



Honiton line up with CoB for their second round Euro Cup clash at the Larkhall Sports Ground, Bath.

After the 2018 Devon League programme was completed, Honiton's club team still had involvement with the 2018/19 Euro Cup to look forward to over the Winter.

They exited at the second round stage in September beaten 4-1 by City of Bath PC, the strongest side in the Great Western Region, but it was an extremely creditable performance. After the triples round the sides were level at one apiece, though CoB did then show their extra class by easing to victory, winning all 3 games in the doubles round. Honiton finished with a very respectable 35 points in total and much was learnt from an enjoyable trip, playing against higher class opponents on a piste new to the players.

However participation was not over for Honiton as this year first and second round losers drop into the Euro Cup National Plate competition. In November they faced Bath Sporting Cocks, another strong team from the GWR, in the second round.

Crucially this time they were drawn at home, which levelled the playing field a bit more, and ran out 4-1 winners for a surprise result. Having lost the first triple the second Honiton trio came back from a big deficit to level the match just when things seemed to be running according to the form book. The hosts then won all 3 doubles games with comparative ease for a decisive victory.

The third round will be played in February and the club are fortunate to have been drawn at home again. And once more they will face another good team from the GWR, Northey Arms Boules Club from Box in Wiltshire. The prize at stake is a place in the last eight of the competition.

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