



The first round of the Ladies Super League, held at Plumstead, saw the Wanderers record a whitewash over their opponents to start off on a winning note.

Lynne Biondini (11.65) 3-0 Kimmy Daniell (9.68) (1-0)

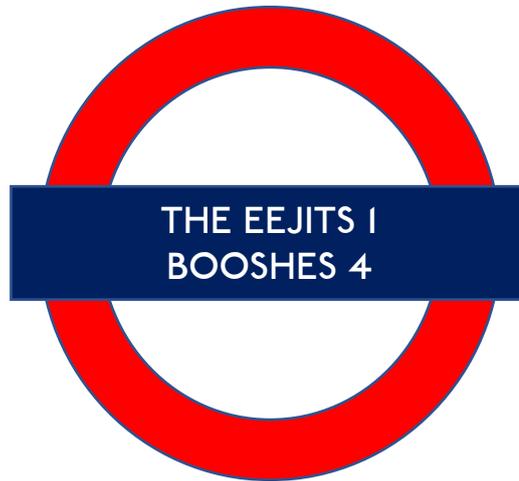
The first point of the new season went the way of Wanderers. Biondini showed her intent from the off, firing in a 122 in her first visit. The scoring remained even until Biondini hit a fine set up shot for the first attempt at the outer segments. The advantage was then capitalised on as Biondini claimed the opener. The second leg was a mirror image of the first. But this time it was Daniell that hit the early ton on throw and another good score two visits later put her in the box seat. Biondini came back well in the latter half of the leg which saw both ladies duel at the double before she hit the out shot to go two clear. Leg three was fairly even throughout, until Biondini took control with a 95 and that laid the platform for the match winning dart to give Wanderers the early lead.

Carly Townsend (14.14) 3-2 Su Holt (14.52) (2-0)

This was the proverbial game of two halves. It initially looked as if the Darty Bitches would open their seasonal account as Holt took the first two legs of the contest. She wasn't messing about in the opener, hitting a couple of 140's and then checking out the required 46 to complete a 17 darter. Townsend had also got into the scoring groove early, but leg two began at a slightly slower pace. Holt then kicked on, firing in her third 140 of the match. Townsend hung in well and did have a crack at the double. But she couldn't take it as Holt seized on the chance and looked to be in command. The third began with some good scoring from both, but the nerves kicked in at the business end. Holt had enough chances to seal the deal but couldn't quite find the winning dart. Townsend also had opportunities of her own before she took the leg with both ladies in the Madhouse. The ladies traded tons to start off leg four, but it was Townsend who kept more consistent in the scoring stakes which put her in a position to square the match, at which point she duly obliged. Holt had first use of the oche in the finale, but it was her opponent who edged in front in the scoring department. Now in possession of the darts, Townsend kept ahead, and although Holt hit a late ton to put on some pressure, Townsend knocked over the winning double to increase the Wanderers advantage.

Steph Stutley (20.41) 3-1 Shaz Deboo Costello (18.59) (3-0)

The midway point of the session saw a match that looked as if it was going to be as close as the game which preceded it. Both ladies quickly found their range in and around the treble 20, and it was Costello that had the first darts at the double. Stutley then stepped in, taking out a fine 76 for the early lead. Costello began leg two with a ton, and kept up the good scoring to stay far enough ahead to be able to get the equalising double without any worries. The third leg was quite even to start with, but Stutley edged in front before repeating her feat in finishing 76 to go one away. The



It was the Booshes who got themselves the opening night win against the Eejits.

Coral Stevens (13.47) 1-3 Nic Watling (14.52) (0-1)

The opening point of the session's play went to Booshes, with Watling's superior scoring proving the difference. The opening stanza saw Stevens having the better of the early exchanges, until a ton by Watling brought her back into contention midway into the leg. Stevens was first to the double but wasn't able to pin the out shot, and Watling nipped in to grab the initiative. With the first leg under her belt, Watling began leg two in confident manner. She kept herself ahead throughout and then knocked in the double to go one away. The scoring ante was upped in the third, and Watling had chances to end the contest in straight legs. Stevens had chances of her own, and then was able to locate the outer segment to keep the match alive. She battled hard in leg four, but Watling was now finding some rhythm in her scoring and this created the chance to close the game out, which was taken with Stevens being denied the chance to send the match to a one leg shootout.

