



Chadwell Heath edged out Woolwich in a close game awash with high finishes at the Grove Social Club, a result which knocked the visitors off the top of Division Two.

Lance Adams (21.86)

2-4

Mark Gallagher (24.33)

Gallagher made the first impression on the opening match of the night's play. A sluggish start saw him fall behind in the opening leg, Adams could and should have secured the break before Gallagher pulled a rabbit out of the hat and smacked home a 106 finish. The double troubles continued on leg two for Adams, as he missed the chance to restore parity, Gallagher was perhaps fortunate to be two up, and Adams forced his way back into the match. He got the break back in the third, and resisted the pressure of a strong beginning to leg four by Gallagher. Adams hit a 171 and saw off leg darts to make the game all square. The fortunes then everted back in Gallagher's favour. He continued to find the trebles as Adams' scoring tailed off. Gallagher added clinical finishing to the mix, taking out 86 to go back ahead and then a fine 15 dart leg in the sixth ended with his second ton plus finish, a 106 to take the point.

Freddie Francis (24.87)

4-2

Matt Wood (24.24)

Heath then get themselves up and running and took the next two matches. Francis took a leaf out of the book of the previous contest and nabbed the early lead, taking out 98. The Merseysider immediately struck back, finding his scoring boots and taking legs two and three. Francis then started a three leg run to take the match, with efficient work on the outer ring. A 62 drew him level and he followed up the break by taking the fifth. Wood now needed to hold to send it all the way, but Francis dashed those hopes, cracking home a 102 checkout to secure the win in the sixth leg.

Joe Russell (25.13)

4-3

Mark Foster (22.24)

The third game was the only one to go the full seven leg duration. Foster held for the opener, and Ruissell did likewise in leg two, ending it with yet another ton plus checkout, a 100 on this occasion. Legs three and four also went to the player who started things off. Russell looked to have put himself on the brink of the win, a 78 finish breaking Foster in the fifth. He would have thought that he would then go on to seal the deal; in the next, but Foster wasn't reading the script and showed he was no slouch in the finishing stakes, knocking in an 88 to send it all the way. The balance of power had shifted to Foster, until Russell crucially found a maximum and withstood a late rally to come away with the break and the point.

John Loeber (22.61)

1-4

George Cox (26.03)

Cox began the fourth match well, breaking the Loeber throw immediately with a 76 finish and then holding for the two nil lead. Loeber produced his best darts in leg three and took it with a 108

checkout. Cox regained the initiative, holding in leg four. Two 140s early on saw Cox cruise to a break in the fifth and round out the contest.

Liam Hill (24.32)

4-1

Ryan Francis (19.45)

The destination of the overall win was still up for grabs with three matches to go. The fifth game went as expected to begin with, but Hill spurned opportunities to break Francis in leg one. The contest settled down with the next three legs all going with throw, with Hill taking out 80 to leave the game all square at two each. A maximum from Hill in leg five saw him break in dominant fashion, and a strong start saw him complete the job on the sixth leg.

Michael Francis (21.25)

2-4

Michael Owens (22.11)

The penultimate match yielded a win for the visitors to send it into a winner takes all situation in a contest which saw some excellent finishing. Owens was the quicker to find his form around the trebles and raced into an early two nil lead. Francis had no trouble taking out the big combinations and got back into the contest in the third, with a fine 106 finish. A missed opportunity for the break was costly in leg four for Francis and Owens restored his two leg lead, taking out 66. The high finishes were still flying in, and Francis bagged another with a 102 to take the fifth. Owens led off in leg six, and did enough to take the win.

Matt Crowley (25.27)

4-2

Jason Gallagher (26.04)

The match was decided after a fine encounter which saw both players finding the trebles on a frequent basis. Crowley struck the first blows, taking the opener against the Gallagher throw and then holding to go two ahead. Gallagher roared back into contention, winning the third in comfort and breaking back to square the game at two all. Leg five was to prove decisive, as Crowley produced the steadier leg to break for a second time. With the balance tipping towards the hosts, Crowley overcame a poor score in the middle of the sixth leg, checking out 66 to take the point and the overall win for the Heath.

The win keeps Chadwell Heath in fourth place in the table, and they face a tricky trip to Welling B in their next match. Woolwich have lost top spot to Romford B, which sets it up nicely for the biggest match so far in the Division when they meet face to face.