

## London Pride (Darts World report) January 2018

### SENIOR COUNTY

With London sitting in 6<sup>th</sup> place in division one of the BICC a good result was needed against the divisions bottom club when they travelled to Dorset at the end of November, with the first three games going against the visitors it wasn't the ideal start, Lisa Dunford (16.30) played well and will rue missed doubles in her 3-2 defeat, Jane Biggs (13.51) was soundly beaten 3-0 and Lynne Biondini (16.61) lost a very tight game 3-2, London then fought back well with dominant wins for Dee Belcher (18.88), Mandy Solomons (17.89) and lady of the match Leanne Topper (19.99) winning 3-1 to level the score at three apiece.



Ladies B Team LOM Leanne Topper (19.99)

Lee Clifford (26.37) started well and gave London the lead with a nice 3-0 win that was followed by two defeats for Will Blackwell (23.29) and Matt Winzar (22.76) before Shane Wilson (22.64) making only his 2<sup>nd</sup> senior appearance had to use all his guile to gain a hard fought 3-2 win, losses followed for John Hind (22.12) and Chris Holt (23.72) who both lost 3-1 and Paul Killington (19.91) who lost 3-0, Ben Cheeseman (26.05) was involved in a right old tussle and came out a 3-2 winner before a superb display saw Tony Hamit (27.83) dominate for a 3-0 win that saw him share the match award, Jason Gallagher (24.39) was a welcome returnee to the London side but just came up short in his 3-2 loss to Dorsets match award winner Samuel Ward (27.99) in a very entertaining game, Spencer Ellis (19.47) was never in the game in his 3-0 defeat which gave the Dorset Mens B team the overall win although this was reduced to a 7-5 win when Lewis Venes (27.83) put in a clinical performance to win 3-0 that earned him the joint match award with Tony Hamit, Dorset had lost their previous mens B team game 10-2 so this was a fine performance from them but a very poor one for London in many respects and they will have to do much better with some very tough games coming up in the new year, the overall score stood at 10-8 to the hosts.



Joint Mens B Team MOM Tony Hamit (27.83)



Joint Mens B Team MOM Lewis Venes (27.83)

Steph Stutley (15.87) kept up her unbeaten record for the season with a nice 3-1 win before Tammy Mackenzie (19.76) came up against a rampant Samantha Kirton (26.89) and lost 3-1 despite hitting a lovely 112 finish to win her leg, Samantha was clinical and finished the game with a 116 outshot, Shaz Deboo Costello (19.75) won a tight game 3-2 to also remain unbeaten in the 4 games she's played and also won the match award, Nikki Patten (18.68) was soundly beaten 3-0, Su Holt (17.91) was unlucky to lose 3-2 in a tight match and will rue missed doubles which could have given her a comfortable win, Carly Townsend (15.59) was a recipient of fortune in her 3-2 win that gave the ladies a very credible 3-3 draw against a very good Dorset ladies A side and left the overall score at 13-11 to the home side.



Ladies A Team LOM Shaz Deboo-Costello (19.75)

Brazilian star Diogo Portela (26.03) had a comfortable 4-0 win and wasn't tested on the Dorset stage which was followed by three losses for Nick Cocks (23.43) who lost 4-0, Michael Power (26.21) who lost 4-2 but can blame many missed doubles that would have seen him win an easy 4-0 and Tom McGurn (24.66) who was unfortunate to lose a close game 4-3, a returning Tommy Sanwell (25.53) won 4-2 with some of his usual clinical finishing which was followed by Danny Faulkner (24.54) grinding his way to a much needed 4-3 win, Graham Rackstraw was on the wrong end of a 4-3 loss in a very close game that could have gone either way, George Killington (29.39) won the match award with a dominant display winning 4-2, George's victory was to the last one for the visitors as four straight losses followed, Wayne Brown (23.99) fought hard in his 4-3 loss, Lee Cocks (24.25) faced a clinical Scott Mitchell (32.12) who finished the game with a fantastic 121 finish to win 4-1, Steven Ferguson (25.71) also lost 4-1 but played his part in a very good game that saw Mark Porter (25.31) hit a crucial 125 to edge ahead in the game and he never looked back from there although Fergie pushed him all the way, last up David Wawrzewski (21.91) just wasn't himself and capitulated to a 4-0 loss that gave Dorset a 8-4 win and an overall victory of 24-15 including the important 3 bonus points.



Mens A Team MOM George Killington (29.39)

The remaining BICC Division One fixtures subject to change are as follows:

20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> January 2018 Essex (Home), 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> February 2018 Surrey (Away), 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> March 2018 Gwent (Home), 24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> March 2018 Cornwall (Away) and 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> April 2018 Nottinghamshire (Home).

All senior home games are played at The Plumstead Common Working Mens Club, 71 Kirkham Street, Plumstead, London SE18 2JS.

Entry is by programme only, costs £4 which gives you admission for both Saturday and Sunday games.

B Team Matches start on the Saturday at Noon and A Team Matches start at 11am on the Sunday.

Hot and Cold food will be available all day with drinks at club prices.

Come along and support the elite darters of London in a great atmosphere.

