

BOWLS NEWS

WEST EALING TRIPLE FALL AT LAST HURDLE

WATCHED by a large contingent of members from their own and other local clubs, West Ealing failed to add the National Triples title to the County and London and Southern Counties Championships already won when W. Simpson, J. Holliday and E. Sussex were beaten by Leamington Spa (Warwickshire) at Mortlake by six shots, after a wonderful exhibition of bowling from both teams.

Leading eight shots to 3 at six ends, they failed to maintain their advantage, and at 11 ends Warwickshire were 12 shots to 8 up due to some superb shots by their skip R. Amphlett, and although levelling the score 12-all at 14 ends were unable to score again.

Full results—1st round: Middlesex (W. Ealing) 24, Cumberland (Carlisle W End) 6 (after 16 ends); 2nd round: Middlesex (W. Ealing) 26 Beds (Luton Town) 9; 3rd round: Middlesex (W. Ealing) 30, Cambs. (St. Neot's) 7; 4th round: Middlesex (W. Ealing) 18, Warwicks (Sphinx) 13; semi-final: Middlesex (W. Ealing) 25, Somerset (Clevedon) 9 (after 17 ends); final: Middlesex (W. Ealing) 12, Warwicks (Leamington Spa) 19.

The West Ealing players are to be congratulated on a magnificent performance which brings great credit to themselves, their club and their county. This is the second time in their history that West Ealing have reached a National Final. In 1949 the late Arthur Collins was runner-up in the singles. Will it be third time lucky?

J. Holliday and W. Simpson