Harrogate Darts Roundup Division 2 closest league finish for years



League Week 15

Harrogate and district darts league results

Division 1

Harrogate conservatives club 5-4 Harrogate Railway

The MahOOsive's winning streak has ended in last weeks defeat to Bilton Batsmen, but back to winning way this week against a player short Harrogate Railway team.

Ian Malkin beat Jez Davey with a 17 dart leg, with a two dart 86 finish, John slack beat Terry Sherwood and took a vital point in 24 and 22 Darts, Shaun Smith took out Rich Graham after 15 dart leg including 2 140 scores.

Trades Hall 4-5 Manhattan Dales

A tough away game saw 5 maximums in a close match at the Trades hall Fred Hobson won in 24 and 21 darts Shaun Sowray, hit a 20 in response to Neil Outhwaite's leg, to take a point. Gaz Hobson hit a 20 dart leg against Tink Cameron, and Lewis Edwards scored well in a 21 dart 20 dart double to beat Rick Harper. New dales player Pete Newbold took a point with a solid overall performance including a 22, and 24 dart double, with a 122 finish. The final Pairs game was brilliantly finished by Shaun Sowray with a 160, but not as good as Terry Jacksons 167, from the previous week.

George & Dragon 3 – 6 Bilton Batsmen

It's looking like a done deal for the Batsmen as the continue to pile up the points at the top of the first division, the George put up a great fight but the pairs saw them capitulate.

Ray Davey won in 24 Darts, Danny Millar looked to be adding another with a fast 20 dart leg before Lewis Pride fought back in 21 and 21, Mark Whites good form continued with a 21 dart leg, despite rumours of a summer transfer. Alex Pride was taken out by the Dragons lefty, Captain Cockshott, with a fine 18 dart leg. Steve Higgins indifferent form continued, hitting a 20 dart leg opener, then Mark Crossley's repost in 24 darts took the point. The pairs were one sided as the batsmen took the points.

Slip Inn 8 – 1 Harlow

Harlow club are odd's on favourite to go down to the second division next season, and their miserable run of results continued.

Steve Rodgers tops the team averages with 65.59, and took a point with a 23 and 17 dart leg, Nige Saville won in 21, Adi Shaw in 19 and 24, the Harlow were a player short.

Londesborough 5 - 4 Manhattan Skyline

Captain Gibson was away on a theatre evening, but his team did him proud with a hard fought victory.

Nick Hanslow began the evening with a 20 dart leg, but best of the evening was Alex Roadley with a 15 arrow game, including a 133 game shot. Dion Glew too another point for the Manhattan with a 23 dart leg, in a match that was decided by the final pairs game of the evening.

Division 2

The Wellington 7-2 The Empress

The wellingtons race for the title sees them joint top this week with a solid win over an ever improving Empress, Captain Daz Murthick started the evening with a Division 1 worthy performance winning in 21 1nd 22 dart legs, averaging 70+ for every 3 darts thrown. Dave Metcalfe had a 23 dart leg in his winning game, Mark Herron a 23 in his. The home team took all the pairs to rustle the points back to Knaresborough.

Bilton Bowlers 7-2 Londesborough

Bilton Bowlers, as the Wellington team are in the closest race for the title with 4 teams all within touching distance of promotion and the title, no fast games of note, but nerves are starting to jangle for all the teams involved

The Stonebeck 9-0 Tap & Spile

This result sees the Stonebeck right back in the hunt for glory, and an old face returns to the league as a late season signing for the team. Dave Ingles beat captain Bob Wolfe in 2 fast 21 dart legs, Big Gav Griffiths hit a maximum 180 in his victory, which has the team only 1 point off the top of the division. Of note, Eddie Yates continues his return to good form and is now putting together a run of victories not seen for years.

Bilton Umpires 4-5 The Muckles

A very close game keeps the Umpires 2 points off the pace in the race for the title with good games from both sets of players. Kris Goodman with a 21 dart leg Ian Richardson firing back with a 24, the final 2 pairs games going the way of the Bilton team to keep them in touch of the top teams.

Division 1						Division 2					
	Pyd	Won	Sng	Prs	Pts		Pyd	Won	Sng	Prs	Pts
Bilton Batsmen	15	13	61	37	98	Bilton Bowlers	14	9	52	28	80
Cons Club MaHoosive	15	14	61	28	89	Wellington Inn	13	11	51	29	80
Manhattan Dales	15	10	53	26	79	Stonebeck	13	10	55	24	79
George & Dragon	15	7	48	20	68	Bilton Umpires	14	10	55	23	78
Londesboro Club	15	8	42	26	68	The Muckles	13	10	48	17	65
Slip Inn	15	7	43	22	65	Starbeck Cons Club	13	4	33	18	51
Railway Athletic	15	7	45	19	64	The Empress	13	2	25	15	40
Manhattan Skyline	15	3	36	18	54	Londesboro Club 2	14	3	23	13	36
<u>Trades Hall</u>	15	5	37	16	53	Tap & Spile	13	1	18	13	31
Harlow Club	15	1	24	13	37						

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