



The hosts got their season off to the best possible start, with a narrow win in a hard-fought tussle that was in doubt right until the end of the evening.

**Marc Lee (22.02) 4-0 Alex Fried (18.01) (1-0)**

The first point of the season went the way of Crayford, in a fairly straightforward outing. Three scores of a ton or more were the foundation for Lee as he eased to the opening leg break of throw without much duress. The match continued in the same vein, Lee's superior accuracy in and around the big trebles ensured he reached the double with enough time to spare. A hold in leg two was followed by another break to leave him one away, and he soon saw off his opponent to win in straight legs with Fried barely getting a chance at the outer ring at any stage in the contest.

**George Cox (22.05) 2-4 Spencer Ellis (22.94) (1-1)**

This one started at a steady pace. Cox drew first blood with a hold of throw. Ellis did likewise, upping the ante with a 66 checkout to conclude a 15 darter. This was the first of three legs on the spin for the Lewisham man. He edged ahead in leg three, a 58 finish ensuring the break. The fourth proved to be pivotal. Both players had mixed fortunes in the scoring department, which led to a nervous end to the leg with both players squandering chances to take it. Ellis then managed to locate the outer ring to go one away. Ellis's poor scoring continued into the fifth, which Cox won at a canter. The sixth leg was a different story, however. The first two visits to the oche produced scores of a ton or more from Ellis. Cox battled to stay in touch but the advantage of throw was with his opponent who made full use to close it out and bring the teams level.

**Ben Cheeseman (22.79) 4-3 Matt Winzar (23.15) (2-1)**

When the draw was made, this match had all the hallmarks of being a real battle between two experienced players at the County (now National League) level. And so it proved, with first use of the oche in each stanza being the advantage that you would expect it to be. The first five legs all went with the head, each player scoring well enough to ensure that any break of throw would have to be earned the old-fashioned way. The sixth leg was to be critical in the outcome. The Pirate held the narrow 3-2 lead at this point, and had more than one chance to sink his opposition. Cheeseman also missed darts at the outer segment, before finally nailing it to set up the winner takes all finale. Winzar would have been confident of holding as he did each time previously, and a fine opening led him to a match darts scenario. A mid leg burst of scoring kept Cheeseman in the hunt, and he seized on the sole missed chance to secure the only break when it mattered most with a brilliant 88 take out to grab the victory.

**Jason Gallagher (20.71)                      4-1                      Earl Grant (20.00)                      (3-1)**

Gallagher started the match well, quickly finding his range on the big trebles. His play at the business end was a bit patchy, but he still had plenty enough in reserve to be able to secure a three-nil lead. Grant then rolled back the years with a fine fourth leg to prolong the argument, a 69 checkout reducing the arrears to two legs. Gallagher started off the fifth on throw with two straight tons and looked to be easing towards a comfortable win, but a sublime 171 from Grant put him right back in the mix and gave him first crack at the outer ring. Gallagher then stepped in and put the game to rest with a fine 64 to secure the point and give Crayford a two point lead.

**Mark Gallagher (22.84)                      3-4                      Steven Ferguson (21.44)                      (3-2)**

This was another game to require all seven legs before the winner was known. Ferguson was quickest out of the starting stalls, taking the opener before breaking the Gallagher throw to quickly go two ahead. The pendulum of momentum then swung in the opposite direction, as the Crayford man broke back in the third, before squaring it up with three legs to go. Another break came courtesy of a brilliant start in leg five, a 121 was preceded by three straight tons, and although Ferguson kept in range he could do little to prevent Gallagher taking his third leg on the trot. The game could have been concluded in leg six, but missed match darts were seized upon and Ferguson sent it to a decider. Having regained the throw, it was now Ferguson's turn to start off on the front foot. Gallagher wasn't able to keep in touch to begin with but he worked himself in position, before busting 42. He was left to rue the miss as Ferguson then hit the match winning dart at his next visit.

