking putts from all over the greens. Wins by Olivia (6/5), Alice and Thalia (both 5/4) and Rosie (4/3) gave us an overall win of 7/2 and our first two match points.

Wednesday 18th September: The weather on Wednesday was a little warmer, although the skies were overcast most of the day. With very heavy dew, England Golf decided to instigate preferred lies and this continued for the rest of the week. Alice and Georgie started our match against Norfolk with an excellent 6/5 win, but we lost our other two foursomes matches on the 16th and 17th greens. The afternoon singles started well, with Thalia winning her match, followed by a half from Daisy and a win by Rosie; however 3 losses in the last 3 matches meant an overall loss to Norfolk 3.5 to 5.5

Thursday 19th September: Totally clear blue skies greeted us on Thursday with afternoon temperatures reaching 18/19 c. Our match against Surrey was tense and exhilarating. At lunchtime Alice and Hannah had won our first match but we lost the second and third on the Par 3 16th hole. Our first two singles were also both losses at which point we had 1 win to Surrey's 4. Then Amelia won her singles, making it 2 - 4, Thalia won, making it 3 - 4. Grace was 2 down after 16 holes but holed a greenside bunker for a birdie on the 17th and then hit an astonishing approach shot to the 18th for another birdie and to halve the hole, making it 3.5 - 4.5. Daisy was 1 up on the 18th, but put her second shot into the trees. The ball was found in an unpromising place but she fired it across the fairway into the rough, then played a spectacular shot to the green and sunk the putt to halve the hole and win her match. End result was 4.5 - 4.5, giving us our third match point.

Friday 20th September: The last day was sunny and warm, our players were tired and our opponents were Gloucester, who were already in an unassailable position, having beaten all the other counties. We took the

decision to play all our players on the last day and the team came up trumps. Olivia and Rosie (our first foursomes pairing) started with a win 5/3 and Georgie and Daisy managed a second foursomes win. After lunch, Alice won her singles match comfortably 5/4, Amelia (having started with an eagle on the first hole) secured another singles win 2/1. At this point we were 4 - 1 up. Our next two singles were losses, now 4 - 3 up. We were willing Grace to repeat her Thursday performance but despite some excellent play, her opponent's putting just took the 4th win on the 18th green. Now 4 - 4. Everyone raced back up the 18th to watch Thalia coming down the 17th fairway 1 up. Her opponent holed out for a 5; Thalia was on the green in 2, putted close to the pin and was down for 4, giving Bucks the match win over Gloucester 5 - 4 and 2 more match points.

The final results were:

1st Gloucester 8 match points
 2nd Lincolnshire 6 match points
 3rd Surrey 5 match points (21.5 game points)
 4th Bucks 5 match points (21 game points)
 5th Yorkshire 4 match points
 6th Norfolk 2 match points

There were many wonderful moments during the week from all the players, both those who have experienced the National Finals before and the rookies. Our young team attracted a lot of praise for their polite demeanour and good sportsmanship (whether winning or losing). It gave me great pleasure to award Amelia Curtis and Rosie Bee Kim with their County First Team colours at the end of the week.

I would like to thank:

- * Tony Bowers our County Coach for all his hard work and dedication to the team. His support is excellent, and as our nominated Advice Giver, he tears around the course keeping in touch with as many matches as he can.
- * the support team of our President Sally and the joint House Mums Helen and Carolyn, who between them organised everything from decorating the buggy, feeding the team, washing the kit, supervising homework, sorting out caddies and making sure that everyone got to the club at the right time
- * Nancy Smith, who was our lovely dedicated Delamere Forest hostess, who lent us a trolley every day and made us fudge
- * the parents who brought the younger team members to the venue on Sunday and collected them on Friday, with some extra caddying thrown in as well
- * the Bucks supporters who turned up to watch (Marion Purdy, Margaret and Tony Maisey, Cathy Armstrong, and Lynda and David Hilton) and to the many ladies and ladies' sections that sent the team good luck cards
- * the Delamere Forest club organisers, staff and members who were universally helpful and friendly
- * the England Golf organiser James and his voluntary control desk organiser, Lesley, who took everything in their stride
- * all the other County Captains, Presidents and teams who were courteous and friendly whatever the match results
- * and finally to the Bucks team themselves, who played so well and were supportive of each other. It was a delight to watch them (if a bit nerve-racking at times).

