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Fixture Week 9

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## Men of the Match This Week

- Dave Askew (Salfords) 31.19
- Lionel Sams (Ditton) 29.55
- Keith Benson (Lion A) 29.40
- Paul Watson (St Peters) 28.43
- Clive Tate (Frimley) 27.69
- Colin Faust (Norwood) 27.49

## Roasted on a Spike!

**Ditton FC 7 (18 Legs) Ave 24.52 Walton Snooker 5 (17 Legs) Ave 24.59**

**Ditton turned up the heat on their Title rivals as Spike Harris took the vital winning point in this tense top-of-the-table clash.**

Spike's workmanlike game against double-shy Aaron Turner was to signal a third Super League defeat for last year's Champions as they melted in the pressure cooker of Ditton's home venue.

So how does a team that wants to win the League beat such an experienced side as Walton? Here's the recipe. First, take the finest ingredients from the Surrey darting fraternity & mix in a little of the unexpected ... like Ant Hopkins' gut-wrencher of a

double in the last pair which gave Ditton a 3-1 lead.

Next, simmer gently whilst Mark Thomson & Ritchie Gardner give the opponents hope with good wins over Jimmy Mann & Young Ant respectively. You must be careful not to go off the boil, so throw in a pinch of JR spice to keep the away side from getting too overheated.

You may be interrupted in your endeavours as the Catt comes in & takes out one of your meatiest morcels, but don't be alarmed as you can do without that as long as you have a contingency plan.

Throw in a bit of Lizard to

make up for the loss & then add to the mix your piece de resistance with Man of the Match Lionel Sams toasting Phil Wathen to a crisp (had to happen, Phil is the wrong sex to beat Lionel!).

Once you are then sure you can't lose & that your tasty result is assured, roast on Aaron to a nice brown on a Spike (Harris) & dine at the top table like the Super League stars that you are!

**Once you have revelled in the glorious feast that you have created, sit back & watch John Watson smoke Fag Stubbs to finish. You'll be nicely full up ... your opponents will be fed up!**

## Saints Alive but Rev's Dead!

**St Peters 9 (23 Legs) Ave 23.19**  
**Jubilee Club 3 (14 Legs) Ave 22.03**

**Golden Lion 8 (23 Legs) Ave 25.47**  
**Golden Lion A 4 (13 Legs) Ave 24.25**

**St Peters got their season moving with a morale-boosting win over Chris Gallagher's beleaguered side in Morden.**

The Jubilee could only muster a paltry two singles as the home side steam-rolled their opponents with help from a classy MoM from Serious Paul Watson.

Best match of the night was Phil Smith's win over Jon Stephenson. Phil ended with a Guy Fawkes week bang to

take out 151 despite a cool 12 dart leg from the Rocket for his solitary leg.

No Dart Arnold kept his 100% record going & Andy Evans hit his best win of the year to reply to Dave Norton's whitewash of the 'keener cleaner' Ray Elnaugh.

**The Golden Lion kept Ditton firmly within range with a handy win in the Croydon derby despite some geriatric genius from Keith Benson.**

The Surrey Manager showed

Surrey Captain Reverend Creamer how to finish an 11 dart leg after Gary had hit 3 140's & busted the 81 for one of his own in the 1st leg.

Andy Gillam was the only other singles winner for the A side, as great games from Richie Blake, Grant Firmager & Ray Batty, amongst others, highlighted the Lion's class.

**Benson had the last word, though, and all this in the last single after he'd had his Horlicks & sleeping pills!**

# Kenny the Winter of Nye Discontent

**Hersham RBL 6 (17 Legs) Ave 22.81      Frimley Green 6 (20 Legs) Ave 21.96**

**Kenny Winter began a tremendous comeback for Frimley as they fought hard for a draw when at 1-6 they were looking at abject defeat!**

Having taken just the one pair, Joe Pawley's men soon found themselves in the mire as Darren Everett, Alan Caves & Dean Archer gave the home side a seemingly match-winning lead.

'Harder than a sack of spanners' (with looks to match) Everett had kicked off the singles with yet another highly-impressive show as he belted Ian

Turner & when he was followed by Caves & Archer (who came back well from a 0-2 deficit to overcome happy-clappy James Turner), Andy Nye must have been dreaming of a huge win to put his side back with the big boys at the top. However, Winter set the ball rolling for Frimley, who reeled off all of the last 5 singles for a creditable draw on the night. Tony Steel effortlessly eased past Colin Wilson before Clive Tate claimed his second Man of the Match of the year with a superb win over Hersham skipper

Nye. Sharp finishing from Tate put him 2-0 up before Nye grabbed one back, but a quality last leg saw Clive win in 14 darts after Andy had wired the bull for a 121 checkout after 12 darts.