**Mark Foster (21.91)                      4-2                      Raj Gujjalu (22.87)                      (4-2)**

Foster took the opening leg of the penultimate match of the session, and Gujjalu responded in kind before breaking the Foster throw to nip ahead in leg three. That merely served to light blue touch paper for the sparkling display of finishing that was to come. Foster immediately broke back, cracking in a brilliant 136 to leave it all square with three to play. The fifth started with Foster in the ascendancy following scores of 125, 140 and 100 from his opening three throws of the leg. The wheels then came off which allowed Gujjalu back in, but Foster regained control and closed the leg out. Better was to come in the sixth. The Lewisham armsmith put himself in pole position to send it into a one leg shootout with his consistent scoring, but was dealt the knockout blow as Foster fired home a magnificent 154 out shot to give Crayford the overall win.

**Matt Wood (24.10)                      1-4                      Gene Hill (25.02)                      (4-3)**

The final match of the evening pitted two players who have both seen plenty of action on the London stage in the last few years. The opening two legs went with throw, Wood levelling things up with a sleek 88 combo in two darts. That was to prove the highlight for the Liverpoolian though, as the "Genius" kicked on. He held on to throw in a tight third leg, before nudging further in front by breaking Wood in the fourth. The fifth leg didn't follow the pattern of what had proceeded it, Wood struggling to locate the lipstick whilst Hill found his range before closing out the match and taking the match award.

Crayford are on their travels for their next match as they visit Plumstead B. Lewisham begin their home campaign as they welcome Greenwich B (formerly Woolwich Ferry).



Greenwich opened their seasonal account with a come from behind win, having at one point been trailing by three matches to one.

**Chris Holt (21.84) 4-2 Richard Hill (21.19) (1-0)**

It initially looked as if the opening game of the night was only going to go the minimum trip. Holt wasn't hanging around at the start, firing home a 168 before taking out 78 at the first time of asking to gain the early lead. He then built on it, holding in the second before immediately breaking the Hill throw again to put himself on the brink of a quick night's work. Hill wasn't in the mood to go quietly though, and got one of the breaks back in a protracted fourth leg. Steady scoring helped him get within one, courtesy of a hold in the fifth. The sixth leg could have gone either way. It was Holt who had the darts, and despite Hill having one chance to send it all the way, he couldn't locate the leg winner as Holt then concluded matters.

**Scott Mulgrew (18.28) 2-4 Malcolm Morgan (20.98) (1-1)**

The second contest saw the score line reversed from the previous match. Mulgrew took the first leg on throw, but after that Morgan seized control as he won the next three. The second leg was won in relative ease, as was the next, which saw Morgan smack in a 90 finish for a crucial break. Leg four followed the same pattern as the two immediately before. Both players had ample opportunity to take the fifth, but Mulgrew eventually prevailed. Morgan then stepped up to the plate and produced the best leg of the match in the sixth to get the first point of the season for the visitors.

**John Badger (21.20) 0-4 Richard Elms (22.02) (1-2)**

Elms gave Plumstead B the lead in a match that was actually closer than the score may at first glance suggest. The scoring was pretty even, but it was Elms who held to gain the early lead, which was doubled in the next although Elms would have felt he could have closed the leg out earlier. The Kent man started leg three in good form and again could have concluded proceedings before he did. The double troubles were soon forgotten, as the fourth saw Elms take control early. Badger did expect to have a chance to send it in the fifth, as a 140 left him sat on 38. But that proved to be his last three darts as Elms banged in a quality 100 finish for the straight legs win.

**Andrew Culling (19.53) 3-4 Ronnie Rickner (21.93) (1-3)**

Culling was making an appearance at the other end of the oche, hot on the heels of officiating the Final at PDC Challenge Tour 12 the previous day. Normally he would be calling the 180's, but in the first leg he was a spectator as Rickner fired home the maximum en route to breaking throw for the early lead. A bitty second leg saw the favour returned, and Culling then held in similar vein to sneak ahead. Rickner then made use of a lull in the scoring to make it two apiece. The next two legs were

traded on throw, with Rickner's hold in the sixth more assured. So it all came down to a one leg shootout. Culling started better but a second maximum from Rickner turned the tide. Both players missed chances to bag the point before Rickner escaped from the double 1 Madhouse for Plumstead B's third successive point.

