



A close game looked to be on the cards as two well matched sides squared off at the Plumstead WMC. That's exactly what we got in a contest which ebbed and flowed throughout before the hosts took the win.

Lewis McGurn (21.84)

1-4

Bradley Halls (23.01)

The first match of the night went the way of the visitors. Halls got off to a solid start, taking the first two legs of the contest. McGurn responded to the break of throw in leg two by replying in kind in the third, but it proved to be a mere consolation. Halls broke throw for the second time with a 16 darter in the fourth before going on to a relatively easy victory, taking out 56 to conclude the match.

Pip Blackwell (27.83)

4-0

Glen Couldwell (22.32)

Plumstead quickly pulled level, as Blackwell coasted to a straight legs success. Although Couldwell scored well in patches, he was always chasing the game and never really threatened to take a leg off his opponent.

Graham Rackstraw (25.39)

0-4

Darren Peetoom (26.37)

The Ferry regained the lead in another game that only required four legs to conclude, but was far closer than the scoreline might otherwise suggest. The game started with a bang in the opener. Rackstraw looked to be all set for a break of throw, with a 140 following a maximum on his previous visit to leave him on 36. Peetoom pulled a rabbit of the hat, taking the leg from nowhere with a brilliant 149 checkout. He then survived leg darts in the second for as break which proved a real body blow. The next two legs also went to the Ferry man, a maximum in the fourth setting up the win.

Tommy Sanwell (29.59)

4-2

Ben Cheeseman (27.06)

Another quality feat of darts was served up in the fourth contest, with both combatants finding the red segment almost at will. Sanwell took the opening two legs, but Cheeseman came back to leave it all square with three to play. The Plumstead man was able to step up a gear at that point, and consecutive 14 darters, the latter with an 84 finish, saw the overall match once again all square. For good measure, Sanwell produced the highest average of the week in Division One.

Kevin Smith (25.39)

2-4

Scott Marsh (26.04)

The fifth game of the evening was another that was hard to call once the draw had been made. Each player was solid on throw and made the task of breaking difficult. After trading the first four legs, Smith had a chance to break at a pivotal point in the fifth leg, but missed three darts at 32. Marsh

promptly took the double out on his next visit. Smith then struggled to gain the ascendancy in the sixth, as Marsh got the all important break when it mattered most

Marc Lee (25.59)

4-2

Clive Barden (23.01)

Barden looked to be all set to give the visitors the overall win when he raced into an early two leg lead. However the game then typified the see-saw nature of the match as a whole. Lee got the break back in leg four, taking out 89. That was an hors d'oeuvre for the leg that was about to follow. Barden could only stand and watch as Lee went 180, 140, 145 before taking out the 36 at the first attempt for a magnificent 10 dart leg. That was a tough act to follow, and the longest leg of the match ended with Barden missing darts to take it into a finale before Lee closed it out.

Nigel Payne (26.47)

4-3

Paul Amos (26.56)

With the overall score three each, it seemed fitting that the match should go right down to the wire and only be decided in the seventh and final leg. The see-saw nature was evident with neither player holding the first time on throw. The next four legs saw the player leading off taking the double out at the business end, Amos hit a 72 to conclude the fifth. The last leg of the night was in keeping with what had gone on before. Amos looked to be poised for three match darts at 36, but Payne held his nerve under pressure, taking out 64 to give Plumstead a very hard fought victory.

The narrow win puts Plumstead in third place on 15 points, four off the pace. The Ferry are only a point behind, tied for fourth. Plumstead cross the river to take on Romford A in their next match. Woolwich Ferry host bottom placed Bermondsey .