Alan Yates then edged a tight affair with Dale Redman despite the Hersham man's 2 180's before Captain Joe ensured the draw by hitting doubles that seemed elusive to Phil Milburn.

**With Andy Nye's first singles loss this year and Hersham's collapse, I don't think he was a happy camper!**

# Morfax in Pair-Raising Experience

**Morfax 6 (21 Legs) Ave 21.80      South Norwood 6 (12 Legs) Ave 21.57**

**Despite winning 21 legs to Norwood's 12, Morfax barely struggled to a draw after handing their visitors a handy 4-0 pairs lead!**

The Carshalton side did well to come back from such a blow, but they will be kicking themselves that they managed to take 6 of the singles on offer without threatening to win the match.

It wasn't as if the pairs were close as Morfax simply failed to fire. All four games were lost to comfortable margins with nothing too spectacular being

thrown by their Norwood visitors. However, the hosts knuckled down well & once the first three singles fell to them with whitewashes, there was a renewed belief that they could get something from the game despite the poor start.

Scott Marsh was very comfortable at the venue. He turned up, saw the wasteground behind the Club & it reminded him of home! Perhaps he was TOO relaxed though, as he missed doubles to allow Mark Elnaugh an easy victory. Paul Young followed with another

whitewash before Scott Debell was Camm-shafted in three as well!

Norwood then kicked in with Matt Clark pipping Frankie in a five-legger including a 14 darter, only to be bettered by MoM Colin Faust's 12 darts to see off Ashley Smith with a 161 finish.

**The final points all went to Morfax, though, despite a brief sniff of a win from Dave Dempsey, who fired a nice 13 darter in a clash of the big 'uns with Gary Bird, before the Morfax man ensured the draw.**

# Diamond Rings the Changes for Salfords

**Birch & Pines 0 (4 Legs) Ave 20.43      Salfords 12 (28 Legs) Ave 24.93**

**With 4 losses this year so far, Salfords could be said to be under-achievers, but this result changed all that as Dave Askew led his side to the first 12-0 of this year's League.**

Strangely enough, Askew's MoM game saw him lose one of only four legs that the Birch would take as 'yours truly' briefly looked like a decent player against the might of the PDC star who scored an amazing 19 ton points in a bit of an exhibition from 'The Diamond'.

Askew started the night for the Redhill

side with a 23 dart 801 with Tom Eley & Salfords never looked back.

Storming to a 4-0 lead in the pairs, they carried on with consistent games in the singles, with only Steve Cogger being pushed to a deciding leg by his local Epsom League team-mate Neil MacLaren.

Phil Gallagher accounted for the only other Birch leg as Salfords held their nerve well to take all the points despite every player wondering if they were going to be the one to let the side down. Tony Denman, Steve Parsons, Shayne

'Bullfrog' Burgess (that's right isn't it?), Tom Eley & that nice man Ronnie Godbeer all had the luxury of 3 leg wins, whilst Chris Jupp hit top form to convert the 12th point of the night.

In a week of short games, it's also worth noting that Askew had a shot at the bull for an awesome 10 darter ... shame he shot embarrassingly wide, eh?

**Shame also that the Birch's best team average of the season led to their worst result, I suppose the brush has been on the cards though hasn't it?**

## How Did You Play?

### **Birch & Pines 0 v 12 Salfords**

Jim Cullip (21.69) 0, Tony Denman (25.91) 3  
 Nigel Brown (19.41) 0, Steve Parsons (22.43) 3  
 Neil MacLaren (21.42) 2, Steve Cogger (22.89) 3  
 John Comer (19.67) 0, Shayne Burgess (22.77) 3  
 Brian Allen (17.67) 0, Tom Eley (25.91) 3  
 Martin Cullip (24.59) 1, **Dave Askew (31.19) 3**  
 Shaun Noble (13.47) 0, Ronnie Godbeer (24.64) 3  
 Phil Gallagher (23.93) 1, Chris Jupp (25.25) 3

