

Harrogate Darts Roundup

Bilton Club Double Top



Week 5



Action from this week's clash between the Londesboro and Manhattan Dales, seeing Stephen Walker take a point from the Londesboro veteran star, Col Ingles.

Bilton batsmen, and Bilton Bowlers / Umpires all top of the table.

Division 1

	Pyd	Won	Sng	Prs	Pts
Bilton Batsmen	5	4	21	13	34
Cons Club MaHoosive	5	5	21	9	30
Manhattan Dales	5	4	18	9	27
Londesboro Club	5	2	15	7	22
Harlow Club	5	1	9	7	16

Division 1 News

Londesboro Club 7 - 2 Manhattan Dales

New Player Alex Clark in his first game, won his first Leg, Game, and set the tone for the evening and the Londesboro Club, Nick Hanslow in irrepressible form hit a 16, and 24 dart leg along with a maximum 180 in defeating a frustrated Terry Jackson.

Eddie Simson beating in form Rick Harper with solid darts in 2 24 dart legs, Stephen Walker rallied in 24 darts , with a victory over veteran Colin Ingles.

Dave Singh from the Dales team had the match of the evening with a 14 dart leg against Ian Gibson, the only game of note in the pairs was a 20/21 double from Nick Hanslow and Alex Clark.

The 2 teams meet again in the Knock out cup next week, Harper said " We should be back to a full strength squad an are looking to reverse the score line".

Bilton Batsmen 4 - 5 Harrogate Cons MahOOsive

Well what a turn up, the team of jokers, have beaten the professionals. A great night of darts saw the Hawaiian Shirt clad MahOOsive team crush Bilton Batsmen in the singles, only to be pulled down a peg or two in the Pairs. The Opening game saw Neil Fullard take on Lewis Pride, winning in legs of 22 and 25, Prides 19 dart starting leg was not enough to see him through, Ian Malking secure Point 2 with legs of 24 and 22 respectively.

Then ex Dales boy, Martin "Super Sharp Shooter" Chappell, took on in form Steve "Stacker" Higgins ,it took all 3 legs, but winning in 23 and 21 darts, Higgins with an 18 darter in leg 2 didn't do quite enough. Tez Sherwood then defeated last year's individuals champion with a 3rd leg decider in 24 darts, Sharratt said after the game, "Scoring for show, doubles for dough" as he lost in a leg where he had scored a maximum 180 and sat on a finish after 12 darts.

Alex Pride lived up to his name pulling the first point back with 2 quick fire legs in 20 and 18 including a "123" outshot in style. Carl Heptinstall followed suit with legs of 17 and 20 continuing the fight back. With the match poised at 4-2 to the Cons Club, the first game of Pairs decided the overall winning result, with Rich Graham, and Neil Fullard winning in 3 legs with games of 26 and 23 inflicting more misery on Sharratt despite hitting 2 "180s" on the night.

The final 2 pairs were won by the Batsmen, with Lewis Pride, and Mark White leading the way, Pride scoring a maximum "180" in a 21 dart leg, and Alex Pride / Carl Heptinstall partnered to see off Ian Malkin / Chris Nelson in 18 and 21 darts.

Nelson after the result said "These away games show that when we are on the road, not even the best of the best can stop our successful rotation policy"

Manhattan Skyline 4 - 5 Harlow Club

The 2 newly promoted teams in the 1st division met for the first time this season saw a Harlow Club record with its first win since promotion to the top flight with a close match decided in the final pair's game. Games of note included Andy Liddle's 2nd straight victory in 2 weeks, not dropping a leg, best leg in 25 darts, Simon Condon matching this week's performance with a 25 dart leg of his own. Manhattan Captain Alex Roadley steadied the ship checking out in 23 and 19, followed by Ian Jones with 25 and 21 dart legs. All the Pairs games were decided in 3 legs, including a final deciding game seeing Andy Liddle and Simon Condon in a tense decider, 26/29/27 dart legs.

The Manhattan Skyline has now played 5 games in the first division without a victory, this is "hard to bear" for the team, and Captain Alex Roadley is sure this will change soon.

