



Unbeaten Welling A suffered a surprise first defeat of the season, going down 5-2 to Romford A at The Guy, Earl of Warwick. Some games could have gone either way and the final scoreline could easily have seen the hosts come out on top.

David Wawrzewski (25.16) 3-4 **John Costigan (24.14)**

The visitors were looking for an improved performance after throwing away a 3-0 lead at home to Lewisham in the previous match. In the first of four matches that went the full duration of seven legs, it looked unlikely that all would be required as Costigan romped into a commanding position, winning the first three legs. Wawrzewski had only lost one of those on throw however, and redressed the balance with a 65 finish in the fifth to accompany holds in the fourth and sixth. Costigan took full advantage of the throw in the last to get the visitors off to the best possible start.

Lee Cocks (27.83) 4-0 **Terry Lambert (22.62)**

Last season saw Cocks finish top of the averages, and he has started this campaign in the same vein. A solid start yielded the first two legs. Cocks then drew to within one leg of the equalising point, checking out on 120 for a 15 darter. He only needed one more dart to break Lambert for the second time in the fourth leg to complete the victory.

Dean Coughlan (23.71) 3-4 **Jason Geraghty (22.92)**

Coughlan took the early advantage in a slow burner of a game, breaking the Geraghty throw to take the lead at two one. He lost the next leg on throw, but broke again in the fifth with a great 14 dart leg. He couldn't maintain the scoring from there on in, a fourth consecutive break saw Geraghty check out 68 to force a decider. The destination of the last leg remained in doubt as both players squandered chances before Geraghty eventually took out the winning double.

Nick Cocks (24.38) 4-2 **Dave Harris (24.46)**

This was another game where it was hard to separate the two combatants. Cocks started off well, a 74 finish in the first leg was followed with a break to give him a two nothing lead. Both players weren't mucking about at the business end, Harris took the third courtesy of a 70 finish before Cocks restored the two leg cushion thanks to a fine 80 takeout. A scrappy sixth leg saw Cocks break once more to send the match all square going into the fifth contest.

Richard Elms (24.32) 3-4 **Rob Vallence (23.70)**

Vallence got his first win of the season in another tight game that could have gone either way. A break by Elms in the third seemed to give him the advantage, but Vallence hit straight back by taking

legs four and five, the latter claimed with a 92 finish. Elms then held to send it all the way. Vallenge started better in the last leg, and was able to cope with the late pressure to nail the winning double.

Freddie Box (25.39)

2-4

Daniel Day (26.13)

Box had the task of trying to prevent the away side walking away with the overall victory. Day started well breaking for the opener, but Box showed why he has been called up to the London squad with an immediate break back thanks to a 90 finish, before banging in a 109 to take the lead. Day then clicked into gear and promptly rattled off three legs on the bounce for the point which would see Romford A end Welling A's unbeaten record.

Will Blackwell (26.13)

3-4

Steve Hardy (25.61)

Romford A kept up their record of winning all the games on the night where they started on throw, doing so in the last leg on each occasion. Another quality game was served up. The first four legs all went to the man starting the leg, but Blackwell looked to have gained the advantage with what looked a crucial break in the fifth leg. He couldn't see the task out though, as Hardy fought back to set up a one leg shootout. Blackwell couldn't keep up with Hardy's scoring in the finale and Romford A ended the night on a high.

Despite the loss, Welling A remain at the head of the table, with their conquerors 2 points behind in second place. The leaders will be looking to get back to winning ways as they travel to take on Wood Green. Romford A welcome Plumstead in their next match.