Gail Sharp, County Captain 2019

Match	Bucks v Yorkshire		
Mon 16th Sept 2019	Morning Foursomes		
1st Pair	Alice Koslowski Olivia Lee	v	Nicola Slater Hannah Holden win 2/1
2nd Pair&/	Thalia Kirby Grace Rigby-Walden		Melissa Wood Deb Henery Win 1 up
3rd Pair	Susanna Mitterer Ella Butteriss		Lily Hurst Jess Hosking Win 2 up
AM Result	0	v	3
	Afternoon Singles		
1st Singles	Alice Kozlowski	v	Nicola Slater Win 2/1
2nd Singles	Thalia Kirby Win 2Up	v	Lily Hurst
3rd Singles	Daisy Kennedy	v	Mia Eales-Smith Win 3/2
4th Singles	Georgina Bowers	v	Beth Norton Win 3/2
5th Singles	Amelia Curtis	v	Evie Cooke Win 6/5
6th Singles	Hannah Cash	v	Hannah Holden Win 2/1
PM Result	1		5
Overall result	Match points		Game points
Bucks	0		1
Yorks	2		8

Match	Lincs v Bucks		
Tues 17th Sept 2019	Morning Foursomes		
1st Pair	Georgina Bowers Daisy Kennedy Win 3/2	v	Ellise Rymer India Clyburn
3rd Pair	Amelia Curtis Jessica Pilgrim Win 4/2		Billie Jo Smith Tilly Garfoot
2nd Pair	Hannah Cash Ella Butteriss Win 1 Up		Meg Illingworth Sophie Beardsall
AM Result	3	v	1
	Afternoon Singles		
1st Singles	Alice Kozlowski Win 5/4	v	India Clyburn
2nd Singles	Thalia Kirby Win 5/4	v	Billie Jo Smith
3rd Singles	Grace Rigby-Walden	v	Ellise Rymer Win 3/2
4th Singles	Rosie Bee Kim Win 4/3	v	Lucy Hull
5th Singles	Olivia Lee Win 6/5	v	Tilly Garfoot
6th Singles	Susanna Mitterer	v	Helen Mcdougal Win 6/5
PM Result	4		2
Overall result	Match points		Game points
Lincs	0		2
Bucks	2		7

Match	Norfolk v Bucks		
Wed 18th Sept 2019	Morning Foursomes		
1st Pair	Georgina Bowers Alice Kozlowski Win 6/5	v	Hope Neild Eve Neild
2nd Pair	Grace Rigby-Walden Olivia Lee		Abigail O'Riordan Tiffany Mills Win 3/2
3rd Pair	Amelia Curtis Jessica Pilgrim		Jo Herd Karen Young Win 2/1
AM Result	1	v	2
	Afternoon Singles		
1st Singles	Thalia Kirby Win 2/1	v	Imogen Leeder
2nd Singles	Daisy Kennedy A/S	v	Abigail O'Riordan A/S
3rd Singles	Rosie Bee Kim Win 2 up	v	Chloe Gibbs
4th Singles	Georgina Bowers	v	Karen Young Win 5/4
5th Singles	Hannah Cash	v	Joanne Herd Win 1 Up
6th Singles	Ella Butteriss	v	Tiffany Mills Win 6/4
PM Result	2.5		3.5
Overall result	Match points		Game points
Bucks			
Norfolk	0		3.5
	2		5.5

Match	Bucks v Surrey		
Thurs 19th Sept 2019	Morning Foursomes		
1st Pair	Alice Kozlowski Hannah Cash Win 4/2	v	Jessica Adams Charlotte Griffith
2nd Pair	Thalia Kirby Rosie Bee Kim		Tana Churchill Ellie Lace Win 3/2
3rd Pair	Jessica Pilgrim Ella Butteriss		Nicola Taylor Gabby Shacklady Win 3/2
AM Result	1	v	2
	Afternoon Singles		
1st Singles	Alice Kozlowski	v	Lottie Woad Win 2/1
2nd Singles	Olivia Lee	v	Rafiah Banday Win 5/4
3rd Singles	Amelia Curtis Won 3/1	v	Ellie Lace
4th Singles	Grace Rigby-Walden A/S	v	Nicola Taylor A/S
5th Singles	Rosie Bee Kim Won 5/4	v	Canice Screene
6th Singles	Daisy Kennedy Win 1up	v	Olivia Horsford
PM Result	3.5		2.5

Overall result	Match points	Game points
Bucks	1	4.5
Surrey	1	4.5

Match	Bucks v Glos	
Fri 20th Sept 2019	Morning Foursomes	
1st Pair	Olivia Lee Rosie Bee Kim Win 5/3	v Grace Connelly Claudia Ovens
2nd Pair	Georgina Bowers Daisy Kennedy Win 1 Up	Jess Brown Sam Round
3rd Pair	Susanna Mitterer Ella Butteriss	Megan Bartlett Alex Saunders Win 3/2
AM Result	2	v 1
	Afternoon Singles	
1st Singles	Alice Kozlowski Win 5/4	v Megan Bartlett
2nd Singles	Amelia Curtis Win 2/1	v Issy Hopkins
3rd Singles	Hannah Cash	v Jess Brown Win 4/3
4th Singles	Jessica Pilgrim	v Grace Connelly Win 4/2
5th Singles	Grace Rigby-Walden	v Ffion Tynan Win 1 Up
6th Singles	Thalia Kirby Win 2/1	v Alex Saunders
PM Result	3	3

Overall result	Match points	Game points
Bucks	2	5
Glos	0	4

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