

# READING & DISTRICT TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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Legendary OLOP coach Alan Dines with *wunderkind* Daniel MacTiernan in 2012.

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Looking back for a moment as we approach Reading Table Tennis's centenary year, we have found a picture of the late Alan Dines, the coach who with John Cunningham laid the basis for the Our Lady of Peace table tennis club.

He is shown in conversation with promising youngster Daniel MacTiernan in 2012. Daniel went on to win the Reading Closed Under-21 title three years running, from 2012 onwards (see top right inset)..

Have a good season!

Derek Wavell







### Notes from our Chairman

Hello everybody welcome to a brand new season in the Association CENTENARY season. I hope that you are enjoying your table tennis so far.

At this point I would like to thank Clive Taylor and his firm for printing the splendid handbook and to Barry Carter for all of his hard work in putting in the contents.



Advance notice - the Individual Handicap is at Cippenham on the 14th Jan. Details on the website.

One plea - can captains please add match comments when sending in score cards? Thank you.

All the best  
Derek

### Notes from the RDTTA General Secretary

Welcome to the Reading Table Tennis League's new season. Matches are of course now well underway. Kingfisher 'A' have their usual firm grip on division 1, with Kingfisher 'B' and Sonning Common & Peppard 'A', although not out of it, seemingly vying for 2nd. In division 2 Kingfisher 'F' have made a bright start alongside favourites Reading FC while division 3 looks like being a very close fought affair. The same could be said of division 4, although Tilehurst RBL 'C' and Sonning Common & Peppard 'F' may end up finding their way to the top.

This is the Reading League's centenary season and there are plans to hold a Centenary event, probably on Wednesday 15th May 2024. The current details for this are under discussion and we will keep you posted. The Individual Handicap will take place at

Cippenham on Sunday 14th January 2024 and you can enter now via the website. The Reading Closed Championships will also be at Cippenham on Sunday 17th March 2024. We did look at trying to bring the tournaments back to Reading at the rebuilt Rivermead Centre but costs were prohibitive.



Enjoy your season,

Nigel Maltby  
RDTTA Secretary

### Corrections to the Handbook

1: In the fixture chart the correct dates should be 4th, 11. 18th of March and not as listed It did not take into consideration leap year.

2: In the last fixture, team 2 is shown at home to team 4 and it should be to team one on the week beginning 18th March



# DIVISION ONE

by Martin Adams

Woohoo! - welcome to our centenary season. One thing I need you all to do before you start reading this is stick a date in your diary. The celebratory event is, I believe, planned for Wednesday 15th May at Tilehurst RBL. I hope to see you all there. As I am sure this will be a resounding success, I will postpone the Div 1 and friends social evening to the following year. Here's the snapshot from the last one!

pipped our very own virtuoso Dmitry Khakhamov in the first match of the season. (With Prayrit and others the future of Reading table tennis looks to be in great hands). Darren Jones, Martin Adams and Hari Gehlot remain unbeaten, but not without the odd



scare, none more so than Hari having to dig deep to avoid a shock and overtake Mike Douglas 7-11 5-11 11-9 11-4 11-4.

**MVP: Hari Gehlot**

## 2nd: Sonning Common & Peppard 'A'

Ed Lush is on fire (Jason's words from several match cards) and despite being the latest of some great players slipping up to young Theo, he appears to be spear-heading the team having played in all six matches following his transfer from the B team. Gary Morgan has only dropped three ends across his four evening appearances but is still to face higher opposition. Ian Cole did manage to beat Theo and sits on 7 out of 9 although slipped up elsewhere in their 4 - 6 loss to Kingfisher 'C'. With Jason Roberts getting his usual money's worth, you can never count him out as he's on an impressive 10 from 15!