**Jamie Peetoom (23.84)                      4-1                      Andy Kennedy (20.94)                      (2-3)**

Peetoom quickly raced into a two nil lead. He took the first against the head before holding, although Kennedy did have darts to break back. It should have been extended in the third, as Peetoom left himself 32 after 12 darts. But he found the outer ring more elusive as Kennedy inched closer to the double before taking it out. The respite was brief, as Peetoom reverted back to his form from the beginning of the contest, breezing through the fourth before breaking again to seal the deal and taking the match award in leg five.

**Brendan Gillen (23.70)                      4-1                      Mark Ward (21.23)                      (3-3)**

Parity was restored as Gillen strolled to a win in five legs. He coasted through the first two legs, combining decent scoring with even better accuracy on the doubles, taking out 50 and 62 respectively. The third stanza saw little change, as Gillen upped the ante in the finishing stakes by chalking off 74 to go on the verge of crossing the winning line. Ward prevented the whitewash as he took leg four and looked to be building on that with a good start to the fifth. Gillen hauled himself back into the leg with a decent mid-leg scoring burst before closing things out.

**Tony Webb (21.98)                      4-2                      Craig Watkins (21.40)                      (4-3)**

So it came down to Messrs Webb and Watkins to see which side would be claiming the spoils of victory. The first three legs all went with throw, and were dominated by the player with the initial use of the oche. Watkins laid down an early marker with a smart 71 to bag the opener, before hitting a 16 dart leg to edge two one in front. Watkins then hit a beautiful 136 to leave tops to pile the pressure on in leg four, but Webb was equal to the challenge and found double 16 with his first dart. Watkins ought to have held throw in the fifth, but missed darts at the outer segments proved to be his undoing as Webb produced the vital break. The Greenwich man then kicked on to begin the sixth, Watkins couldn't keep pace and Webb kept his form to find the double and give the hosts an opening night victory.

Greenwich (now renamed Greenwich A) remain on home turf in week two, as they entertain Vauxhall B who drew the opening week bye. Plumstead B host Crayford.



Reigning Super League Champions Plumstead A were pushed all the way to open their title defence, by a Bethnal Green side who will certainly be difficult to beat this season.

**Graham Rackstraw (24.16)                      4-1                      Tony Hamit (19.80)                      (1-0)**

Rackstraw got the ball rolling with a comfortable victory in a match where each leg was won with plenty in hand. A steady if unspectacular beginning soon saw Rackstraw go two ahead. The roles were reversed in leg three, as “Bruvs” showed more consistency and then took out the double to halve the deficit. The fourth leg reverted to type. Rackers began the leg with a ton or more at each of his first three visits and it was a similar story in the next as Rackstraw closed the match out for the win in five.

**Matt Edes (23.11)                                      0-4                                      Aaron Beeney (26.37)                      (1-1)**

Beeney has performed well so far this year on the PDC Pro Tour, and was always going to be tough to beat. Three straight tons laid the foundations for an opening leg break, and from then on Edes was chasing the game. Edes did have a chance to get the immediate break back, but couldn’t take it as the Bethnal Green thrower doubled his lead. Some sustained scoring on the treble twenty produced another break for Beeney in leg three, before he completed the clean sweep in the next.

**Freddie Box (23.66)                                      2-4                                      John Hind (23.40)                                      (1-2)**

Both players gently eased themselves into the opening leg which was taken by Hind on throw. Box raced away to start the second with scores of 134,121 and 100 which soon yielded the equaliser. Hind then assumed control of the contest, holding to take the third before breaking Box to go within one. Box immediately hit back, piling on the big scores before taking out the double for a break of his own. Any hopes of Box taking the match to a decider were soon dashed. Hind produced his best darts at the vital moment, and promptly concluded proceedings with a sparkling 120 finish for the win in six.

**Lee Cocks (27.45)                                      4-0                                      Shane Wilson (22.58)                                      (2-2)**

The fourth match of the session saw Lee Cocks mark his recent appointment as the new London Men’s Team Manager with a straight legs win over Wilson, who didn’t get a dart at the double at any point in the match. Cocks quickly found his rhythm to secure the opener and soon added to his lead with the minimum of fuss. Wilson’s scoring improved in leg three, but it still wasn’t enough to get off the mark as Cocks kept piling on the pressure. The Plumstead thrower didn’t have to wait too long to finish the job, another dominant leg kept Wilson at arm’s length and the sides were now all square with three matches remaining.

