

London Pride (Darts World report) July 2018

SENIOR COUNTY

London would have to have had a disaster to see them relegated so they could go out and relax knowing the result that would see them remain in Division One wasn't far off, Lisa Dunford (16.79) can rue missed doubles for her 3-0 loss to Jade Hickey (17.08), Jane Biggs (11.09) lost 3-1 to Susan Bailey (10.88), Dee Belcher (14.57) edged her game 3-1 against Mandy Cosslett (13.44) before Sue Condon (19.78) got the lady of the match with her 3-0 demolition of Rachel Parnell (16.20), Jo Deamer (19.51) played very well for her 3-1 win over Jess Bonner (15.81) to put the hosts ahead, Lynne Biondini (16.19) lost 3-1 to Gwent award winner Ceri Stephens (17.28) to leave the score even at 3-3.

Matty Finch (26.08) got the mens B team off to a great start with a man of the match performance in his 3-1 win over Anthony Freeman (24.48), Mathew Wood (22.78) won a tense game against Adrian Jones (23.84) 3-2 and Sean Lahiff (23.21) made it 3-0 with another 3-1 win over Marcus Hawkins (20.26) who was making his Gwent debut, Danny Knight (19.35) was a fortunate winner in his 3-2 victory over Andy Miller (20.37), London then went on the rampage, winning the next six games, Michael Artiss (23.73) won 3-1 against Will Hook (22.69), Tom McGurn (24.86) won 3-1 over Dale Ridler (23.33) including a nice 110 finish in the first leg, Ben Cheeseman (23.86) won 3-0 against Mike Kenny (17.57), Shane Wilson (20.04) and Matt Winzar (25.05) both won 3-0 over Alan Walker (20.64) and Neil Lewis (20.81) respectively, Thomas Tobin (23.91) got his first county win with a nice 3-1 over Jarrod Powell (22.14), Darren Irving (20.10) returned to the side and lost a nervy game to Patrick Adolescu (20.93) to give Gwent their first game of the section, Danny Brown (25.91) walked on confidently for the final game of the day and opened up with a 180 to show his intentions, winning the first leg but going 2-1 down showed how competitive the game was, Danny took his chance to level the score before starting the final leg with another 180 which saw him comfortably take that final leg and a 3-2 win over Carl Lloyd (22.57), a fantastic 11-1 win against a team better than what they had shown here, took the overall score to 14-4 for the hosts and at that point London knew only 4 more points would be required to ensure our safety.

London lost the first four games at the start of the Sunday games, Steph Stutley (16.73) missed many chances to win her game but went down 3-2 to Kimberley Walker (15.92), Debs Watling (15.72) lost 3-0 to a clinical Amanda Rosser (16.89), Shaz Deboo Costello (20.46) was unfortunate not to keep her unbeaten record with a good display she lost 3-2 to Hannah Meek (18.82), Shaz finishes the season as London's top Lady female performer, a great accolade, Mandy Solomons (20.43) lost a great game to Chris Savvery (23.74) who won the weekend award for her efforts, Carly Townsend (17.69) took the first leg with a fantastic 118 finish then had to fight hard for her 3-2 win over Jan Robbins (17.51) and got the lady of the match award in a very good game, Su Holt (15.46) also had to battle in her 3-2 win over Tracey Hickey (16.13) but she showed real steal and composure in the final leg shoot out, with the final score in the section being 4-2 to the visitors, now 16-8 to London overall.

Will Blackwell (26.41) made a fantastic A team debut, going 3-1 up with his winning legs being 15, 15 and 19 darters and having a shot to win 4-1, lost 4-3 after a great comeback from Carl Lloyd (25.42), Conan Whitehead (28.28) was involved in a great match when he beat Kevin Mills (26.85) 4-3, next up Danny Faulkner (26.75) shocked the room with a superb 170 finish to take the first leg and then was just clinical in his 4-1 win over Andrew Ashcroft (22.88), hitting a 177 and a 180 in the final two

legs for a comfortable victory that ensured London's survival in division one, Tony Hamit (24.25) went down 4-1 to the weekend award winner Nick Kenny (28.61), Matty Finch (22.72) had been promoted from the B for his award winning victory the day prior, he got a hard fought 4-3 over Steven Challenger (21.71) on his A team debut, Lee Cocks (26.51) beat Craig Lloyd (4-1) hitting a 120 finish, 2 x 180 in a comfortable win, Lee is the top performer in the A this season after winning 5 of his 9 games, honourable mentions to Wayne Brown, Conan Whitehead, Danny Faulkner and Tommy Sanwell for also having 5 victories for the season, David Wawrzewski (24.64) and Michael Power (24.64) both lost 4-2 in tight games against Paul Cosslett (24.27) and Liam Meek (25.08), Nicky Turner (23.13) played his 250th game for London and rolled back the years quickly going 3-1 up after a nice 105 finish in the 4th leg, his opponent Jesse Heal (25.02) came back really strong, taking the next two legs in 18 and 12 darts which was 57, 140, 180 with a 124 finish to set up a decider which went to the away player after a tense final leg, next up Wayne Brown (28.01) was inb the game of the day against Nathan Perry (27.50), Wayne was playing well but found himself 3-1 against a confident Perry, fighting back with two tidy legs Wayne levelled the score, with Nathan still looking on top form, a 180 and a 145 set up shot Wayne went on to take the leg well and the 4-3 win, Graham Rackstraw (25.85) took out a 120 finish in the first leg against Patrick Adolescu (22.80) who had been Gwents only previous winner the day before and from there Graham got a pretty comfortable 4-1 win, last up was another player making his A team debut, after a long day Richard Ryan (22.32) had a great opening leg but was up against a talented, confident opponent in Sam Cankett (24.83) and a good game ensued with Richard losing 4-1 to a clinical display, a very high scoring game had finished even at six apiece but overall London had got a fantastic 22-14 win as well as the much needed bonus points, finishing 7th overall in the division by a comfortable margin in the end, it wasn't a bad season but we should do better.

