

Club Friendly

Burford v Malmesbury

at Malmesbury 20th July 2025

Burford		shots	Malmesbury		shots
R1					
R2	Roger Hopkins	11	Bob		16
R3	Jack Lafford	25	Bobby		10
R4	John Hurren	23	Roger		16
R5	Jeff Bizzell	20	Rob		11
Total		79	Total		53

Always a pleasure to visit possibly one of the most picturesque settings for a bowls green. It is certainly a credit to the club to have recovered from a disastrous winter that saw the clubhouse under two foot of water and the sand, under the all-weather surface, disturbed up into lumps and piles.

Roger Hopkins' triple on Rink2 were in front 5-4 at the 6th end then again 6-5 at the 8th end but then dropped nine-shots on the next five ends to find themselves 6-14 down at the 12th end. Five-shots brought them back to 11-14 at the 16th end but two single shots against on the final two ends gave a final score of 11-16. Jack Lafford fared much better on Rink3 and steamrolled to an 18-1 lead at the 7th end, even five-shots away on the 8th end did not dent the score too much as they went on to score seven-shots to four-shots over the remaining ends to finish convincing 25-10 winners and collected the pens. John Hurren on Rink4 also enjoyed the green and were always in front bar a couple of ends around the 8th end but then pulled back in front on the 12th end when 11-10 up. Twelve-shots to six on the final six ends resulted in a 23-16 win. Similarly Jeff Bizzell on Rink5 went from 6-1 up at the 5th end to 14-4 at the 12th end, then 18-7 at the 14th end and ended 20-11 winners.

Some Malmesbury bowlers commented on how well we adjusted to the all-weather surface, proof that bowling technique helps a great deal.