

## London Pride (Darts World report) May 2018

### SENIOR COUNTY

London travelled to Cornwall for their 6<sup>th</sup> game of the season with a decent result needed for them to remain clear of a relegation threat, Jane Biggs (14.74) took to the stage first and had a nice 3-0 win over Angie Bird (13.25), Lisa Dunford (15.26) had a nice 71 finish in the 3<sup>rd</sup> leg but found herself on the wrong end of a 3-1 defeat to Becky Curnow (15.82), Tammy Mackenzie (13.51) struggled to show any form in a 3-0 loss to Sandra Allen (16.16) before Dee Belcher (19.23) received the match award for her fine 3-1 win over Jacqui Champion (18.63), Joanne Deamer (15.50) lost 3-1 to Cornwall award winner Claire Irons (19.38) and Debs Watling (16.50) also lost 3-1 to Natasha Hancock (17.38) which gave the host ladies a 4-2 victory.



Dee Belcher – B Team Lady of the Match (19.23)

Danny Brown (20.26) made only his 2<sup>nd</sup> appearance in a London shirt and suffered a close 3-2 defeat against Fred Goldsmith (24.32), Steve Holt (22.41) made an impromptu debut for London and fared very well in his 3-2 win over Martin Smith (21.46), Ben Cheeseman suffered a 3-2 loss to John Mann (20.19), Matt Winzar (24.37) lost a close game 3-2 against Mike Beard (23.97) before Dean Coughlan (21.48) made a superb return for London winning his game against Rhys Julian (22.26), Will Blackwell (23.38) lost 3-1 to Danny Robinson (23.92) before London got back to back wins with Matty Finch (21.39) winning 3-1 against Ben Simkins (20.53) and Michael Artiss (22.10) beating Richard Craddock (20.48) 3-0 and getting the match award for his efforts, Nick Cocks (18.66) lost 3-1 to David Mills (19.39), Thomas Tobin (20.84) made his London debut but went down 3-2 to Cornwall Mark Odgers (25.34) despite hitting a nice 122 finish along the way, Michael Power (21.78) started with a 16 dart leg, then struggled with doubles in the next two but ended with a 3-0 win over Jerry Cox (20.14) and finally Shane Wilson (23.31) played well but had no answer to the clinical Cornwall award winner Matthew Knowles (26.37) who took the game 3-0 to give the host mens B team a 7-5 victory and Cornwall an overall lead of 11-7.



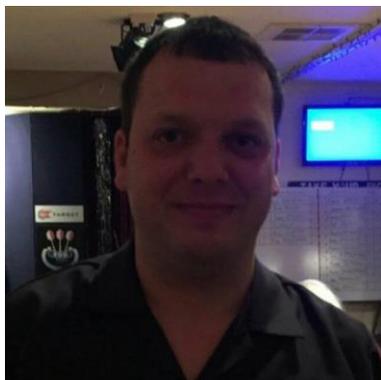
Michael Artiss – B Team Man of the Match (22.10)

Carly Townsend (18.33) had a great 3-0 win over Teresa Brookshaw (15.76) to get the ladies A started and that was followed by Steph Stutley (21.35) who played superb in her 3-1 win, Mandy Solomons (17.98) suffered a 3-0 defeat at the hands of weekend award winner Nikki Furse (23.12) who hit 2 x 180's and a nice 116 finish to show her class, Shaz Deboo Costello (18.05) got London back on the winning trail with a 3-1 win over Sarah Gill (17.36) before Leanne Topper (22.39) got the London award with a nice 3-1 win over Sue Shepherd (21.05) and then last up Su Holt (18.91) got a close 3-2 victory over Emma Dow (16.05) to give the London ladies a great 5-1 win over a great Cornwall side and pulled the overall score level at 12 each.



Leanne Topper – A Team Lady of the Match (22.39)

Michael Power (26.33) stepped up from his B team win the previous day and had a dominant 4-1 win over Kevin Bray (23.85) which included the best leg of the weekend, an 11 dart leg (121, 180, 100 and 100 finish in 2 darts), Tom McGurn (24.54) lost 4-1 to Gareth Griffiths (25.68), David Wawrzewski (26.94) won 4-1 against Jez Campe (25.14) but then London suffered 3 defeats with Tony Hamit losing 4-1 to Simon Knowles (26.22), Danny Faulkner (23.83) also lost 4-1 to Michael Jones (26.67) and Lee Cocks (25.59) lost a close game 4-3 to David Copplestone (25.45), Wayne Brown (29.04) received the weekend award for his superb 4-0 victory over Robert Ruberry (25.95) which was again followed by a run of defeats for the visitors, Lewis McGurn (21.84) under performed in a 4-1 loss to Kevin Dunstan (23.93), Michael Artiss (23.56) done well in his first A team game but lost 4-3 against Cornwall award winner Neil Meneer (27.93), Johnny Stefano (18.22) lost easily 4-0 to Greg Hambly (23.58) and the game was now wrapped up by Cornwall, Graham Rackstraw (22.75) was in the game all the way against Dennis Bryant (25.13) but lost 4-3 before Conan Whitehead (23.30) was the last player on for London and he took an easy 4-0 win over Cornwall debutant Paul Ellis (22.11), the visitors had lost the mens A match 8-4 which gave Cornwall the overall victory 20-16 which in the end was more than expected from such a depleted squad.