London fixtures BICC Division One 2018/19 season, subject to change are as follows: 15th/16th September 2018 Hertfordshire (H), 13th/14th October 2018 Oxfordshire (A), 3rd/4th November 2018 Sussex (H), 1st/2nd December 2018 Dorset (H), 19th/20th January 2019 Devon (A), 9th/10th February 2019 Cambridgeshire (H), 2nd/3rd March 2019 Gwent (A), 30th/31st March 2019 Cornwall (H) and 27th/28th April 2019 Nottinghamshire (A).

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 last two games of the season, first of the two away games were Sussex away and Philip Hollyhock got his first win after he won the first game 3-1, Charlie Mifsud (17.48) got the match award for his 3-0 win Hayden Robbie lost and nine year old talent Leo Gaffney (12.66) won 3-1 to put London 3-1 up, Sussex won the final three games with losses for Joshua Murray, Ben Gaffney and Lee Weller. Rebecca Holt, Ellie Larsson-Brown and Rosie Gaffney all lost in their Under 21's ladies 3-0 defeat. The under 21's mens team didn't get off to a great start with losses for Curtis

Donnelly and Albie Rackley before award winner Will Blackwell (26.25) took a nice 3-0, Charlie Bubb lost in a narrow 3-2 loss that could have been reversed, Ben Cheeseman (22.13) was also in a tough game winning 3-2 to leave the overall score 10-5 to the hosts.

The final game of the season in section two against Surrey saw the under 18's win their first game of the season despite Luke Faulkner and Joshua Murray lost the opening two games, Ben Gaffney followed by brother Leo then a man of the match award performance for the second game running for Charlie Mifsud (16.53) who is showing his talent now and a first win for Hayden Robbie saw London edge ahead 4-2 and the final game was a loss for Philip Hollyhock who played well. A superb performance for the Ladies after a 3-0 defeat last time out, they reversed that score line with good wins for Ellie Larsson-Brown, Rosie Gaffney and new mum Bumblebee (13.51) who won the match award, four losses straight off wasn't what London would have wanted, losses for Callum Irving, Curtis Donnelly, Albie Rackley and Ben Cheeseman left the result on a knife edge but for the second game running Will Blackwell (23.49) produced the goods to give London Youth their first win of the season by an 8-7 margin.

London Youth fixtures for the 2018/2019 season will hopefully be available for the next issue

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

The London ladies superleague finished with the annual Champion of Champions competition which was won for the first time by Carly Townsend (Originals) beating Donna Gleed (Edmonton) 4-1 in the final, semi-finalists were Chloe Artiss (Booshes) and her team mate Debs Watling .

MENS SUPERLEAGUE

The London mens superleague ended with Plumstead A regaining the trophy by winning the league by 26 points declaring themselves as League champions on 149, ahead of Wood Green on 123 who won battle with Romford 118 and Woolwich Ferry 116 for 2nd place, Lewisham were close behind on 113 with Chadwell Heath on 106, the following pack are Bermondsey (104), Downham (102), West Ham (100), Welling (99), Woolwich (87), Plumstead B (86), Vauxhall B (82), Vauxhall A (75) Southwark (60), and Chiswick (46), The top 16 in the mens averages are George Killington (Wood Green), Darren Peetoom (Woolwich Ferry), Pip Blackwell (Plumstead A), John Nelson (Vauxhall B), Kevin Smith (Plumstead A), Paul Rafferty (Bermondsey), Steve Ferguson (Lewisham), Peter Allen (Plumstead A), David Wawrzewski (Plumstead B), Nigel Payne (Plumstead A), Richard Elms (Welling), John Costigan (Romford), Matt Winzar (Lewisham), Aaron Beeney (West Ham), Matt Wood (Woolwich) and Steve Hardy (Romford)). David Wawrzewski has hit 360 tons in his 27 games, Pip Blackwell has hit 38 x 180's with 170 finishes being recorded by Colin Coughlan & Darren Irving (Plumstead B), Sean Lahiff (Vauxhall B) and Craig Watkins (Welling).

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