Emma Smith (12.42) 1-3 Luci Cunningham (15.53) (0-2)

Four legs were again needed to decide the outcome of the second contest. Both ladies eased themselves into the early stages, until Cunningham took control in the latter half, as she then struck the double to go one ahead. She started the second leg strongly, a 123 backed up the preceding ton score, but Smith showed the tenacity to keep plugging away and gradually clawed back into contention before a fine set up shot of 96 was followed by the game winner to restore parity. Smith continued the good work at the start of leg three but couldn't carry it on as the business end approached. This time it was Cunningham, courtesy of a ton, who engineered the chance, and after Smith had missed leg darts, she struck home the game shot to restore her lead. The onus was now on Smith to square the match for the second time. A slow opening to the leg opened the door, and Cunningham had no hesitation in accepting the invitation to walk through. Two successive scores in and around a ton gave the Booshes thrower the impetus to seal the deal which she did in fairly short order.

Sarah Cronin (11.95) 0-3 Mary Cusack (12.21) (0-3)

The next match saw the first appearance at the oche for the new London Secretary, as she secured the overall win in straight legs. The opener saw both ladies find the high scores at the start before the scoring eased somewhat as the leg progressed. Each had chances to take out the game shot, but it was Cusack who was able to pin the double for the early advantage. Cronin would feel that she should have left the match evenly poised after the second leg. A sustained burst of scoring, topped off by a 140, left her in prime position for the equaliser. But the proficiency on the doubles couldn't quite match what was shown on the trebles. Cusack chipped away as the chances went begging, and

Cronin was left to rue the misses as her opponent chalked off the leg winner to go two in front. Leg three followed a similar pattern. Again it was Cronin finding the fluency on the treble 20, an early 119 was quickly followed with another 140. Cusack then picked her up own scoring as Cronin started to set up the potential out shot. As in the previous leg, she couldn't get across the winning line and after missing three match darts Cusack then obliged at the next time of asking to claim the point required for the overall win.

Claire Camelo (13.56) 0-3 Deb Watling (19.78) (0-4)

The match award was handed out in the penultimate match of the evening's play, which Watling won in straight legs without allowing her opponent a dart at the double. The first leg saw Watling quickly into stride, soon finding her range on the big trebles. To her credit, Camelo kept going and knocked in a 99 of her own, but she was always having to chase. Watling took out the double and could afford to miss a few darts at the outer ring in doing so. Camelo was soon behind the 8 ball again, as Watling kicked off leg two with a couple of tons. Again Camelo was having to play catch up, and despite having a couple of quality visits herself, could only look on as Watling closed to within one. It was a similar story in the third. Watling gained the early advantage as he opponent valiantly tried to stay in touch. A brilliant set up shot of 134 left the double chance, and Watling was able to close the game out.

Christina Cronin (14.45) 3-0 Chloe Artiss (10.72) (1-4)

The question now was whether or not the Eejits could avoid being swept. Cronin soon set about her work, a 121 was followed by a ton on her next visit. Artiss wasn't as quickly away, and Cronin made full use to soon polish off the opening leg. The second was a much closer affair. Neither player was able to impose themselves on the other, and this made for a keenly contested leg of darts. A score of 80 earned Cronin first crack at the outer ring, but a couple of missed attempts gave Artiss an opening to square the match. The chance went begging, and Cronin then finally found the out shot she needed to go two clear. Leg three was far more straightforward. Cronin took control at the mid-point of the leg with a ton, and this ensured she would finally break the Eejits' duck and conclude the night's entertainment with plenty in reserve.

Week Two sees the Eejits face off against Hustlers, and Booshes will be looking to make it two wins from two in what should be a close game with the Wanderers.



Reigning Super League champions Edmonton showed that again they would be the team to beat as they took all five points on offer against the Hustlers who gave a decent account of themselves.

Donna Gleed (21.76) 3-1 Nikki Patten (19.13) (1-0)

Edmonton showed their intent to retain their crown from the get-go, as Gleed hit the highest average of the week. The treble 20 didn't have to wait too long to start being hit, with both Gleed and Patten showing their accuracy. It was Gleed who made the first important move, striking a 140 and then setting up an attempt at tops courtesy of a 76. Patten wasn't able to keep up as she did at the start of the leg, and Gleed didn't waste her time in securing the opening leg of the contest. The next saw Gleed continue her assault on the lipstick. A 121 in her opening visit to the oche was soon followed by another 140. With Patten trailing, Gleed produced another fine set up shot of 91 to leave the double which she hit on her next turn. Patten then produced the darts which we know she is capable of in leg three. A ton to begin with was backed up with two more in succession. Gleed finished the leg strongly but Patten had given herself enough leeway to take out the game shot and keep the match in the balance. The fourth leg saw Gleed go off at breakneck speed. A 110 sandwiched between two tons put her in control after nine darts, and after six more the winning post was firmly in sight. The double was proving to be elusive, and Patten then hit two big scores in succession to set up a possible attempt at double 18. The effort was in vain however, as Gleed then completed the win to round off a sparkling display.