Wayne Brown – A Team Man of the Match (29.04)

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

21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> April 2018 Nottinghamshire (Home) and 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> May 2018 Gwent (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 6<sup>th</sup> game of the season away to Kent and the under 18's went down to a 7-0 defeat, Luke Faulkner lost a close game 3-2, Joshua Murray lost 3-0, nine year old Leo Gaffney lost 3-2, Hayden Robbie made his debut and played well in his 3-1 loss, Charlie Mifsud lost 3-0 as did Ben Gaffney and Philip Hollyhock was unfortunate to lose a close game 3-2, the under 21's ladies for London made a comeback by winning their section 3-0, Ellie Larsson-Brown won 3-1, Rosie Gaffney (15.23) got the match award for her close 3-2 win and Rebecca Holt won comfortably 3-0 to set up a tense mens under 21's game, Kent got the point they needed for victory in the opening game when Charlie Bubb (16.51) lost 3-0 to George Edwards (22.10), Curtis Donnelly (15.44) won 3-1 against Charlie King (14.79), Albie Rackley (17.48) won 3-0 against Kai West (13.15), Ben Cheeseman (25.91) beat Craig Reeves (21.53) 3-0 before Will Blackwell (24.37) beat Paul Reid (30.10) 3-2 with some great finishing, taking out 126 and 110 in two crucial legs which gave the under 21's men a 4-1 win.

London Youth fixtures for the rest of the 2017/2018 season are: 29<sup>th</sup> April 2018 Sussex (Away) and 20<sup>th</sup> 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 21 games and sit dominant at the top of the league on 147 points, closest rivals Wanderers are behind on 110 points followed by Ninjas on 90, Originals on 89, Booshes on 63, The Avengers on 56 and bottom team The Hustlers on 45 points. The top 16 in the averages table are Leanne Topper (Edmonton), Donna Gleed (Edmonton), Casey Gallagher (Wanderers), Steph Stutley (Wanderers), Shaz Deboo-Costello (Originals), Debra Watling (Booshes), Mandy Solomons (Edmonton), Tammy Mackenzie (Edmonton), Su Holt (Originals), Steph Hewson (The Avengers), Dee

Belcher (Wanderers), Leanne Peetoom (The Avengers), Sue Condon (Wanderers) Nikki Patten (Ninjas), Carly Townsend (Originals) and Jane Biggs (Ninjas). 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 107.

### **MENS SUPERLEAGUE**

After 24 games of the London mens superleague Plumstead A find themselves on 125 points ahead of Wood Green on 98 with Chadwell Heath and Lewisham on 97 points, Romford are close by on 96 points, the following pack are Woolwich Ferry (93), Bermondsey (86), West Ham (86), Downham (78), Plumstead B (76), Woolwich (75), Welling (75), Chiswick (74), Vauxhall B (73), Southwark (55), and Vauxhall A (52). The top 16 in the mens averages are George Killington (Wood Green), Pip Blackwell (Plumstead A), Darren Peetoom (Woolwich Ferry), John Nelson (Vauxhall B), Steve Ferguson (Lewisham), Paul Rafferty (Bermondsey), David Wawrzewski (Plumstead B), Peter Allen (Plumstead A), Kevin Smith (Plumstead A), Nigel Payne (Plumstead A), Matt Winzar (Lewisham), Richard Elms (Welling), Richie Davis (Bermondsey), Jason Gallagher (Woolwich), John Costigan (Romford) and Steve Hardy (Romford). David Wawrzewski has hit 321 tons in his 24 games, Pip Blackwell and George Killington have hit 30 x 180's with 170 finishes being recorded by Darren Irving (Plumstead B), Sean Lahiff (Vauxhall B) and Craig Watkins (Welling).

### **OTHER NEWS**

Congratulations go to London County star Conan Whitehead for his debut England appearances at the British Internationals held at Penydarren Social Club, Merthyr Tydfil, Wales between 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> April 2018, Conan played his part in his first game against Scotland with a 4-1 win over Euan Callander hitting a 31.30 average, in his second game against Wales he suffered a narrow 4-3 defeat to close friend Jim Williams, Ex-London player Daniel Day also made his England debut in the Internationals with first beating Scotlands Alex Morrison 4-3 then having a great 4-0 victory against Welshman Mark Layton.

Overall Team England had wins in the Mens, Ladies and Girls sections and finished 2<sup>nd</sup> overall in the Boys section. Well done Team England.

Be sure to log on to the London darts website at [www.londondarts.org](http://www.londondarts.org) to view all up to date stats and tables for both Superleagues, comprehensive pages for County and London Darts history, there is also a competition page with all local and regional competitions supported.

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