

LONDON BEAT LOCAL RIVALS

London County had a 23-16 win over local rivals Middlesex in the last game of the BICC Division One season.

Sue Holt (16.89) was in fine form with a 3-0 win over Vanessa Thomas (13.80) and Lisa Dunford (16.28) was superb beating Karen Daly (15.04) 3-1 tying up the game with a nice 21 dart finish, Ged Carney (17.68) had a great 3-0 win over Debbie Stevens (16.13) getting the Lady of the Match award for London, she never hit her regular 2 x 180 but she did come close on 4 occasions, Tina Hamilton (14.09) lost 3-1 win to Lisa Brosnan (15.34) before Andrea Walker (15.27) returned to winning ways with a tight 3-2 win after losing the first two legs against Helen Wingate (14.42), finally Lynne Biondini (16.25) will rue missed doubles after her 1-3 defeat to Coreen Loffler (16.30) who got the Middlesex Lady of the Match award. This was a nice 4-2 win from the London Ladies B side.

London's Mens B side kept up the momentum in the opening Mens game with Matt Winzar (23.61) getting his first win in 3 games by beating Brian Green (20.89) 3-1, John Nelson (28.87) is back on form and won 3-1 against David Goodchild (24.73) winning the Man of the Match award for London, two defeats followed for Lee Clifford (18.67) 1-3 against Mick Seager (24.01) and Tony Hamit (21.63) also 1-3 against Nick Patel (23.48), Tom Burns (24.97) was making his debut for London against the experienced Andy Turnbull (25.85) after Andy took the 1st leg in 24 darts the game kicked into life with Tom going out in 18 and 13 darts to take a 2-1 lead, Andy hit back with a superb 15 darter in the 4th leg, in a nervy final leg Tom held out to win his debut game, Jimmy Foster (23.21) had a captains performance in his 3-1 win over Kevin Chettleburgh (23.21) and Rob Edwards (27.25) had the permormance of the day in his 3-1 win over Eddie Collinge (30.22), with Eddie playing very well Rob was forced to take out superb 158 and 105 finishes to secure the win, Kevin Haste (22.15) was another London debutant and he played well in a 1-3 loss to Michael Doabe (22.02), three wins followed for London with Tom McGurn (23.57) playing well in a 3-1 win against Alan Taylor (22.02), Jason Wiles (25.42) won a tight 3-2 game against James Donnelly (25.48) with Jason needing a 100 outshot in the final leg, James was poised on tops but never got the chance to go for it, Johnny Stefano (19.71) came back from 0-2 down and got his 2nd consecutive win in a close 3-2 victory over Ian Dawson (20.56), and finally, Alan Hardy (24.73) lost 2-3 to young Daniel King-Morris (24.91).

Ladies (B) 2-4....Men's (B) 4-8....OVERALL: Middlesex 6-12 LONDON

London Ladies A side is a very strong unit, they hit the ground running with wins for Hayley Plume (23.12) 3-0 against Kate Gifford (17.78), Clare Bywaters (24.97) made it a perfect season with another Lady of the Match award for London with a 3-1 win over Tina Neylon (21.90) and Dee Belcher (15.44) fought out a tight 3-2 win against Margaret Sutton (15.32), Jackie Saunders (17.75) lost 0-3 to Deniece Lewis (17.68) and Tammy MacKenzie (19.09) played well but lost out in a 2-3 defeat to match award winner for Middlesex Christine Moran (18.25), Tammy will rue her missed doubles, last up was Kerry Simmons (18.11) who won 3-0 against Lisa Brosnan (16.89) to give London a 16-8 lead.

Robbie Hain (25.86) had a good game and will regret missed doubles in his 2-3 defeat to John Maudesley (25.13) who won the Middlesex match award for his efforts, Richie Buckell (22.20) was under par in his close 2-3 loss to Steven Hyatt (24.99), Chris Stevens (26.84) got the ball rolling and the match award for his dominant 3-0 win over Jamie Sadler (21.30) and

Paul Wright (26.01) had the performance of the day in his 3-2 win over Canadian Ken McNeil (26.59) who was making his debut for Middlesex, three defeats then followed for Paul Killington (22.63) 1-3 against Roy Peacock (24.08), Graham Rackstraw 0-3 against Vern Sheppard (24.64) and Richard Angelo 1-3 against Ben Stevenson (23.19), Steve McHale (24.35) was involved in the most entertaining game of the day against Mark Haggerty (25.39), a tight game saw Steve come out a 3-2 winner to make sure London were to get the bonus points, defeats followed for Lee Cocks (21.55) 0-3 against Allen Bond (23.48) and Lewis McGurn (23.44) lost 2-3 to Michael Ward (24.33), Lewis was going for his 9th win of the season and just came up short, but he can reflect on a superb season, finishing it as Londons top County A player, George Killington (22.10) gained his first A team win with a resounding 3-0 victory over John McDermott (20.24) and in the final game of the weekend Paul Amos (22.90) lost 0-3 to John Scott (23.48).

Ladies (A) 2-4....Men's (A) 8-4....OVERALL: Middlesex 16-23 LONDON

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