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Men of the Match This Week

- Jason Kelly (Snooker) 30.06
- Jimmy Mann (Ditton) 28.90
- Clive Tate (Frimley) 27.03
- Garry Bravery (Lion A) 26.54
- Dave Askew (Salfords) 25.47

Diamond Cleans Up

Salfords 11 (26 Legs) Ave 21.22 South Norwood 1 (8 Legs) Ave 20.14

With the Top three places all but decided, the only real battle in the Final set of matches was the race for fourth place, but Salfords took it without much resistance from 7 man Norwood

Dave Dempsey's side have had personnel problems all season, & the last week was no exception as they limped to a depressing defeat with only the Captain himself managing to register a point.

Dave Askew finished the season with his 11th Man of the Match which confirmed his clean sweep of the individual honours. With the Top Average & Most Tons money sewn up, his white-

wash of Danny Maloney coupled with a 68 checkout in the pairs pushed Aaron Turner into second place in the Game Shots table. The Snooker man lost out by a solitary point, as he was unable to take maximum doubles after being neck & neck with the Diamond up to Week 21.

This match was a dull affair, as were a few matches in the last set, with the home side's team average barely breaching 21, but then, it's been a long season & I spose many people are tired of the Winter & short of money after having bought the Easter Eggs & the crates of Ambre Soleil for the Summer jaunt to Majorca!

Colin Faust had one of his worst games of an exceptional year in losing to Tom Eley, whilst the best performer apart from Askew was, surprisingly, Jimmy One Shirt, who had to pull out some quality darts to overcome the fast-improving Martin Loring.

It's been a tough season for Norwood, but I hope we will be seeing the popular bunch again in the next campaign.

I reckon Askew may be popular come Finals Night too with the payout he's expecting, especially if he can retain his singles crown ... I'll get my order in early. Gin & Tonic please!

Ditton Ease to the Title!

Ditton FC 8 (21 Legs) Ave 22.56 Hershams 4 (12 Legs) Ave 22.23

With a comfortable buffer on the Lion in second place, Ditton eased up before the line with a very relaxed show against the Hershams draw specialists

Could this REALLY be the same team that carried away the League Title with barely a scratch? With a tons tally of a mere 68 here, it's hard to recognise them as such!

Only Jimmy Mann seemed willing to push hard right to the Final hurdle, as he

wasted poor Trevor Nash in 15, 17 & 20 darts to claim the Final Man of the Match of the year, but with a Final lead of 5 points & a whole stack of leg difference, perhaps they really didn't need to.

Lionel Sams managed another two 180's to bring his season's tally to an incredible 24, but could only win his single with an 18 average ... he was probably put off with all the badgering from Andy Nye asking for tips on how to get

all three darts in the treble!

Phil Milburn & Nye had good games for Hershams, but by the time they stepped up to the oche, Ditton had the League sown up with a 7-1 lead, after solid games from Anthony, JR & the Lizard.

Ditton now march onto the Champions Cup, whilst Hershams ended 5th despite only losing 3 all season ... rumour has it they're changing their name to the 'Jest of Draws' next year

When the Saints Go Limping Out!

Golden Lion A 11 (27 Legs) Ave 22.76 St Peters 1 (12 Legs) Ave 22.05

Last time St Peters played, we were treated to the sight of Andy 'Weeble' Evans wobbling & falling off the stage, this time, it was the whole team that was wobbly with a result that sees them fall into 8th place!

As end of season parties go, this was a bit of a stinker for the Morden side, the darts equivalent of going to a wedding & finding out the DJ is Timmy Mallett!

Of course, there's one St Peters player in particular who is heavy-hearted at finishing 8th as he had some money

wagered on finishing higher, in fact, Phil 'Hitler' Brindley is said to be so annoyed at losing his money that he has offered Czechoslovakia as the stake in a repeat bet for next season!