Tammy MacKenzie (16.49) 3-1 Kerry O'Connor (17.56) (2-0)

The second game of the night saw another win in four legs for Edmonton. It was MacKenzie who struck first. Leading off with a ton, after she then had two poor scores a ton in response from O'Connor lit the blue touch paper. MacKenzie's next four visits never saw a score below sixty, and she then put the icing on the cake with a superb 89 finish to take the first leg. The second leg saw equally good play, but this time round it was O'Connor's turn to shine. A solid first nine darts laid the foundation, and her next nine produced scores of 95, 124 and 66, before the double 8 was taken out with one dart. After two fine legs, the match then settled down. The third leg picked up in the latter half. Once again MacKenzie hit a decent set up shot to pressurise O'Connor's earlier good work as she was poised to take the lead. The chance at double was missed though and MacKenzie cleaned up the 32 she needed to go back in front. Leg four began slowly, but as in the previous leg gathered steam as it went on. A 137 from O'Connor looked to have her on the verge of taking a good game to a one leg finale, but again the double opportunities went begging as MacKenzie fired in the winning game shot.

Mandy Solomons (17.40) 3-1 Juliane Burchill (17.62) (3-0)

Next on to the oche was a contest that on paper looked like it could be a closely-fought battle. It was Burchill who took the early lead. There was little to choose between them in the scoring department, before Burchill took out 60 following a missed attempt from Solomons to go in front. It was the Edmonton thrower who gained the early ascendancy in the second. Burchill did work her way back into the leg, but it was Solomons who got the equaliser. The third leg continued in the same vein, a 121 from Burchill kept her in contention but Solomons strung together a good series of scores before taking out the 44 left to go back ahead. Leg five saw three tons shared between the combatants, but Solomons had the all important first use of the oche. Burchill did get darts at the double to force a decider, but they weren't taken and Solomons then pinged the out shot to give Edmonton the overall win.

Leanne Peetoom (15.45) 3-1 Marisa Fleming (13.74) (4-0)

With the overall win safely gathered, Edmonton now set about the task of taking the last two points available. The first of these was gained in four legs. Fleming scored the first ton of the match in the opening stanza, which set her up for the first attempts at the outer segments. Nine darts came and went before Peetoom nipped in to take the leg. Fleming kept up her acquaintance with the big trebles in leg two, a couple of tons on the bounce putting her in command. Despite busting 48, it didn't prove costly as she then promptly took it out at the next time of asking to draw level. The third leg started at a sedate pace, but Peetoom kicked into gear in the latter half. A ton began a consistent nine dart scoring spell before she then cracked in a great 76 checkout to edge in front once more. Leg four saw Fleming ahead early doors, and although Peetoom found another ton, it was the Hustlers player who was first to arrive at the double. However she found the leg winning dart to be as elusive as they were at the beginning of the match, and once Peetoom left herself on a finish, she cleaned up for the win in a very even game that could easily gone the full five legs.

Jo Deamer (12.12) 3-0 Eileen Waving (11.52) (5-0)

The evening concluded with a victory for Deamer, but in a match where Waving had darts at the double in each of the three legs played. After an even beginning to the first leg, Deamer gained the advantage with a 140. Waving managed to keep within close enough order to have a pop at the outer ring, but it was the Edmonton arrowsmith who took out the game shot to bag the early lead. The second leg was one for the purist. Both ladies scored steadily but found life much more difficult at the business end. Eventually Deamer struck gold and went one away from the win. It was Deamer who found more rhythm in leg three and her scoring leading up to a great set up shot of 78 put her in prime position to close out the match. But again the doubles were proving hard to find, and this gave Waving the chance to extend the match into a fourth leg. But as before, the chances came and went until Deamer knocked over the finish to complete the clean sweep for Edmonton.

Week two sees Edmonton take on the Darty Bitches, whilst the Hustlers face off against the Eejits.

