

London Pride (Darts World report) November 2017

SENIOR COUNTY

Northamptonshire away first game of the season is always a tough, close game, both teams were looking to establish a strong position in a division full of quality teams.

The first London point of the season came from Su Holt (18.33) who was dominant in a 3-0 win that earned her the match award, two 24 dart legs were very tidy, Lisa Dunford (19.39) was up next and was on the end of a 3-1 loss to the Northants lady of the weekend Sharon Tompkins (23.62), Lisa had played well with plenty of 85 plus scores including 2 x 140, Nikki Patten (17.49) saw herself with double trouble at the start of her 3-2 win and had to come back from two behind in a game that could have gone either way, Mandy Solomons (17.87) gave London their 3rd win with a very good 3-1 victory, Dee Belcher (17.48) also suffered from missed doubles in a tight game despite losing 3-0, opponent Jo Johnson (17.89) hit a lovely 122 check out in the final leg, Lynne Biondini (18.75) lost 3-1 in another tight game, her opponents finishing was clinical and meant the score was even at 3-3.



The mens B teams began with London Youth team captain Ben Cheeseman (21.22) winning 3-1 in a close fought opener, Paul Killington (25.05) playing in his 146th game produced some clinical finishing, 158 out in the 2nd leg and finishing the encounter off with a nice 104 to edge London two ahead, Lewis McGurn (24.27) needed all of his experience to win a close game 3-2 to add to the tally, John Hind (17.82) couldn't find his game and went down 3-0, team captain Nick Cocks (25.05) led by example and after a nice 92 finish in the 1st leg went on to dominate for a 3-0 win, Chris Holt (20.12) never took his chances early and went down to a 3-0 defeat, Michael Power (24.24) had a nice steady win 3-0 to move London further ahead, Michael Artiss (26.84) got the match award for his dominant victory, Matt Winzar (23.86) swash-buckled his way to a nice 3-0 win as did Tony Hamit (26.37) who was very impressive, Northants fought back well to take the next two games with Matty Finch (21.94) losing 3-1 and Spencer Ellis (24.16) losing 3-0 after a great performance from Liam Fox (30.06) who got his teams match award for his effort. London led 11-7 overnight.



Steph Stutley (20.48) extended the lead with a tough 3-2 win and got the match award before four straight defeats for London saw the hosts pull back to within a point, Carly Townsend (17.54) lost 3-1 as did Tammy Mackenzie (17.72), Debs Watling (19.12) despite having a nice 18 dart leg where she finished 106 to level the score at two legs all went on to lose the game 3-2 and Leanne Topper (20.71) lost 3-0 to Northants award winner Rebecca Rose (22.43) which brought the hosts a win away from levelling the score, Shaz Deboo-Costello (18.93) stepped up with a steady display in a close game to make sure the overall score remained with the visitors 2 ahead, the ladies had lost 4-2 but overall the score was 13-11 to London.



Three straight wins for London saw Conan Whitehead (26.98) beat Kevin McDine (27.30) 4-3 in a tight game, Lee Cocks (30.60) beat Tony Littleton (30.00) 4-2 with the final two legs coming in 13 darts (140, 60, 180, 85 and 36 O/S) and 14 darts (55, 100, 120, 180 and 76 O/S), Tommy Sanwell (24.63) raced into a 3-0 lead against James Thompson (23.53) before edging the game 4-3 to take London into a 5 point lead, Northants pulled one back when Martin Biggs (21.55) overcame Dean Coughlan (21.01) 4-0, David Wawrzewski (26.75) got his first A team win with a hard fought 4-3 victory over Dave Walker (25.93) before London stalwart Nicky Turner (25.38) had a resounding 4-1 win against Ben Goodger (23.15) to make London just one game away from the overall victory, Danny Faulkner (25.19) fought hard to make sure he got the team over the line but lost a tight game 4-3 against Northants mangers pick for player of the weekend Andy Tee (25.76), Michael Power (28.76) was playing for the 2nd time of the weekend and got his 2nd win with a dominant display against Luke Smith winning 4-1 which was enough to see London take the weekends bonus points, Graham Rackstraw (23.63) lost 4-1 to Ricky Evans (27.79) and Lewis McGurn (25.42) also playing for the 2nd time of the weekend lost a tight game 4-3 to Chris Jones (26.92) who was very clinical, Tom McGurn (24.13) followed his brother onto the oche but despite taking the first leg succumbed 4-2 to Chris Shipley (25.74) which was the hosts third win on the bounce to bring the score to 19-16 for the visitors, Steven Ferguson (32.06) took all the weekends plaudits with a fantastic 4-2 win over Paul Shepherd (28.29), his winning legs being in 17 darts and 3 x 15 dart legs, winning the player of the weekend reward and ensuring that the mens A had won 7-5 with the overall result being 23-16 including the bonus points to London which took them up to 4th place, five points behind leaders Oxfordshire who travel to face London at Plumstead as this issue goes to press. A great result to start the season off.



