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### Men of the Match This Week

- Lionel Sams (Ditton) 31.98
- Ron Godbeer (Salfords) 30.67
- John Bridge (Birch) 27.95
- Peter Arnold (St Peters) 27.94
- Andy Nye (Hersham) 27.56
- Paul Hollis (Snooker) 26.92

## Achy Breaky Blakey

**Golden Lion 6 (20 Legs) Ave 25.50 Salfords 6 (15 Legs) Ave 23.50**

After 'bigging up' Richie Blake's form last week, the TTO curse was invoked & Blakey had one of those 'bad days at the office' as the Lion lost ground on leaders Ditton with a draw.

Not that the Lion man underperformed, far from it; he hit 3 tons in the pairs & a 30+ average in the singles ... he just didn't manage a win despite his very best efforts.

Being left on 244 in the first pair of the night was bad enough, but the heartbreak was yet to come as Richie missed three darts at tops to inflict a season's first defeat on Dave Askew 3-1, and instead came away with a

gut-wrenching 2-3 reverse!

To add insult to injury, the loss means that he drops from 2nd in the averages to 5th, instead of pulling a little nearer the Diamond at the top. There was a silver lining for him though ... his nice early draw meant he had plenty of time to kick himself around the pub after his game!

Blakey's dramatic defeat was the crucial point of the match & proved, ultimately, to be the difference between a 14th win or a 5th draw for the home side, who now languish 6 points behind Ditton with a hugely inferior leg difference. After a few disappointing scores of late, Salfords battled

hard all the way in this & deserved the draw with good wins from Tom Eley, Askew & Man of the Match Ronnie Godbeer.

The nearest Gary Bullen got to Ronnie was a shot at 136 in the first leg as the Salfords man smacked in two maximums & a 13 dart leg for his immaculate whitewash.

**Clive Guest took out a cool 148 in the first single, whilst Creamer & Merry hit matching 3-0 averages to rescue a draw in two late games, but could this be the end of the Lion's title hopes this year? Hmm, gaining 7 points on Ditton in 3 games is going to be tough!**

## Arnie Hat-Trick, Nye Electric

**St Peters 7 (19 Legs) Ave 22.02**  
**South Norwood 5 (17 Legs) Ave 21.95**

**Hersham 8 (19 Legs) Ave 23.81**  
**Golden Lion A 4 (14 Legs) Ave 22.90**

**Peter 'No Dart' Arnold hit his third consecutive Man of the Match in beating Matt Clark for a tight win for the home side.**

The Saints were pushed all the way by Norwood, who fielded their strongest side for quite a while, but just couldn't earn a draw.

Colin Faust, Martin Loring & Mark 'Dulux' Yelding enjoyed emphatic wins, but should have been joined by Dave Hillier, who let his

single go with bad finishing to let in Simon Duke.

**Rocket Jonnie, Phil Brindley & the Razor hit crucial points for St Peters that see them lifted to 7th place ... I bet Brindley's grinning from ear to ear (it's not over YET, sonny!)**

Andy Nye was the pick of the bunch in a comfortable win for Hersham which almost extinguishes the Lion's hopes of fourth place, but puts Nye's side in a great position

on the shoulder of Salfords.

Phil Milburn & Trevor Nash (4 wins from 4) also won well for the home side, as did Scott Harris, the guy who at Eastbourne, mistakenly took a dump in the Ladies' loos, (he didn't notice the lack of urinals apparently, sheesh!)

**Steve 'better than Bravery' Lovett, Benson & Garry 'worse than Lovett' Bravery were singles winners for the Lion whose form is on a nasty downward curve**

# Hubble Bubble & Toil with Doubles

**Morfax 4 (13 Legs) Ave 21.77      Walton Snooker 11 (23 Legs) Ave 23.09**

**Double trouble prevented Walton from retaking second place from the Lion as Morfax took a creditable four points from their visitors.**

The Snooker Club lost what seems, with them, is an obligatory 2 pairs points as Ritchie Gardner & Phil Wathen both spurned chances to finish their respective pairs & Tim's side were again starting the singles at 2-2.

Jason Kelly will also rue the wasted chance he had of beating the recently impressive Ashley Smith, whilst the

home side's final point came from Neil Robinson, who battered Steve Catt with three good legs including a 130 checkout. With Ditton to play next week, Paul Hollis obviously still has one eye on the Title as he took Man of the Match in the first single despite going 2 down against Mark Elnaugh & that is exactly the sort of battling quality that Walton are going to need in the final three matches.