### **St Peters 9 v 3 Jubilee Club**

Jon Stephenson (26.03) 2, Phil Smith (27.19) 3  
 Simon Duke (21.81) 3, Mark Budd (23.28) 2  
 Peter Arnold (26.65) 3, Chris Gallagher (20.20) 1  
 Ray Elnaugh (20.29) 0, Dave Norton (23.48) 3  
 Phil Brindley (22.33) 3, Neil Baker (22.38) 1  
**Paul Watson (28.43) 3**, Mick Champion (24.25) 1  
 Carl Ramsey (17.28) 3, Alan Crook (14.24) 1  
 Andy Evans (25.32) 3, Mick Lyford (22.27) 1

### **Ditton FC 7 v 5 Walton Snooker**

Jimmy Mann (27.02) 0, Mark Thomson (27.33) 3  
 Ant Hopkins (23.25) 2, Ritchie Gardner (25.01) 3  
 Jason Roberts (25.75) 3, Roy Turner (24.71) 2  
 Keith Holmes (23.44) 1, Steve Catt (25.26) 3  
 Graham Miller (23.57) 3, Paul Hollis (22.24) 1  
**Lionel Sams (29.55) 3**, Phil Wathen (25.82) 1  
 Spike Harris (23.48) 3, Aaron Turner (21.44) 0  
 Ronnie Stubbs (20.63) 0, John Watson (25.47) 3

### **Morfax 6 v 6 South Norwood**

Mark Elnaugh (23.86) 3, Scott Marsh (22.86) 0  
 Paul Young (25.91) 3, Alan Fay (17.80) 0  
 Phil Camm (19.27) 3, Scott Debell (17.51) 0  
 Frankie Prater (22.85) 2, Matt Clark (26.55) 3  
 Ashley Smith (21.26) 1, **Colin Faust (27.49) 3**  
 Steve Jenkins (19.88) 3, Danny Maloney (17.23) 1  
 John Skehan (20.31) 3, Mark Yelding (19.67) 0  
 Gary Bird (22.78) 3, Dave Dempsey (23.34) 1

### **Hersham 6 v 6 South Norwood**

Darren Everett (25.70) 3, Ian Turner (19.01) 1  
 Alan Caves (23.95) 3, Wayne Thurlow (20.22) 1  
 Dean Archer (21.31) 3, James Turner (21.64) 2  
 Dave Milburn (19.75) 1, Kenny Winter (19.94) 3  
 Colin Wilson (19.80) 0, Tony Steel (20.59) 3  
 Andy Nye (27.46) 1, **Clive Tate (27.69) 3**  
 Dale Redman (24.31) 2, Alan Yates (24.99) 3  
 Phil Milburn (21.62) 1, Joe Pawley (22.16) 3

### **Golden Lion 8 v 4 Golden Lion A**

Richie Blake (26.53) 3, Paul Ardley (24.92) 1  
 Grant Firmager (27.56) 3, Doug Doughty (25.00) 1  
 Peter Munt (24.24) 3, Jon Hill (21.21) 0  
 Gary Bullen (22.77) 3, Sonic Hedgehog (19.13) 0  
 Tony Tyne (25.30) 2, Andy Gillam (24.88) 3  
 Terry Dersley (22.34) 3, Garry Bravery (21.93) 1  
 Ray Batty (28.71) 3, Steve Lovett (26.73) 2  
 Gary Creamer (26.02) 1, **Keith Benson (29.40) 3**

## Free Week 18th Nov

As I understand it, there are three re-arranged matches scheduled for the free week on Tuesday 18th November, which leaves the other six teams kicking their heels somewhat. A bit of a let-down isn't it? ... I know! *Let's have a competition!*

Those nice people at Walton Snooker have kindly offered to hold a competition for this night. On previous occasions, the entrance money has been boosted by the Club Owners to make a tidy prize for the winners, hopefully, that will again be the case. Fancy a game on the 18th? Get thee down to Walton Snooker ... draw about 8-ish I reckon.

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## **KNOW YOUR OPPONENT: TOP SECRET FILE #9:**

Surveillance info from TTO intelligence HQ.

**Name:** Peter Munt  
**Age:** Knocking on a bit  
**Location:** North Cheam  
**Team:** Golden Lion  
**Style:** Sloooooow  
**Attitude:** Zzzzzzzzz  
**Danger Rating:** 7/10



**Combat Honours:** Ex-County A Player, L'Oreal 'Starched Sportsman of the Year' Award 1992/3/4, Hit first ever County 9-minute finish taking out 32 in one dart v Yorkshire Nov '92

**Strengths:** Bags of experience  
**Weaknesses:** Bags under the eyes  
**Intelligence Overview:** Won't be rushed, so bring a book for when he's throwing. Relaxing to play against, & you can get things done during the match ... book a visiting hairdresser for the 3rd leg!