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

14th/15th October 2017 Oxfordshire (Home), 4th/5th November 2017 County Durham (Away), 25th/26th November 2017 Dorset (Away), 20th/21st January 2018 Essex (Home), 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 had a bye week during the first round of the Southern Counties Youth Darts League but a County Youth day was held at the home venue in Plumstead where the players got together to meet the new additions and compete in mixed sections to finish 3 testing tasks that will help them in their progression in the game, the fun tasks include a version of RTB on doubles, tops, tens and fives and 82 combo finishing, these tasks were completed well by the enthusiastic players, in the ladies under 21 section Rebecca Holt finished well ahead of her rivals, Leah Nelson, Ellie Larsson-Brown & Rosie Gaffney, the under 18's were headed by two new comers with Charlie Misfud finishing ahead of Josh Murray, Albie Rackley, Callum Irving, Josh Irving, Ben Gaffney & Leo Gaffney, the under 21's lads team saw captain Ben Cheeseman dominate a tough field with Chris Holt, Will Blackwell, Luke Nelson, Charlie Bubb and new lad Curtis Donnelly following in his wake.

The afternoon was finished with separate competitions for the boys and girls with Leah Nelson beating Rebecca Holt in one semi-final and Ellie Larsson-Brown beating Rosie Gaffney in the other to set up a final that Ellie won. The lads semi-finals were contested by Will Blackwell who lost to Chris Holt and Luke Nelson who beat under 18 Josh Murray, Chris went on to defeat Will 2-0 with an average of over 30 per dart, a great day was had by all who attended this popular yearly get together and gives the youth to chance to practice games that will actually improve their games if they continue to do them.

London Youth fixtures for the 2017/2018 season are 29th October 2017 Kent (Home), 19th November 2017 Essex (Away), 10th December 2017 Sussex (Home), 28th January 2018 Surrey (Home), 18th March 2018 Kent (Away), 8th April 2018 Essex (Home), 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

Last seasons champions Edmonton are already building a healthy lead over their rivals with an unbeaten start, after 6 games they have 40points, 12 ahead of Ninjas who are a point ahead of Wanderers with Originals a further point behind, Booshes have 20pts, The Avengers 16 and bottom side The Hustlers on 10 points. The top 16 in the averages table are Donna Glead (Edmonton), Leanne Topper (Edmonton), Mandy Solomons (Edmonton), Nikki Patten (Ninjas), Steph Stutley (Wanderers), Casey Gallagher (Wanderers), Shaz Deboo-Costello (Originals), Su Holt (Originals), Andrea Walker (Ninjas), Debra Watling (Booshes), Tammy Mackenzie (Edmonton), Steph Hewson (The Avengers), Carly Townsend (Originals), Dee Belcher (Wanderers), Leanne Peetoom (The Avengers) and Lynne Biondini (Wanderers). Lynne Biondini (Wanderers) has the highest checkout so far with a 136, Leanne Topper and Mandy Solomons (Edmonton) have the most tons with 27 and Mandy has also hit has hit 3 x 180's.

MENS SUPERLEAGUE

Plumstead A have started the season with the intention of winning back the superleague title and remain unbeaten on 33 points after 6 games, Lewisham and Romford follow on 26pts, Wood Green and Chadwell Heath sit on 24pts, Woolwich Ferry 22, Vauxhall B 21, three teams are then on 20 points, Chiswick, Downham and Plumstead B, Bermondsey, Woolwich and Welling are on 18, West Ham 17, Southwark 15 and Vauxhall A bring up the rear on 14. The top 16 in the mens averages are John Nelson (Vauxhall B), Steve Ferguson (Lewisham), Darren Peetoom (Woolwich Ferry), David Wawrzewski (Plumstead B), George Killington (Wood Green), Pip Blackwell (Plumstead A), Jason Gallagher (Woolwich), Diogo Portela (Wood Green), Kevin Smith (Plumstead A), Scott Marsh (Downham), Lewis McGurn (Plumstead A), Nigel Payne (Plumstead A), Dave Parletti (Southwark), Michael Power (Chiswick), Liam Hill (Chadwell Heath) & Richard Elms (Welling) The Polish Ton Machine David Wawrzewski has hit 90 tons in his 6 games, Darren Peetoom and Steve Ferguson have both hit 9 x 180's with a 170 finish being recorded by Darren Irving (Plumstead B).

OTHER NEWS



London would like to congratulate Diogo Portela on qualifying for the PDC World Championships at the Ally Pally in December after extinguishing all before him in the South American qualifiers, beating his PDC World Cup partner Alexandre Sattin in the final he becomes the first ever Brazilian to compete on the World stage, there will be a strong contingent at Ally Pally all backing our 'Brazilliant' friend. Best wishes also go to Conan Whitehead who has again made the Lakeside side after finishing 18th in the rankings, Conan had a good season with semi places at the British Open, Antwerp Masters and Hal Open, quarter final places in The World Trophy, Welsh Open, Swiss Open, German Masters, Romanian International Open and four last 16 places in other ranking events in a very busy schedule, once again he will have the full backing of the London crew.

Be sure to log on to the London darts website at 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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