



Woolwich remain at the top of Division Two after this narrow win at The Guy Earl of Warwick.

**Craig Watkins (21.27)                      3-4                      George Cox (18.55)**

The opening four legs of the night's opening contest were completely dominated by whoever went first. Cox took out 82 for leg one and scored well in leg three with Watkins barely able to lay the proverbial glove on his opponent. However it was completely the opposite in legs two and four. Watkins took both with Cox barely troubling the scorer. The fifth leg was to be pivotal. Cox made it to the double first as Watkins struggled but missed many chances before bagging double one. The pattern of earlier was then resumed, Watkins hitting a fine 72 to send it to the last leg. As before, it was the man on throw who had the ascendancy and Woolwich took the win.

**Kevin Reid (23.47)                      0-4                      Wayne Brown (25.69)**

The draw looked to have produced a real pick 'em game for the second match on the oche, that would have been difficult to predict the winner. It was anything but that, with Brown taking the point in minimum time. He set the tone from the off, immediately breaking the Reid throw with an impressive 94 finish. A routine hold followed before he put himself one away with another break in leg three, where Reid had darts but didn't take them. The fourth leg was even but Brown wasn't going to relinquish his advantage and the leaders doubled their tally.

**Chris Copeland (18.90)                      1-4                      Jason Gallagher (23.39)**

Welling B were struggling to get a foothold in the game, and their position worsened. Gallagher could have gone two ahead, but spurned the chances to do so. But his scoring was on a different level to that of Copeland, and a 15 darter on throw in leg three ended with a nice 80 finish. A slow start in the fourth proved to be no hindrance as Copeland once again declined the opportunity to find the outer ring. Leg five was never really a contest, as Gallagher sauntered over the winning line to put Woolwich on the brink of the overall win.

**Mark Boness (24.03)                      4-1                      Jamie Green (22.63)**

The victory celebrations were temporarily put on hold in match four. Boness is always a hard man to beat, and Green didn't have the firepower in this one to get the duke. After trading the opening two legs. Boness held in the third and promptly added the next two with his usual steady display to finally get a point in the Welling B win column.

**Rich Hill (23.09)                      2-4                      Mark Gallagher (22.98)**

Both players gave as good as they got in this one, hitting the big trebles often but occasionally interspersed with a lull in the scoring. Gallagher started the better, snaring the first two legs and

knocking home a 70 in the latter of them. Hill decided to get in on the act and replied in kind by taking legs three and four, a 74 finish effectively making the contest a best of three. Hill started slowly in leg five, and although finding his scoring boots in the back end of the leg, Gallagher was more consistent and held on throw. He repeated the dose in the sixth to take the point and secure the overall win.

**Steve Foley (25.14)**

**4-1**

**Matt Wood (22.04)**

With two games to go, Woolwich now turned their attention on making the final margin of victory as wide as possible and keep the pressure on those chasing them at the top of the table. Welling B were having none of that and took both games. Foley soon held sway, a great 90 checkout saw him go two nil ahead. The third could easily have gone to him as well but the Liverpoolian ground it out and got the break back. Foley kicked on again, a maximum redressed the balance in leg four and he completed the task in hand in the next.

**Mark Ward (24.38)**

**4-3**

**Ryan Francis (23.36)**

All seven legs were required before the destination of the last point became known. Legs one to three all went with the head, Ward knocking home a 78 in leg two. Francis the broke to take the fourth and looked poised to get the win, needing just one more. Ward then roared back. Two legs saw it go the duration, and he ended in grand fashion, breaking Francis at the death with a fantastic 122 take out.

Welling B are clear in third place on 19 points, and will be looking to solidify that spot with a tricky looking trip to improving Greenwich. Woolwich stay on the road, this time crossing the river to face Chadwell Heath, and hoping to maintain at the very least the one point lead over Romford B before the two go head to head one week later.