Jon Stephenson was the saviour for the visitors as he beat 'Trouser Trouble' Paul Ardley in a tense 5 legs, whilst his team-mates pondered the potential shame that could have occurred had they been the only team other than the Birch to suffer a whitewash this campaign!

It wasn't even the Lion's scintillating

form that led to the result, as only Garry Bravery really pulled out all the stops in his Man of the Match defeat of Peter Arnold, but the home side's finishing was slick whilst that of St Peters was just, well, err, sick!

Steve Hayes, Hitler & Weeble could all have won with better finishing but didn't ... 'doubles for dough' anyone?

I look forward to a cheque from 'Mr A Hitler' for the required amount ... beatings from Gestapo officers will NOT be accepted as a substitute!

Frimley in 7th Heaven!

Frimley Green 10 (23 Legs) Ave 22.66 Birch & Pines 2 (9 Legs) Ave 20.07

While St Peters were suffering a year end celebration that belonged on the set of 'Carrie', Frimley were enjoying a points-fest as the whipping boys of the League came to the sticks!

The long journey didn't help the Sutton/Woking coalition much as they stumbled to a 4-0 pairs deficit that really didn't help their end of season, despite this team being a much more competitive outfit than that that lost 11-1 in the reverse fixture.

In fact, by the time John Bridge again

showed his renewed merit as a darter to be reckoned with, it was too late to affect the result, with Frimley taking the first 7 points following good wins from Gary Eastwood, Man of the Match Clive Tate & Joe Pawley.

Keith MacLaren snatched another point at the end of the night thanks to a 2 dart 110 checkout (we wondered where his son, MacLaren F-110 learned that particular silly trick from!) against Ian 'Jesus' Turner, but the rest of the night was all Frimley!

James Turner announced he was to be the Father of a baby, before beating a player who looks like he's carrying one in Phil Gallagher, whilst Tony Steel & Wayne Thurlow completed the rout for the hosts, which sees them leapfrog St Peters into a respectable 7th spot.

The Birch ended their season as they had begun it, with a heavy defeat, but there are definite plusses for Captain Gallagher & perhaps he can build on the progress from this season ... the target is 50 points next year!!

And Finally ... A Touch of Class!

Walton Snooker 4 (17 Legs) Ave 26.69 Golden Lion 8 (19 Legs) Ave 25.98

It's such a shame that by far the most competitive match of the Final week was one in which no League places were likely to change hands as Walton & the Lion fought out a quality encounter to end up with what was a meaningless result.

The Lion confirmed their Runners-Up spot with a fine victory against some determined darts from Tim Stedman's side, with Jason Kelly excelling for his first Man of the Match of the campaign. Again, it was pairs that let Walton

down, although there wasn't much they could do in the face of a 20 dart 801 from Gary Creamer & Ray Batty, I'll leave YOU to work out the huge dart average for that one!

Ritchie Gardner & Aaron Turner took late points for the Snooker Club to keep the deficit down, but had either of these sides played Ditton on the night, they would have probably been celebrating a big win as both teams scored heavily!

Kelly's 18, 16 & 16 darts were the highlight, but Paul Hollis lost despite TWO

14 darters & Gary Creamer recorded a 13 darter for the Lion to add to 15 dart legs from Richie Blake & Gary Bullen.

John Watson's defeat by Ray Batty was eagerly watched by Blake as it saw him jump another place in the averages table, but Aaron's win over Tony Tyne sees him safely installed as the best apart from Askew ... no mean feat!

There's clearly still a lot of fight in these players & they'll be itching to have another crack at the Title next year ... Ditton, watch your backs!

How Did You Play?

