



Bottom placed Southwark registered their first win of the campaign at the sixth time of asking, defeating Clapton at the Red House.

**Tony Johnson (20.20)**

**4-3**

**Conor Sutton (19.40)**

All seven legs were needed before the first point of the night was claimed, in a game which set the scene for a back and forth battle between the two sides. Johnson was first to strike, taking the opening leg against he throw. Sutton then produced two dazzling finishes on the bounce. A sublime 167 checkout got the immediate break back, and followed it up in leg three with another ton plus takeout, a 112 to edge ahead. Sutton then seemed to go on the brink when he broke Johnson again in the fourth. Leg five could have seen the visitor take the win, but missed chances to close the game out proved costly. Johnson was spurred on and held in the sixth leg with a fine finish of his own, taking out 80 to send it all the way. The momentum had now done a complete about turn, and was firmly with Johnson. An even leg saw the Clapton man strike a game ending 58 to bag the win.

**Paul Hackett (21.73)**

**2-4**

**Ben West (23.01)**

The visitor shrugged off the early setback, claiming the next two points. West had the better of the early exchanges, denying Hackett any darts at the double as he sped into an early two nil lead. From that point, the man throwing first to start the leg made full use of it, wining the legs with plenty in hand. The sixth leg saw West continue in that vein, outscoring Hackett by enough to be able to afford to miss nine match darts before nailing it at the tenth time of asking.

**Paul Wright (22.51)**

**3-4**

**Chris Hogg (22.26)**

A gritty battle ensued in the third game of the evening. Hogg was first to make an impression, breaking Wright with a cool 111 finish to snare an early two nothing advantage. Wright has been around long enough not to be fazed in such a situation however, and he responded well by immediately breaking back and then adding leg four to go all square with three to play. Hogg got his nose back in front but Wright levelled it up again in the sixth with Hogg some way behind. Hogg went into the decider as favourite, and outscored Wright in the first six darts before taking out the double in relative comfort.

**Paul Nurden (23.68)**

**4-2**

**Steve Chambers (22.81)**

Clapton levelled the match with a win in the fourth game. Chambers had no answer to the heavier scoring of Nurden to begin with. Nurden wasn't messing about either when it came to taking out the finishes and was soon on the verge with a commanding three nil lead. Nurden couldn't sustain the accuracy in and around the trebles, but Chambers started to hit them with more frequency. Once the whitewash had been averted, Chambers kicked off leg five with a maximum and the double soon

followed to break Nurden and bring him just a leg adrift. The sixth leg saw Chambers looking to go on and force a finale, but Nurden brought the house down with a fantastic 160 to claim the win.

**John Sinclair (20.64)**

**1-4**

**Craig Searle (21.55)**

The visitors regained the lead when they took the fifth match of the night. Searle made full use of having the first turn at the oche, banging home a a 98 finish to take the opening leg. Sinclair responded, but couldn't get close enough to strike in leg three. Leg four was no different, Searle gaining the vital break. Sinclair had a single chance to take the game into a sixth after Searle had missed six darts for the match. The opportunity passed by and Searle stepped up to finish it off on double four.

**Paul Hart (16.98)**

**4-0**

**Curtis Donnelly (13.54)**

Clapton ensured that the result would remain in doubt until the very last, taking the penultimate game in minimum time. The opening leg was a long drawn out affair, both players finding it hard to establish any real rhythm before Hart took it. The pattern continued in the second and third, which put the hosts on control at three nil. The best was saved till last, Hart finally locating the treble 20 and taking out 58 for the clean sweep.

**John Badger (22.05)**

**0-4**

**James Stephenson (25.69)**

With the match delicately poised, both sides harboured hopes of getting across the finishing line in front. It was Southwark, in the form of Stephenson, in the second game in succession that was over in minimum time. A steady leg saw him secure the opener, and two tons to kick off were the foundation of the break to go two ahead. An even third saw Stephenson utilise the throw to go within one, before breaking Badger once again in the fourth and ultimately final leg, taking out 72 for Southwark's maiden win of the season.

The order of the bottom four may well change after the next round of games. Clapton travel to Vauxhall and Southwark welcome Greenwich to Spots and Stripes as they look to pass on the wooden spoon.