However, there wasn't much by way of inspiration shown by the rest of Paul's side, as only Phil Wathen hit a 25+

average after that, by subduing a determined Phil Cammshaft in 5 legs.

John Watson was his usual ton-happy self, whilst Graham Hollis didn't pull up any jungle trees (he really didn't need to!) to ease past Gary Bird. Even Ritchie Gardner was lacklustre as he ended the night with a whitewash despite an average a smidgeon over 20.

**And please explain how two quality players like Aaron (19.03) & Frankie (17.10) can play out such a poor game? Late season fatigue, perhaps?**

# Dirty Gary can't Make Frimley's Day

**Ditton FC 9 (24 Legs) Ave 24.95      Frimley Green 3 (12 Legs) Ave 22.56**

**Ditton continued their smash & grab raid on the League Title by again effortlessly despatching a dangerous side, but Gary Eastwood again stole the show & is looking a potential future Surrey sensation.**

Dirty Gary followed up a 'Magnum Force' performance last week against Walton Snooker with another big shot scalp as the youngster gave Ronnie Stubbs a bit of a Hamlet moment for one of Frimley's two singles points.

The game wasn't the best of the night,

that particular honour went to Lionel Sams, who seems to be enjoying the dying embers of the season as he surged into the top 10 in the averages, hitting his 20th 180 into the bargain.

However, young Eastwood has been a revelation & looks like he has talent in abundance & the game to beat almost anyone in the League on current form.

Tony Steel was the only other singles winner for the visitors &, teamed with Eastwood, hit the pair in the double for a rare max game shots against Ditton.

But the home side look truly unstoppable at the moment & must leave their Title rivals exasperated with this, another accomplished performance.

JR, Lizard & Ant all had immense games, & solid wins from Spike & Barrier against dangerous opposition made for a very satisfying result for the hosts.

**Unhappiest Ditton player, though, was Jimmy Mann, whose missed doubles led to defeat against Steel ... he was still muttering "stupid b\*\*\*\*\*d" at the County match on Sunday!**

# Birch Bridge-ing the Gap

**Birch & Pines 5 (17 Legs) Ave 20.01      Jubilee Club 7 (20 Legs) Ave 20.71**

**This was a second consecutive narrow defeat for Birch & Pines, but if anything, a better performance & as Jubilee Captain Chris Gallagher has conceded, the Birch could, & possibly should, have won!**

Catalyst for this upturn in form could well be recently-returned John Bridge, who, after taking 5 years off from darts, has come back with a renewed appetite for the game, as this MoM win proves.

Chris Gallagher was at his very best, but couldn't compete against a barrage

of treble 20s from Bridge, who polished off the 5 legger with a 13 dart last leg.

Jim Cullip & Phil Gallagher added singles to the points haul (yes, five points is officially a 'haul' for the Birch!) after the home side had taken two useful pairs in a determined display.

Mark Budd was top performer for the Jubilee, beating the Birch's most consistent player, Dean Worsell, whilst Mick Lyford, amply satiated by the Birch's excellent food, won his second single of the season (three guesses which

team provided his first!)

Dave Norton beat League super-hunk, Martin Cullip, after the 'dreamboy' had missed two darts for the point & Phil Smith won a mediocre game without a hint of the heroics to come for Surrey!

**Oh yeah, and that Champion fella? With MacLaren & Cullip (the handsome one) poised on 32, old Cobra features took out 126, then beat John Comer after the Birch player had missed eleven darts at double to win! Eat your Heart out Paul McKenna!!**

## How Did You Play?

### Golden Lion 6 v 6 Salfords

Clive Guest (25.47) 3, Jimmy One Shirt (20.39) 0  
Grant Firmager (23.63) 2, Tom Eley (24.52) 3  
Richie Blake (30.03) 2, Dave Askew (27.65) 3  
Peter Munt (21.11) 3, Chris Jupp (19.52) 1  
Gary Bullen (27.19) 0, **Ronnie Godbeer (31.98) 3**  
Ray Batty (22.54) 2, Steve Cogger (23.36) 3  
Gary Creamer (27.33), Steve Parsons (24.26) 0  
Mick Merry (27.33) 3, Dazzler Gale (18.19) 0