**Dean Coughlan (21.35)                      1-4                      Consilio Mifsud (24.73)                      (2-3)**

Bethnal Green restored their overall lead courtesy of Mifsud who took the win in the fifth leg. It was the visitor who started the better, a couple of tons midway through the opener laying the platform for the eventual game shot. Coughlan came back to square the affair in leg two, but was a mere spectator in the third, as Mifsud regained the lead, taking out tops to round off a brilliant 13 darter. He carried on in the fourth leg, and was able to shrug off missing a break chance to nail the vital double on his next visit to put himself on the brink of victory. Leg five saw Coughlan in a position to prolong the argument, but he couldn't take out the 40 he had left himself with and Mifsud rounded off a fine win as he took out 54.

**David Wawrzewski (29.91)                      4-0                      Ricky Crawford (22.18)                      (3-3)**

The penultimate contest saw Wawrzewski unleash the full force of his "Polish Power" on Crawford, sweeping his way to the match-tying point in a one-sided encounter. The route to the match award began with three comfortable legs. Crawford had no answer to the heavy scoring from his opponent, who was finding the big trebles with ease. The fourth leg was more even, and Crawford did have a poke at the outer segments, which was denied him up to that point. This only came after Wawrzewski had failed to close the game out, but when offered a second chance, Wawrzewski gladly accepted the invitation.

**Scott Marsh (29.04)                      4-0                      Matt Finch (23.16)                      (4-3)**

The last game of the evening's play had the potential to go deep, but Marsh wasn't in the mood to hang about as he too only needed the minimum four legs to give Plumstead A the opening night win. Finch opened with a 140, but couldn't back that up as Marsh quickly hit his stride and broke in 16 darts. The second leg could have gone to the visitors, but Finch passed up the chance to draw level before Marsh took out double top with his next dart. The third leg was all Marsh, a sublime 142 outshot broke the Finch throw and took him within one. Finch was now firmly behind the proverbial 8 ball, and Marsh hammered home the advantage, with three more tons in the leg setting up the game winner to round off a quality display.

Plumstead A are on the road in week two as they take on Southwark. Bethnal Green are on their travels again, as they square off against Vauxhall A at Nolans.









Title contenders Woolwich Ferry easily saw off the challenge of Southwark in their last game under that moniker, they will be continuing as Greenwich B following the sad closure of their home venue.

**Paul Amos (26.72) 4-0 Jamie Loader (18.32) (1-0)**

It didn't take long for the first point to be deposited in the Ferry's win column. Amos soon found his rhythm, firing in a maximum to break the Loader throw in leg one. The second leg was a bit of a procession, two 140's and a ton from Amos put Loader on the back foot, and a sweet 69 rounded off a 14 dart leg for "Moo Moo". More of the same followed, another three scores of a ton and above put Amos in a commanding position at three nil up. Loader then showed what he is capable of, the fourth leg was much more even and he did finally manage a dart at double. Sadly for him the chance went begging and Amos mopped up to get the hosts off to a flier.

**Darren Peetoom (28.63) 4-0 Dave Lee (21.02) (2-0)**

Ferry soon made it a perfect eight legs to start the session. The first leg came and went in brisk fashion, with Peetoom hitting the big scores almost from the off. Lee was more competitive in the second, but his opponent was always slightly ahead before securing a break courtesy of a 58 finish. The Essex man was now in the groove, and was never troubled in leg three. Lee was now staring down the gun barrel, even more so when Peetoom led off the fourth with 140, 121 and 100 in his first three visits to the oche. He then had ample time to set up the double before sealing the deal to double the Ferry's lead.

**Nicky Turner (22.89) 1-4 Steve Cooper (23.07) (2-1)**

The visitors got what proved to be their solitary chalk on the scoreboard, as Cooper defeated the experienced Turner in five legs. It started well for Turner, hitting three scores of a ton and above to begin with as he broke throw for the opening leg in 17 darts. Cooper returned the favour with a matching 17 dart break in the next, three straight tons aiding the cause. A steady third leg saw the first hold of throw in the contest to nudge Cooper into the lead, thanks to a smart 78 finish. Turner will then feel he ought to have squared matters. After a slow start to the fourth, Turner assumed control with a maximum to put himself within touching distance. But he couldn't follow up, missing break darts before Cooper nipped in to take out a critical 58. Turner again was unable to polish off the chance he had created in the sixth following two scores of a ton and above, and he could only watch as Cooper rounded off a fine exhibition of doubles accuracy as he took out the game ending 76.

