

London Pride (Darts World report) March 2018

SENIOR COUNTY

London hosted 3rd placed local rivals Essex and the game started with mother vs daughter when newly signed London player Sue Condon (15.65) was drawn to play daughter Steph Hewson (17.68) who came out with a 3-0 win, Dee Belcher (16.04) won 3-1 against Nicky Bewick (14.97) before Tammy Mackenzie (17.49) lost 3-0 to Essex award winner Wendy Reader (18.33) who hit a nice 103 outshot in the 2nd leg, Su Holt (16.34) won the London match award with a nice win 3-0 over Zara Rose (14.67), Lynne Biondini (16.09) won a tight game 3-2 against Ann Farmer (14.66) to put the hosts ahead, Knitting Patten (15.21) lost the final ladies B game 3-1 to Pauline Donat (15.56) to leave the game all level at 3-3.



Su Holt (16.34) B Team Lady of the Match

Dan Martin (25.91) had a fantastic debut game for London with a 3-0 win over John Costigan (22.68) but then London lost 5 games back to back, Matt Winzar (21.51) lost 3-2 to James Peetoom (22.32), Jason Gallagher (29.95) lost a fantastic game 3-0 to award winner Andrew Kateley (31.31) who was clinical and hit a 116 outshot to get the ball rolling, Paul Killington (21.88) lost 3-1 to Eddie Gosling (23.87), Michael Artiss (21.26) lost 3-2 from a winning position against Malcolm Clark (20.26) and Nick Cocks (23.95) lost 3-1 against Michael Hancocks (23.39), it took another debut performance from Richard Ryan (26.68) to get a point on the board for the hosts and he won the match award for his efforts in a 3-1 win over Mark Chapman (23.90) which gave London the momentum to take the next two sets with Youth Captain Ben Cheeseman (24.64) leading by example with a clinical 3-0 win over Bryan Margerison (23.56) and Matty Finch (25.14) had a fine 3-1 win over Mick McCombe (22.49), Shane Wilson (21.70) lost his first county game in 3 appearances with a 3-1 loss to Joe Russell (22.68), Tony Hamit (23.83) won a tight game 3-1 over Matthew Barnard (23.33) before Will Blackwell (22.16) lost 3-1 to Matt Garrett (22.84) which left the score at 7-5 to the visitors and left the overnight score at 10-8 to Essex.



Richard Ryan (26.68) B Team Man of the Match

Leanne Topper (19.65) began the 2nd days proceedings with a 3-0 loss to Stacey Ellis (20.31) which was followed with another loss for Carly Townsend (18.09) who lost 3-2 in a tight battle against Sue Baker (17.61), Mandy Solomons (18.63) was also involved in a close game and came out winning 3-2 against Karen Breen (17.28) winning the match award for her efforts, Shaz Deboo-Costello (18.59) kept up her winning performances with a great 3-2 win over Lynn Kelly (18.30), Steph Stutley (22.02) played very well but had no answer to the clinical finishing of weekend award winner Donna Gleed (21.78) who won 3-0, Debs Watling (17.87) had her chances against Leanne Peetoom (18.72) but went down 3-1 to the Essex youth starlet which gave the Essex team a 4-2 win in the Ladies A matches and left the overall score at 14-10 to the visitors.



Mandy Solomons (18.63) A Team Lady of the Match

Essex had this game wrapped up winning the first five sets of the mens A match, Nicky Turner (21.91) lost 4-1 to Tommy Wilson (22.29), Danny Faulkner (26.78) lost a close game 4-3 to Wayne Bloomfield (28.50) with Wayne hitting a nice 120 finish in the final leg to take the game, Lee Cocks (29.19) lost 4-0 to England candidate Daniel Day (32.85) who won the weekend award for his efforts, David Wawrzewski (20.81) was out of sorts in his 4-2 loss to Alan Collins (22.48) and Lewis McGurn (24.02) lost to the clinical finishing of Craig Vickers (24.49) who hit finishes of 124 in the first leg and 122 in the final leg, Gene Hill (28.24) finally put a point on the board for the hosts, winning the London match award with a 4-1 win over Wayne Gleed (25.40) and hitting a 121 along the way, Tom McGurn (25.47) succumbed to a 4-2 defeat against Steve Johnson (25.44) who had a nice 127 finish, Tommy Sanwell (26.61) used all his soft tip darts skills in his 4-2 win over Phil Halls (25.05) hitting two bull finishes, Conan Whitehead (27.83) won an easy game 4-0 over a sub-par Phil Brewster (23.80), two defeats followed for Lee Clifford (23.83) losing 4-2 to Tony Osbourne (24.24) and Graham Rackstraw (25.79) losing a very close game 4-3 to Darren Peetoom (25.23) and finally Wayne Brown (25.13) came back from 3-0 down against Paul Marsh (25.02) which left the hosts losing the mens A matches 8-4 and the overall score including the bonus point was 25-14 to Essex. The result leaves London languishing in 8th place with a game coming up against 9th place side Surrey who are only 2 points behind, a must win game for London if ever there is one.



Gene Hill (28.24) A Team Man of the Match

The remaining BICC Division One fixtures subject to change are as follows:

10th/11th February 2018 Surrey (Away), 3rd/4th March 2018 Gwent (Home), 24th/25th March 2018 Cornwall (Away) and 21st/22nd April 2018 Nottinghamshire (Home).