### Hersham 8 v 4 Golden Lion A

Dean Archer (22.80) 0, Steve Lovett (23.48) 3  
Kevin Morden (20.90) 3, Andy Gillam (21.53) 2  
Trevor Nash (25.47) 3, Jon Hill (18.14) 0  
Dale Redman (22.32) 0, Benson (24.24) 3  
Phil Milburn (25.92) 3, Gary Ledger (25.36) 1  
**Andy Nye (27.56) 3**, Alan Bangerfingers (24.00) 1  
Colin Wilson (22.33) 1, Garry Bravery (22.54) 3  
Dumpster Harris (25.05) 3, Pee Hardley (24.33)

### Ditton FC 9 v 3 Frimley Green

JR Roberts (27.78) 3, Alfie Turner (22.13) 1  
Anthony Hopkins (25.12) 3, Clive Tate (25.72) 2  
Fag Stubbs (24.51) 1, Gary Eastwood (26.30) 3  
Spike Harris (22.52) 3, Kenny Winter (19.71) 2  
Graham Miller (26.84) 3, Chris Dean (20.33) 0  
**Lionel Sams (31.98) 3**, Ian Turner (21.58) 0  
Jimmy Mann (22.35) 2, Tony Steel (22.85) 3  
Keith Holmes (23.48) 3, Alan Yates (20.92) 0

### St Peters 7 v 5 South Norwood

Phil Brindley (22.10) 3, Dave Dempsey (21.14) 0  
Carl Ramsey (18.44) 0, Martin Loring (23.12) 0  
Razor Elnaugh (19.71) 3, Peperami Fay (18.19) 1  
Rocket Jonnie (22.69) 3, Desperate Dan (19.53) 2  
Steve Hayes (20.03) 0, Dulux Yelding (20.59) 3  
**No Dart Arnold (27.94) 3**, Matt Clark (26.77) 1  
Simon Duke (22.90) 3, Dave Hillier (23.29) 2  
Andy Evans (22.12) 2, Colin Faust (24.03) 3

### Morfax 4 v 8 Walton Snooker

Mark Elnaugh (22.41) 2, **Paul Hollis (26.92) 3**  
Steve Jenkins (19.96) 2, John Watson (23.06) 3  
Ashley Smith (23.50) 3, Jason Kelly (23.06) 2  
Frankie Prater (17.10) 0, Aaron Turner (19.03) 3  
Gary Bird (21.17) 0, Graham Hollis (22.77) 3  
Phil Cammshaft (25.85) 1, Phil Wathen (25.85) 3  
Neil Robinson (24.52) 3, Steve Catt (22.80) 1  
John Skehan (19.92) 0, Ritchie Gardner (20.88) 3

### Birch & Pines 5 v 7 Jubilee Club

Dean Worsell (22.65) 1, Mark Budd (24.46) 3  
Jim Cullip (22.05) 3, Alan Crook (19.99) 1  
Phil Gallagher (17.28) 3, Dave Crook (16.79) 0  
Martin Cullip (21.41) 2, Dave Norton (22.64) 3  
Neil MacLaren (17.65) 1, Phil Smith (20.51) 3  
**John Bridge (27.95) 3**, Chris Gallagher (24.45) 2  
Nigel Brown (12.58) 0, Mick Lyford (17.48) 3  
John Comer (18.81) 2, Cobra Champion (19.71) 3

## Youth Players

There is a lot of work going on to try to resurrect the Surrey Youth team & thanks to the combined efforts of Caroline Sams, Julie Hopkins & Carl Ramsey, it looks like we could be entering a team in the Inter-County Youth set-up for next season.

A date has been arranged for a trial/competition for Saturday 20th March at Epsom Legion & we would like to see young players of all ages up to Under 21 level with a view to forming a side.

If you know of any youngsters who wish to have a bash, especially girls (of which we are fairly short) please let me know & pass the information on.

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## **KNOW YOUR OPPONENT: TOP SECRET FILE #17:**

Surveillance info from TTO intelligence HQ.

**Name:** Andy Nye

**Age:** 40

**Location:** Hersham

**Team:** Hersham

**Style:** Well-Oiled

**Attitude:** Oily

**Danger Rating:** 7/10

**Combat Honours:** Ex-Surrey & Sussex A-Team Player, Author of "How to Make Enemies & Irritate People" (Penguin 1986), Newly-Crowned Toni & Guy "Bad Haircut" Award 2004, A Legend in his own Mind.

**Strengths:** Defeat? Not an Option

**Weaknesses:** 180? What's One of Those?

**Intelligence Overview:** Leading light for Walton WMC & Hersham for years. Team-mates always used to sing "There's only one Andy Nye" until, in Eastbourne, we found out there were **TWO!** Lord Help Us!!