### **YOUTH COUNTY**

London Youth played their 2<sup>nd</sup> match of the season against last season champions Essex and in the under 18's London went down to a 7-0 defeat although London only had 5 under 18's on display, debutant Joshua Murray (17.92) played very well against a very accomplished Jamie Peetoom (21.98) who won 3-1, Joshua can and should take much confidence from a very good debut, Rebecca Holt lost 3-0 after stepping into the breach for the lads, Albie Rackley (20.53) was another player that played very well against another very good youth player in Jakob Kelly (22.16) who won the match award with his 3-1 win, other losses were for Luke Faulkner who is still finding his feet and 8 year old Leo Gaffney who is always an enthusiastic performer, London Youth have a very good ladies under 21 side and they sit top of their section after this 2-1 win over a good Essex ladies side, Rosie Gaffney (14.95) is finally getting back to her winning ways after her 3-1 victory and got the match award for London, Leah Nelson (17.97) played well enough in her 3-1 defeat to Leanne Peetoom (20.89) who hit a nice 103 outshot to win the game and won the match award for Essex, Ex Essex player Ellie Larsson-Brown (12.10) won a close game 3-2 that saw many missed doubles but also a superb 100 finish from Ellie, with Essex now winning 8-2 overall the match win was theirs before the start of the mens under 21's match, it's always competitive between London and Essex in this section, Luke Nelson (23.63) had no answer to Joe Russell (30.67) who won 3-0 in legs of 16, 16 and 17 darts winning the match award for Essex, in the next match Charlie Bubb (18.18) was also up against in when he faced Liam Hill (21.71) who missed a lot of doubles or else he would have finished with a much higher average, Chris Holt (22.77) came back fighting for London with a 3-0 win over Harry Cove (21.00) before Will Blackwell (23.09) lost 3-1 against Chris Gower (24.53), Ben Cheeseman (27.83) got the London match award for his 3-0 win over Bradley Halls (25.90) in a very good game, Essex had won the section 3-2 for a deserved overall victory of 11-4.

London Youth fixtures for the rest of the 2017/2018 season are: 10<sup>th</sup> December 2017 Sussex (Home), 28<sup>th</sup> January 2018 Surrey (Home), 18<sup>th</sup> March 2018 Kent (Away), 8<sup>th</sup> April 2018 Essex (Home), 29<sup>th</sup> April 2018 Sussex (Away) and 20<sup>th</sup> May 2018 Surrey (Away).

Many thanks must go to the Plumstead Common Working Men's Club for their continual support of our Youth Team, a fantastic venue with hard working staff making sure our needs are catered for.

London Youth County Home matches are held at Plumstead Common W.M.C. all welcome, hot and cold food available all day with drink at club prices, entry is by £2 purchase of a programme.

London has some of the top talent playing for them at Youth level, come along and watch their progress.

### **LADIES SUPERLEAGUE**

Edmonton are still unbeaten after 10 games and sit dominant at the top of the league on 67 points, closest rivals Wanderers have played a game more but are behind on 54 points followed by Originals on 42, Ninjas on 40, The Avengers on 29, Booshes on 28 and bottom team The Hustlers on 19 points. The top 16 in the averages table are Leanne Topper (Edmonton), Donna Gleed (Edmonton), Shaz Deboo-Costello (Originals), Steph Stutley (Wanderers), Casey Gallagher (Wanderers), Mandy Solomons (Edmonton), Steph Hewson (The Avengers), Nikki Patten (Ninjas), Su Holt (Originals), Dee Belcher (Wanderers), Debra Watling (Booshes), Tammy Mackenzie (Edmonton), Andrea Walker (Ninjas), Leanne Peetoom (The Avengers), Lynne Biondini (Wanderers) and Carly Townsend (Originals). Angie Hearn (Edmonton) has the highest checkout so far with a 150, Leanne Topper has the most tons with 51 with Mandy Solomons and Carly Townsend hitting the most 180's with 3 apiece.

### **MENS SUPERLEAGUE**

After 11 weeks of the London mens superleague Plumstead A find themselves 10 points ahead of Lewisham who are on 50 points, Romford in 3<sup>rd</sup> place are close behind on 49, Wood Green are on 44 followed by Woolwich Ferry (42), Chadwell Heath (42), West Ham (40), Chiswick (38), Downham (36), Woolwich (36), Bermondsey (35), Welling (35), Vauxhall B (31), Southwark (28), Plumstead B (28) and bottom team Vauxhall A (21). The top 16 in the mens averages are John Nelson (Vauxhall B), Jason Gallagher (Woolwich), George Killington (Wood Green), David Wawrzewski (Plumstead B), Pip Blackwell (Plumstead A), Steve Ferguson (Lewisham), Darren Peetoom (Woolwich Ferry), Steve Woodside (Romford), Matt Winzar (Lewisham), Nigel Payne (Plumstead A), Paul Rafferty (Vauxhall A), Richie Davis (Bermondsey), Michael Power (Chiswick), Spencer Ellis (Lewisham) and Kevin Smith (Plumstead A). David Wawrzewski has hit 149 tons in his 6 games, George Killington has hit 17 x 180's with a 170 finish being recorded by Darren Irving (Plumstead B).

### **OTHER NEWS**

London would like to wish Diogo Portela all the very best at The PDC World Championships being held between 14<sup>th</sup> December 2017 and 1<sup>st</sup> January 2018 at Alexandra Palace in London, Diogo has drawn a tough 1<sup>st</sup> round game against No2 Seed Peter Wright, believe me, the Brazilian has the game to beat anybody on his day and although he is a 500/1 outsider I may even have a rare punt myself, Diogo will leave no stone unturned in his preparation and hopefully with the full support of his friends and family in the arena will cause a major upset, the game will be played last on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December. Good luck to our Brazilliant friend.



London's Brazilliant Diogo Portela – best wishes at Ally Pally against Peter Wright

Be sure to log on to the London darts website at [www.londondarts.org](http://www.londondarts.org) to view all up to date stats and tables for both Superleagues, comprehensive pages for County and London Darts history, there is also a competition page with all local and regional competitions supported.

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