

Team Manager's report – London v Berkshire, October 2014

October saw us away to London, our Ladies B Lost 5 – 1, with our 1st lady the only winner, Amy Smith winning 3 – 2, shooting out 115 in the final leg and an average of 15.45, the rest of our ladies suffered from missed doubles, Chris Ruffell 3 – 1 (14.33), Debbie Connors 3 – 0 (14.50), Louise Grannell 3 – 1 (16.82), Kate Denton 3 – 0 (13.40) and Carole Holroyd 3 – 1 (12.55).

Going into the Men's B, we started off with a win from Kevan Merritt 3 – 0 (20.88), followed by another Man of the Match performance from Joe Lacey 3 – 0 with an average of 29.23, Clive Drinkwater playing his first match from Berkshire since 1988, lost 3 – 1 (22.44), Steve Greens lost 3 – 1 (21.88), Dave Hewlett supplied a much needed win, 3 – 2 (25.90), Roy Barton lost 3 – 0 (20.58), Andy McNeil produced another good win 3 – 2 (26.16) which included a shot out of 131, Gary Jones lost 3 – 1 (22.37), Jason Heaver gave us another point winning 3 – 0 (24.44), but we lost the last three games, Steve Shadwell 3 – 2 (23.66), John Gray 3 – 0 (24.63) and Simon Purvey 3 – 0 (25.26), the final result was a loss of 7 – 5 and leaving Berkshire 12 – 6 down overnight.

Sunday started off with the Ladies A securing a much needed draw, but we lost the first three games, Debbie Shadwell 3 – 2 (20.61), Jen Payne 3 – 1 (15.77) and Jackie Walford 3 – 0 (16.36), Jo Rolls produced another good performance, winning 3 – 2 (19.98), our Lady of the Match Ally Judge played brilliant winning 3 – 1 with an average of 22.73, and back to the A with a win, Hayley Croucher 3 – 1 (18.42).

It was down to our men to try and get the win for the weekend, Terry Stubbs got us off to a great start winning 4 – 1 (27.61), Paul Snowsill lost 4 – 2 (23.95), another Man of the Match award to Paul Croucher winning 4 – 2 with an average of 32.25 which also included a shot out of 121. John Jamieson narrowly lost 4 – 3 (27.57), we won the next 2 games, A team debutant Richard Stride won 4 – 1 (24.24) and another win from Dan Woodcraft 4 – 2 (22.83), the next four games went to London, Eddie Simmonds 4 – 1 (25.12), Luke Woodland 4 – 1 (25.88), James Turner 4 – 0 (21.17) and John Hall 4 – 2 (24.45), Kevin Morley won 4 – 3 (26.56), with the score at Berkshire 6 – 5 down, Paul Hogan won 4 – 0 (30.83) to secure a draw for the Men's A.

The overall score for the weekend London 21 Berkshire 15.

The cash award for the highest winning average over the weekend for both the Ladies and Men's matches, went to Berkshire players, Congratulations to Ally Judge £ 50.00 and Paul Croucher winning £ 100.00. Also Paul had the highest average in Division 2.

Berkshire is currently 3rd in the promotion table, the Men's A 2nd in their table, Ladies A, Men's and Ladies 5th in their tables. Paul Croucher leads the averages table for the whole of the BICC.

The Men's selectors have made a number of changes for our match against Merseyside, Steve Greene has decided to withdraw from the county squad, on behalf of the players, committee, selectors and supporter, we would like to thank Steve for his services to the county.

Our next match is 01/02 November at Britwell where we play hosts to Merseyside; let's get back to winning ways.

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