**MVP: Ed Lush**

## 3rd: Kingfisher 'B'

Just one point back and some tougher opposition to follow, the majority of the squad has remained largely untroubled, although Graham Mendick required the full five ends to get



Clockwise: Martin Adams, Dan Moses, Ed Lush, Matt Isherwood, Emma Blachford, Julian Telford, Eric Van Looy, Graham Mendick, Tim Raby, Denise Weller

It's understandable yet disappointing that OLOP were not able to rally the troops to form a squad in the top flight this season. As a result, main rivals to Kingfisher 'A' will be Kingfisher 'B' and Sonning Common & Peppard 'A' who have signed Ian Cole from OLOP and I have some brand-new, top-secret intelligence that they may well yet have a rather fearsome cat to put amongst the pigeons! Top 3 are still to face each other and, especially with this new development, it may turn out to be interesting. At the other end it would initially seem a battle between the Sonning Common & Peppard squads to stay above water with a Kingfisher lurking just above the waterline.

## 1st: Kingfisher 'A'

As ever - but we are yet to face the top teams. We have signed young talent Rishaan Sawant who plays well beyond his 11 young years in terms of standard and temperament. He has started brilliantly, losing just one point from nine and ably picking off the lower order of the division. The other dropped point came at the hands of another youngster Theo Kniep who

		PL	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1	Kingfisher A	6	6	0	0	58	2	58
2	SC&P A	6	5	0	1	52	8	52
3	Kingfisher B	6	6	0	0	51	9	51
4	Tilehurst RBL A	5	4	0	1	31	19	31
5	Tidmarsh A	5	2	1	2	26	24	26
6	Kingfisher C	4	1	1	2	15	25	15
7	Sonning Sports A	4	1	0	3	12	28	12
8	Kingfisher D	5	0	1	4	10	40	10
9	SC&P C	5	1	0	4	9	41	9
10	SC&P D	5	0	1	4	9	41	9
11	SC&P B	5	0	0	5	7	43	7







the better of Matt Stone. Having survived three previous five-game sets, their top scorer Julian Telford eventually lost his 100% record to Paul Savage 11-3, 11-13, 5-11, 11-9, 6-11. Both Prayrit Ahluwalia and new signing Rajan Waterman, who has been drafted in to replace Ryan Cheung and Ethan Zheng from last season, are of course high-quality and have had little to worry them. Cath Venning has also contributed four creditable points including saving four match points against Malcom Gregory to come through 7-11, 13-11, 9-11, 11-6, 12-10. MVPs in this edition are going to top points contributor, so...



JULIAN TELFORD

**MVP: Julian Telford**

#### 4th: Tilehurst RBL 'A'

This closely-knit squad impressively won their first four matches 8-2, 6-4, 6-4, 10-0 - before succumbing to SC&P 'A' 1 - 9 and so currently sit proudly in their own target achievement of 'best-of-the-rest' position. Partly by way of not being available in that defeat, Marc Brent tops their averages at this stage with 10 from 12 despite defeats by Duncan Groves and Mike Douglas. He is joint-top points scorer alongside Keith Winter (67%) who has been consistently picking off the 50%ers. Jon Willis (53%) is well up on last season and shows his reliable qualities week in week out.

**Joint MVP: Keith Winter and Marc Brent**

#### 5th: Tidmarsh 'A'

Another very consistent team, they have not yet scored less than three nor more than seven in any match. In a similar fashion, no player has scored a duck or a treble in any match, with the exception of Duncan Groves who won his three at SC&P 'B'. Take their tie with Kingfisher 'C' which had a 5 - 5 draw written all over it. No single player from either side that evening remained unbeaten while all contributed. Dale Ballard has justified his selection in the top division defeating the likes of Phil Mead and Keith Winter in the process. In typical mid-table style, Antony Baker (50%) and Lee Calcutt (67%) make up the team and have been getting their money's worth. True to form, and quite incredibly, all players have contributed 6 singles points!!!...so....

