



Woolwich kept a firm grip on top spot in Division Two when they saw off basement boys Southwark.

Jason Gallagher (22.26) 2-4 Ben West (24.88)

The bottom side made light of their position as they took the first two points of the session. West has played well since being called up to the County ranks, and produced a stunning display of finishing to get Southwark off the mark. After Gallagher missed the chance to break in the opener, West stepped in and took out 74. Gallagher squared the match but West pulled another rabbit from the hat when he checked out on 105 to regain the lead. Breaks of throw were de rigueur for the remainder of the contest. West took leg four to go within one, before Gallagher extended it into a sixth. West then finished off the match with another quality finish as he cracked in a 124.

Jamie Green (21.90) 2-4 Chris Hogg (23.19)

The draw pitted together two members of the London B team who were looking to maintain their form in readiness for the County fixture at Dorset at the end of the month. Hogg gained the upper hand as he raced into a three leg lead. Green came fighting back as he took the fourth and fifth, but in the sixth he busted his score when sat on 105 and Hogg cleaned up for the point.

George Cox (20.82) 4-3 David Cook (22.41)

Woolwich then showed why they head the division, as they shrugged off the early losses to take the rest of the points in the session. The third game went the full seven legs. Cox was first into his stride, as he took the opening two legs. Cook then found a rich vein of scoring which helped him to square the contest. Cox then got the crucial break in leg five, and finished the job off in a lengthy sixth leg.

Mark Gallagher (21.06) 4-3 Jamie Loader (21.82)

The fourth match also required the full complement of legs to decide the winner. Loader assumed the early command, after breaking in leg one he backed it up with a fine 68 finish to double the lead. Gallagher fired back, an 81 finish took the third and he promptly followed up by adding the fourth and fifth legs. Loader held on with a 60 finish to send it all the way. Gallagher had throw in the last and a steady leg brought him the win.

Ryan Francis (18.44) 4-1 Curtis Donnelly (15.84)

Woolwich got their noses in front in the fifth match, a lead they were not to relinquish. Donnelly took the opener on throw as both players sought to get their range on the trebles. Francis then stepped up his game and found them with regularity. He was able to be less clinical at the business end but still took four legs on the bounce and a 65 finish in leg five proved to be the match winner.

Mark Foster (22.08)

4-1

Steve Chambers (20.77)

The overall win was achieved as Foster only dropped one leg. The opening two legs were traded on throw, but from then on it was Foster on easy street as he took three on the turn whilst denying Chambers a pot at the outer ring. After taking legs three and four to hold sway, Foster ended matters in the fifth. He started the leg slowly but improved as it went on and cracked in a 96 to bag the point.

Matt Wood (23.86)

4-0

Conor Sutton (20.01)

The match ended with a win in minimum time for the Liverpoolian. He coasted quickly into a two nil lead, and then put the hammer down with a brilliant 13 darter in the third. The clincher proved harder to attain. The fine scoring continued unabated but Wood was able to take his time on the double before eventually finding the out shot for an easy win.

Woolwich stay top and now hold a four point cushion over Romford B. They should maintain that at they very least when they travel to take on struggling Vauxhall. Southwark are now tied at the foot of the table, and have a chance to climb off bottom spot for the first time this season when Chadwell Heath come to the Spots and Stripes.