



The bottom two locked horns at the Grove Social Club. Neither side had entered the winner's enclosure so far this season so one was guaranteed to shake off the unwelcome tag and break their duck for the year.

**Freddie Francis (23.03)**

**4-0**

**Conor Sutton (18.95)**

Heath got off to the best start possible, taking the opening match in minimum time. Francis was in control of the tie from the get go, with his more consistent scoring making sure he got to the double first. The immediate break of throw gave Francis the platform to go on although Sutton did have a chance to avoid the whitewash in the third leg.

**Lance Adams (22.82)**

**4-1**

**Steve Chambers (21.55)**

Adams started off well, with an 82 takeout to hold throw in the first leg. A 67 finish saw Chambers restore parity in the next, but from then on was unable to make any further impression. The turning point of the match came in leg four, as Adams survived leg darts to gain what proved to be the match winning break of throw. The advantage was fully capitalized on in the fifth to double the hosts lead.

**Joe Russell (20.63)**

**2-4**

**Chris Hogg (21.46)**

The first two legs of the contest both went against the head, but were secured with fine finishes on each occasion. Russell struck first, courtesy of a 68 take out, before Hogg retaliated with a 72 of his own. The game then settle down, good scoring from both making it harder to gain the upper hand as legs three to five all went with throw. Russell had the chance to take it into a finale but Hogg had other ideas. He got into position to take another break of throw and duly obliged to get Southwark off the mark.

**John Loeber (23.41)**

**4-1**

**Craig Searle (20.73)**

Heath shrugged off dropping their first point of the night by taking the next two which would put them in an unassailable position. The first of these came in the fourth match. Loeber was quickest to find the big trebles and soon found himself two nil up. Searle totally dominated leg three, but struggled for any rhythm after that as Loeber rediscovered the route to treble twenty. A break in the fourth leg put the Heath man in the ascendancy and he sealed the deal in the fifth.

**Michael Francis (14.54)**

**4-2**

**Paul Butler (13.22)**

The fifth game was long drawn out affair where both players struggled throughout. The advantage of throw was not utilized in the first two legs. Francis could have broken in a lengthy second leg, but despite having 21 darts to get the break he couldn't find the elusive double. Butler then edged ahead in the third but after that was unable to get in a blow. Francis broke again in the fifth, and the

sixth leg again saw each player struggle to locate the outer ring until Francis hit double one to stumble across the winning line.

**Matt Crowley (25.46)**

**3-4**

**Ben West (28.24)**

The draw pitted two London B players against each other in the penultimate game of the night, with the potential for fireworks. It didn't disappoint...

West set down the early markers, breaking Crowley in 15 darts and smacking home a brilliant 104 to snare the first leg. A hold of throw in the next looked to put the Southwark man in control. Crowley then turned the game on its head, with a three leg burst. With West pushing him all the way, Crowley drew level with a break of his own in the fourth, before showing that he was also capable of finding the big combination finish with a sparkling 164 out shot to leave him on the brink of a hard fought win. West sent it all the way, the first maximum of the contest en route to a 14 darter sending it into a decider. Despite Crowley having the all important first use of the oche, it was West who had the momentum, as he survived three match darts before winning an absolute thriller that wouldn't have looked out of place on the County stage.

**Liam Hill (20.45)**

**4-0**

**Curtis Donnelly (14.39)**

The evening ended as it started, with only the four legs needed to find the winner. Hill clicked into gear from the off, hitting two maximums in the opening leg. Despite being less than clinical on the doubles, particularly on throw, Hill still had more than enough in hand to conclude the action in the fourth leg as Donnelly struggled throughout.

Chadwell Heath are tied for sixth place with Clapton, with Southwark staying as cellar dwellers, four points adrift in bottom spot. Heath visit Vauxhall in their next encounter. Southwark have another difficult assignment as they welcome Romford B to Spots and Stripes.