

Team Manager's report – Berkshire v Wiltshire September 2014

First match in the BICC 2014 / 2015 season saw us home to Wiltshire, our Ladies teams were the mainstay of our results last year, and our Ladies B started off the weekend with a thumping 5 – 1 win, Amy Smith won 3 – 2 (13.81), Hayley Croucher produced a Lady of the Match performance, winning 3 – 0 with an 18.56 average, Louise Walford playing her last game as a Walford won 3 – 2 (13.99), Debbie Connors won 3 – 2 (14.61), followed by Carole Holroyd winning 3 – 0 (16.52), our only loser was Chris Ruffell 3 – 2 (14.17).

The Men's B were now in a position to build on our lead, starting off with Roy Barton who unfortunately lost 3 – 2 (23.78), Joe Lacey produced yet another Man on the Match performance winning 3 – 0 (30.67), followed by wins from Steve Greene 3 – 0 (22.10), Kevan Merritt 3 – 0 (22.77), recalled Andy McNeil Aitken 3 – 0 (24.24), Gary Jones back in the B 3 – 0 (20.59), and the debut game of Jason Heaver 3 – 0 (18.79), Dave Hewlett lost 3 – 1 (21.20) also losing 3- 1 John Gray (19.81) recalled as Luke Humphries was unwell. Richard Stride won 3 – 1 (27.26), Steve Shadwell won 3 – 1 (23.34) and Simon Purvey getting a win under his belt 3 – 2 (25.37) giving a result of 9 – 3 for the Men's B and Berkshire leading 14 – 4 overnight.

Sunday saw our Ladies A draw 3 - 3, Jo Rolls leading off with an 3 – 0 win (20.31) and Jenny Payne won 3 – 2 (14.89), the next 3 games went to Wiltshire, Ally Judge 3 – 2 (18.84), Kate Denton 3 – 1 (16.45) and Jackie Walford 3 – 0 (13.18), our Lady of the Match with an awesome average 22.43 Debbie Shadwell winning 3 -0.

Going into the Men's A we lead 17 – 8, Eddie Simmonds played a below par game and lost 4 – 0 (23.22), we won the next 6 games, Paul Hogan 4 – 1 (26.44), James Turner playing his 1st game in the A 4 – 3 (24.98), DanWoodcraft 4 – 0 (27.83), our Man of the Match Paul Croucher 4 – 0 with an 29.91 average, John Jamieson 4 – 2 (24.48) and Paul Snowsill 4 – 2 (28.83) which included an 156 shot out. We lost the next 2 games, recalled Lee Hussey 4 – 0 (23.26) and Luke Woodland 4 – 0 (25.42), but won the last 3 games, Kevin Morley 4 – 1 (24.95), Terry Stubbs 4 – 0 (26.37) and John Hall 4 -3 (24.22) leaving the Men's A with an 9 -3 result and overall 26 -10 for the weekend.

There is now a cash award for the highest winning average over the weekend for both the Ladies and Men's matches, Congratulations to Debbie Shadwell winning £ 50.00 and Joe Lacey winning £ 100.00

A brilliant team performance, considering the numbers in the venue, we created the team support and spirit, nice to see Enid teaching James Turner to dance. A great weekend all around, with our next match being away to London, let's continue this way. We currently top of Division 2, 3 points ahead of Derbyshire with a good result against London this will reinforce our promotion hopes, playing as we are we are going to be a hard team to beat.

Congratulations to James and Claire Turner on their marriage on 16 August and Terry and Natalie Stubbs on the marriage on 30 August, everyone in Berkshire sends their good wishes for your life together, seems the season of marriage as Louise Walford and Chris Grannell are tying the knot on 20 September, again everyone in Berkshire sends their good wishes for your life together.

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