**Dan Day (29.51) 4-1 Ben West (28.21) (3-1)**

The fourth match produced arguably the best game in this week's Super League fixtures, a quality affair laden with high score after high score. The first leg began with Day immediately acquainting himself with

the treble twenty which soon yielded the leg winning darts. He started slowly in leg two, but then kicked into gear with three scores of a ton or higher. West battled valiantly but couldn't quite get in range as Day doubled his lead. Leg three was as good as you will see anywhere. Day led off with a ton, West answered with a 140, which Day replicated with his next three arrows. West only scored 59 next time up, and Day fired in another ton. The proverbial door was now ajar but West slammed it firmly shut with a brilliant 162. Day showed his class with a 125 in response to leave 36. That ordinarily would have guaranteed an attempt next time round, but West, sitting on 140, hit the two required trebles before going inside on the double 10. Day then calmly stepped up to the oche and two darts later hit the double to round off a majestic leg of darts. The next leg surely couldn't match it, and didn't, but West held onto his form and took the leg to keep the match going. On another night, he would have won the fifth as well, with a 140 either side of a ton to start the leg. But it was Day who had the darts, and two ton plusses of his own complemented the other heavy scoring before crowning the display with a 64 to take the point in a fabulous match.

**Bradley Halls (29.98)                      4-1                      James Stephenson (21.40)                      (4-1)**

Any hopes that Southwark had of a brief respite from the scoring barrage quickly faded, as Halls produced a display of power scoring that not only secured the match award, but also the highest average of the week throughout Super League. That wasn't the case to start with, as Stephenson started best. He took the opener on throw, and began leg two with a maximum. Halls then fired in one of his own, and that allowed him to square the match. He then repeated the feat to start the third leg, and two more tons were enough to force a break of the Stephenson throw. Halls was now in full flow, and completely dominated the match from that point on. Two more 140s ensured he would hold to go within a leg of victory, and leg five saw him produce even better. An opening score of 85 was followed again by another two 140's, before he finished a 12 dart leg in champagne style with a brilliant 136 to round off a simply brilliant display.

**Scott Artiss (27.83)                      4-0                      Michael Power (22.68)                      (5-1)**

Although the overall victory was already secure, Ferry kept up the blitzkrieg on their shell-shocked opponents, as Artiss raced to a win in straight legs. A fairly routine opening saw a hold of throw, and Power could have squared the argument but missed darts were punished as Artiss doubled his lead. That was the springboard for Artiss to kick on, and he fired in a maximum en route to a great 13 dart leg in the third. He carried on the heavy scoring in the next, and although Power tried valiantly to stay in touch, he was unable to as Artiss hit three more scores of a ton and higher before adding to the Ferry's highlight reel still further with a stylish 64 to complete the whitewash.

**John Walters (27.06)                      4-1                      Steve Beasley (25.16)                      (6-1)**

The hosts were now in full cry, and didn't let up in the finale. To his credit, Beasley didn't roll over and certainly gave Walters a run for his money. He proved that from the off, cracking home a great 98 for the early advantage. Leg two saw Walters fire in Ferry's sixth maximum of the session, before he showed that he too was no slouch at the business end, a 94 take out following a missed Beasley opportunity commencing a bout of sublime work on the outer ring. With parity restored, Walters then broke Beasley in the third leg. Good scoring created the opening and he took it with relish, smacking home an impressive 106. The momentum was now firmly with Walters and he continued in the same manner to take the fourth courtesy of a 52 finish and go one leg from victory. The fifth saw Walters finding the trebles frequently, with Beasley doing likewise. The Southwark man set up a chance at tops, missing one dart at it. Any hopes of returning to try again were soon eroded as Walters knocked in another decent finish, a 64 this time to end the evening on a high.

The darters formerly known as Woolwich Ferry travel to Lewisham for their first match as the newly named Greenwich B. Southwark's tough opening to the new season continues, as they entertain reigning Super League champs Plumstead