

Harrogate Darts Roundup



Week 4



Division 2

	Pyd	Won	Sng	Prs	Pts
Bilton Umpires	4	4	18	5	23
Stonebeck	3	3	15	7	22
Bilton Bowlers	4	2	13	7	20
Wellington Inn	3	2	11	6	17

Graham Gotts in action this week against an in form Stephen Walker “Harlow Club v Manhattan Dales”

Results this week in the Harrogate & District Darts League were a mixture of predictable, and shocking in both divisions.

Starting with the Manhattan Dales away trip to Harlow Club, an away victory was the betting mans punt, and so it turned out with some good performances all round, Rick Harper hit a “180” in his win over a stop start Adrian Blythe, Dave Singh had the leg of the evening with a 20 arrow game, Stephen Walker impressed, improving week on week, even on crutches, his 23 dart win pushed the Dales team toward victory. Gill Hollins put on a power performance in the pairs, scoring 122 and 103, but not enough to take the game as Shaun Sowray and Wayne Campbell finished first dart in a 23 arrow leg. Rick Harper and Stephen Walker closed the Harlow Clubs fate with a 19 dart pairs game, the best of the evening.

Harrogate Railway saw the Londesboro Club Visit in a quality evening of arrows, Nick Hanslow, takes player of the week with 15 and 16 Dart legs, averaging 96.9 with every 3 darts thrown, Jason Wood backed up the team with a 23 dart leg, and team mates Colin Ingles and Eddie Simson followed suit with 23 dart legs of their own. Daz Metcalfe fought back with a 24 dart leg of his own and Richard Taylor paired John Slack in 23, but an inform Londesboro took the victory emphasising good arrows with a Pairs victory for Nick Hanslow and Gaz Marshall in 24 darts. Londesboro winning 6 – 3 by the close of play

A much anticipated matchup between 2nd and 3rd placed teams from last season with only 3 points separating them after 18 league games, should have been much closer than the score line suggests a whitewash was not on the cards. Bilton Batsmen have soared to the top of the table with a vengeance with a 9 – 0 victory over the Slip Inn, Alex Pride Checked out on 105 in a 21 dart victory over Phil Taylor, Dan Taylor scored high in vein with a “180” in his game against victorious Lewis Pride. Nige Saville scored well and took a leg in 24 darts but lost against Mr Dartitus himself, “Mark Diamond White” White taking the deciding leg in a quick fire 22 darts. Steve Higgins continues his good form

winning in legs of 23 Darts, and a professional 151 checkout to take the Pairs game, Tony Sharratt chipped in with a 23 dart leg, overall the Batsmen look a team to be reckoned with this season.

Other results at the time of writing in Division 1 included a victory for Harrogate Cons Club over the Trades Hall 6 – 3 “180” scores attributed to Gary Hobson (Trades) and Ian Balsdon (Cons Club) both on their way to victories in 19 and 23 darts respectively, other games of note included ever popular Leeds player Mark Threllfall in 22 darts, but not good enough to beat a player in the groove in Karl Walker. Graham Coates took a 24 deciding leg against Rich Graham, And Ian Makin took a valuable point in 19 darts against Harry Kidd. The Pairs were overall disappointing, bar a top notch game from Neil Fullard and Ian Malkin, checking out in 15 and 17 darts. Karl walker and Ian Balsdon took the final pairs game in a solid 24 darts.

In Division 2 the story this week was all about the “Battle for Tower Street” as the Tap & Spile took on local rivals The Muckles. Kris Goodman’s game including a leg of 20 darts was the best performance of the evening, but with local pride at stake the game was full of excitement, and had a real competitive edge right through till the final pairs game, the return fixture, I am sure will be just as exciting. With the Tap & Spile looking to reverse the 3 – 6 scoreline

The Stonebeck this week continued good form in the battle for early doors top places with a 7-2 victory over The Empress, games included good performances from Gavin Griffiths, with a fantastic 109 check out in 21 darts, and a Maximum “180” was the first recorded this season in Division 2 for Wez Gotting.

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