Walton Snooker 4 v 8 Golden Lion

Phil Wathen (27.45) 2, Gary Bullen (28.48) 3
Jason Kelly (30.06) 3, Grant Firmager (23.60) 0
 Graham Hollis (24.63) 2, Richie Blake (26.26) 3
 John Watson (25.40) 1, Ray Batty (25.15) 3
 Paul Hollis (27.84) 2, Gary Creamer (28.38) 3
 Ritchie Gardner (29.64) 3, Mick Merry (25.11) 1
 Steve Catt (22.63) 0, Peter Munt (24.64) 3
 Aaron Turner (26.84) 3, Tony Tyne (23.67) 0

Golden Lion A 11 v 1 St Peters

Benson (24.85) 3, Weeble Evans (25.22) 1
 Alan Bangerfingers (20.73) 3, Hitler (19.00) 2
 Bigfoot (21.78) 3, Geoff Nuttall (18.55) 0
 Gary Ledger (21.80) 3, Simon Duke (21.09) 1
Garry Bravery (26.54) 3, Peter Arnold (25.57) 1
 Steve Lovett (21.38) 3, Steve Hayes (22.01) 2
 Adam Jones (22.82) 3, Ray Elnaugh (22.02) 2
 Pee Hardley (23.92) 2, Jon Stephenson (24.33) 3

Salfords 11 v 1 South Norwood

Tony Denman (20.04) 3, Alan Fay (17.48) 0
 Chris Jupp (19.03) 1, Dave Dempsey (19.08) 3
 Jim Herbert (24.00) 3, Martin Loring (24.23) 2
 Dave Askew (25.47) 3, Danny Maloney (20.63) 0
 Steve Parsons (21.88) 3, Mark Yelding (22.31) 1
 Tom Eley (22.43) 3, Colin Faust (22.70) 0
 Steve Cogger (18.63) 3, G'ge Thompson (16.82) 0
 Darren Gale Walkover

Frimley Green 10 v 2 Birch & Pines

Gary Eastwood (23.12) 3, Jim Cullip (20.60) 0
Clive Tate (27.03) 3, John Comer (19.63) 1
 Joe Pawley (20.04) 3, Shaun Noble (17.40) 0
 Alan Yates (25.42) 1, John Bridge (25.84) 3
 Alfie Turner (21.17) 3, Phil Gallagher (17.77) 0
 Tony Steel (23.48) 3, Brian Allen (19.33) 0
 Jesus Turner (20.65) 0, Keith MacLaren (19.78) 3
 Wayne Th'low (21.20) 3, Neil MacLaren (19.95) 2

Ditton FC 8 v 4 Hersham RBL

Graham Miller (23.71) 3, Scott Harris (24.00) 1
 Ant Hopkins (24.64) 3, Colin Wilson (22.49) 0
 Jason Roberts (24.39) 3, Darren Everett (23.25) 1
 Lionel Sams (18.79) 3, Dale Redman (15.92) 0
 Mickey Eden (20.91) 0, Andy Nye (26.84) 3
Jimmy Mann (28.90) 3, Trevor Nash (21.15) 0
 Keith Holmes (24.46) 1, Phil Milburn (26.65) 3
 Fag Stubbs (19.06) 2, Dean Archer (19.86) 3

Finals Night 27th April

Walton Working Mens Club

Free Entry, Come & see the Culmination of the Season. All monies & trophies (some unexpected!) to be given out on the night.

Singles Quarter Finals, Pairs Semi-Finals, Singles Semi-Finals, Triples Final, Pairs Final, Singles Final

Here Comes Summer!

Well, that's about it from the TTO team for this year. Your Summer fun will be hosted by Peter & Lisa Munt, beginning, we understand, on Tuesday May 11th. Please remember, though, that the **England Open Singles** qualifying competition is being held on **Sunday 18th April**, preceded by a **Full Council Meeting at 11:00am**, which must be attended by at least one member of each Super League Team.

On behalf of the Winter TTO gossip-mongers, I hope that you enjoyed your Super League Season & I wish you a great Summer, hopefully including a really exhilarating holiday, as enjoyed by Graham Hollis last year (pictured right). I understand he's going to 'Ape Cod' again this holiday season!



Enjoying the surf, Graham can't help singing the old Beach Boys Classic line "Two girls for ev-ery chimp"!