Slip Inn 2 - 7 George & Dragon

The Slip certainly did this week with a loss to Knaresborough's George & Dragon, Dan Taylor started the evening ok with a victory over Danny Millar including a 21 dart leg, but other than a point for Phil Taylor over Des Cockshot including a great 19 dart leg, the evening belonged to the crag rats. Gav Lockwood won in 20 and 22, Steve Towson ousted Slip Captain Aidy Shaw in 24 and 20 respectively, Mark Crossley chipped in with a 23 dart leg over Mal Taylor in the final singles game of the evening. The Pairs were all taken by the Knaresborough team. The slip gave it a good go including a fine 19 dart leg from Aidy Shaw & Dan Taylor, but just not enough on the evening

Trades Hall 5 - 4 Harrogate Railway

A close game at the Trades saw Fred Hobson back "in the game" with victory over Andy Graham, including a 22 dart leg. Veteran darter Chris Deighton was taken to 3 legs and defeated by Lewis Edwards, with Lewis hitting a 22 dart leg. Shaun Smith saw off Leeds Player Mark Thelfall before Gary Hobson took a point back for the trades in 22 and 19 darts. Dave Metcalfe must be thrilled with a victory over Graham Coates despite a 21 dart leg, Metcalfe hit a 24 darter in the decider to take the point. A couple of quick legs in the pairs nearly saw a comeback for Railway with Andy Graham and Dave Metcalfe in fine form with a "180", Mark Thelfall and Keith Hobson's 20 dart leg was not enough, a 20 dart leg for Chris Deighton and Shaun Smith took the next point, and a 24 dart game finished the evening from Jez Davey and John Slack,

Division 2 News

The Stonebeck 4 - 5 The Wellington

2 teams looking to battle for promotion this season locked horns this week, as the Stonebeck took on the Wellington with some quality darts that would not have looked out of place in division 1 from both teams. A good performance for Wez Gotting on the back of his "180" last week saw him win in 2 straight legs, 26 and a fast 20 dart leg and a 105 check. Dave Metcalfe for the Wellington took a fine point back in repost winning both legs, 26 darts, and 21 with a 96 check.

Brian Metcalfe took the final singles game in quick fire fashion, 25, and a superb 17 dart leg with a 94 checkout. The match went to the deciding game, seeing Dave Metcalfe and Chris Gaunt defeat the Stonebeck pairing of Maria Baron and new signing Jackie Shuttleworth.

Starbeck Cons Club 4 – 5 The Muckles

The Muckles are on a roll, 3 Victories on the bounce, and hungry for more. The experienced players of Starbeck Cons Club could not waiver the enthusiastic players from the top of Tower Road on their travels around the Harrogate darting fraternity. David Ramshaw took a good point in a straight legs win over Chris Nolan, 27 darts his best leg. Tony Hawkes from the Starbeck team matched the best leg of the evening in 24, pulling back a point, but Val Wilson could not stop Kris "Shooter" Goodman in a 3 leg battle, completed with a 24 dart leg from Goodman. The Pairs saw 3 legs of 701 that encountered a few players with "Double Trouble" but David Ramshaw & Wayne Stephenson eventually took the crucial winning game ensuring victory on the road again.

Bilton Umpires 6 – 3 Londesboro Vets

Bilton Umpires are now joint top in division 2 with a good result at the Londesboro. And are the only undefeated team in the division. Richard Pantry took the first point of the evening for the Londesboro with a 24 dart leg, New signing Kevin Palmer showed real class in winning in 26 and 23 for the Londesboro but they were the only high point for the away team till the last pairs game, with Ray Bury and Andy Harrison taking a point.

The Empress 0 – 9 Bilton Bowlers

A “Whitewash on the Stray” for the Bowlers on their travels saw few games under 30 darts, but for a couple of legs of note. Paul Yates for the Bowlers took a leg in 26 for the first game, Stu Cann in 28, John Dunwell with the leg of the evening in 21 darts, and 25 for the decider. The Empress have got some work to do before their bonfire night game against the Tap & Spile.

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