All senior home games are played at The Plumstead Common Working Mens Club, 71 Kirkham Street, Plumstead, London SE18 2JS.

Entry is by programme only, costs £4 which gives you admission for both Saturday and Sunday games.

B Team Matches start on the Saturday at Noon and A Team Matches start at 11am on the Sunday.

Hot and Cold food will be available all day with drinks at club prices.

Come along and support the elite darters of London in a great atmosphere.

YOUTH COUNTY

London Youth played their 4th match of the season at home to Surrey and went down in the under 18's boys match 6-1, 8 year old Leo Gaffney lost 3-1, debutant Lee Weller also lost 3-1, Joshua Murray was unlucky to lose a close game 3-2 and Luke Faulkner also went down 3-1 before Charlie Mifsud won the match award for London with a close fought 3-2 win, another player making his debut was Philip Hollyhock who lost 3-0 and Ben Gaffney can see himself as unlucky to have lost 3-2 in a tight game where many doubles were missed, Scott Carter won the Surrey match award for his 3-1 over Luke Faulkner. The ladies under 21's match also saw London win just the one game with Ellie Larsson-Brown losing 3-1, Rebecca Holt was the only winner with a 3-2 victory to win the match award, Rosie Gaffney lost a tight game 3-2 against Surrey award winner Hannah Tomkins. London senior player Will Blackwell won the match award and got Londons only point in the under 21 mens match with a nice 3-1 win, losses were for Callum Irving who lost 3-0, as did Albie Rackley and Charlie Bubb who went down to Surrey award winner Jake Carter, Curtis Donnelly lost a close game 3-2 against Harley Gregory who hit a nice 114 finish and a 180 along the way which gave Surrey a 12-3 overall victory and lifted them off the foot of the table to be replaced by their hosts.

London Youth have a re-arranged game from April next at Plumstead against Essex on 18th February 2018, the following week 25th February 2018 there is a London Youth Open Day where any new signings are taken and fun tasks are set for the players to compete in, any players interested in joining London Youth darts come along and have some fun, either just turn up on the day at Plumstead Common Working Mens Club at 11am or contact me via email johnnystefano180@gmail.com.

London Youth fixtures for the rest of the 2017/2018 season are: 18th February 2018 Essex (Home), 18th March 2018 Kent (Away), 29th April 2018 Sussex (Away) and 20th May 2018 Surrey (Away).

Many thanks must go to the Plumstead Common Working Men's Club for their continual support of our Youth Team, a fantastic venue with hard working staff making sure our needs are catered for.

London Youth County Home matches are held at Plumstead Common W.M.C. all welcome, hot and cold food available all day with drink at club prices, entry is by £2 purchase of a programme.

London has some of the top talent playing for them at Youth level, come along and watch their progress.

LADIES SUPERLEAGUE

Edmonton are still unbeaten after 15 games and sit dominant at the top of the league on 102 points, closest rivals Wanderers have played two games more but are behind on 89 points followed by Originals on 69, Ninjas on 61, Booshes on 47, The Avengers on 41 and bottom team The Hustlers on 38 points. The top 16 in the averages table are Leanne Topper (Edmonton), Donna Gleed (Edmonton), Steph Stutley (Wanderers), Casey Gallagher (Wanderers), Shaz Deboo-Costello (Originals), Su Holt (Originals), Mandy Solomons (Edmonton), Steph Hewson (The Avengers), Dee Belcher (Wanderers), Debra Watling (Booshes), Tammy Mackenzie (Edmonton), Nikki Patten (Ninjas), Leanne Peetoom (The Avengers), Sue Condon (Wanderers), Jane Biggs (Ninjas) and Carly Townsend (Originals). Mandy Solomons has the highest checkout so far with a 160 and also has the most 180's hit with 4, Leanne Topper has the most tons with 78.

MENS SUPERLEAGUE

After 19 weeks of the London mens superleague Plumstead A find themselves on 104 points ahead of Romford and Lewisham on 79 points, Chadwell Heath have risen in recent weeks to 4th place on 77 points with Wood Green in 5th on 74 points the following pack are Woolwich Ferry (72), Bermondsey (66), West Ham (66), Welling (63), Downham (62), Woolwich (61), Plumstead B (60), Vauxhall B (54), Chiswick (53), Southwark (46), and bottom team Vauxhall A (42). The top 16 in the mens averages are David Wawrzewski (Plumstead B), George Killington (Wood Green), John Nelson (Vauxhall B), Darren Peetoom (Woolwich Ferry), Pip Blackwell (Plumstead A), Steve Ferguson (Lewisham), Paul Rafferty (Bermondsey), Nigel Payne (Plumstead A), Graham Rackstraw (Plumstead A), Jason Gallagher (Woolwich), Matt Winzar (Lewisham), Kevin Smith (Plumstead A), Peter Allen (Plumstead A), Lee Clifford (West Ham), Matt Wood (Woolwich) and Richard Elms (Welling). David Wawrzewski has hit 255 tons in his 19 games, Pip Blackwell has hit 24 x 180's with 170 finishes being recorded by Darren Irving (Plumstead B), Sean Lahiff (Vauxhall B) and Craig Watkins (Welling).

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