**Joint MVP: Antony Baker, Lee Calcutt, Duncan Groves, Dale Ballard**

#### 6th: Kingfisher 'C'

Despite mounting a great performance to defeat SC&P 'A' 6 - 4, they find themselves some points behind Tidmarsh but with a game in hand. To their credit they have negotiated each of the 'big 3' and have a good run of matches to come - they have so-far proved to be another epitome of mid-table performance since no regular squad player has scored a max nor a duck (other than Matt Isherwood's single appearance). Phil Mead (56%) is the pick of the bunch and along with Alan Cummings managed to beat Ian Cole in that epic match. Having played against each of those top teams Theo is slightly behind but with saving several match points against Dmitry Khakhamov (9-11, 7-11, 11-5, 16-14, 11-7) and turning over Ed Lush (11-13 12-10 11-5 11-9) on his record he will head towards the top of the averages before long. Nigel Keedy makes up the team with just the single outing and win (over Dale Ballard). Brief mention for Adrian Cretu who played up as a reserve and gave Dmitry a scare (14-12, 4-11, 11-6, 9-11, 11-9)

**MVP: Phil Mead**

#### 7th: Sonning Sports 'A'

Also with a game in hand, having played the top three and with Buckinghamshire county player Dave Croucher having only played one so far, things may well get better for this band of merry men. They've also signed Graham Diplock who, despite not troubling KFA nor KFB, will have further positive impact. Paul Savage is playing some great stuff having disposed of Julian Telford, Jason Roberts and Georgi Ivanov; and Nick Sears also has a maximum on the board. Bob Woodmansee only played once but came close to upsetting Jason Roberts (11-6, 7-11, 5-11, 13-11, 9-11).

**MVP: Paul Savage**

#### 8th: Kingfisher 'D'

All their points have so far originated from the bats of Georgi Ivanov and Mike Douglas, who have also played the most games. These two together will pose a dangerous duo, particularly for the lower order of the division, Georgi having



MARTIN ADAMS RECEIVES THE PRIZE FOR LAST SEASON'S TOP DIVISION ONE TEAM - KINGFISHER 'A'.



## LEADING AVERAGES

Player	Team	P	W	%
Hari Gehlot	Kingfisher A	18	18	100%
Martin Adams	Kingfisher A	15	15	100%
Gary Morgan	SC&P A	12	12	100%
Graham Mendick	Kingfisher B	12	12	100%
Prayrit Ahluwalia	Kingfisher B	9	9	100%
Ross Saxby	Kingfisher A	6	6	100%
Rajan Waterman	Kingfisher B	6	6	100%
Ed Lush	SC&P A	18	17	94.44%
Julian Telford	Kingfisher B	15	14	93.33%
Rishaan Sawant	Kingfisher A	9	8	88.89%
Marc Brent	Tilehurst RBL A	12	10	83.33%
Ian Cole	SC&P A	9	7	77.78%
Jason Roberts	SC&P A	15	10	66.67%
Keith Winter	Tilehurst RBL A	15	10	66.67%
Duncan Groves (S)	Tidmarsh A	9	6	66.67%
Lee Calcutt	Tidmarsh A	9	6	66.67%

taken out the likes of Keith Winter, Rishaan Sawant and Jon Willis and Mike upsetting Marc Brent in their fifth game decider. They have also picked up a couple of impressive doubles victories together. The rest are yet to pick up a point including their most regular player Ayush Swaminathan who is gaining valuable experience – whether it's a pleasant experience only he could tell you.

**MVP: Georgi Ivanov**

### 9th: Sonning Common & Peppard 'C'

Despite a Div 1 baptism of fire in not picking up a single point in their first trio of matches against the top three, they now find themselves just pipping their D team rivals on matches won and a recent, narrow 6 - 4 victory over their B team (to send them bottom). Danny Dockree is the C-team captain and orchestrator here, looking comfortable on a creditable 42% (which is likely to rise) edging out Antony Baker and overturning Dale Ballard as well as the main cause of damage in the B team's defeat picking up his maximum. Their other main contributor is Jon Abbott who as well



MARK JONES OF SC&P 'C'

as inflicting a brace in the same match managed to take out Lee Calcutt and has been unlucky to lose several others in the fifth. Whatever is the opposite phrase to "Keeping up with the Joneses", it applies here as both Mark and Angus are yet to open their account despite a few close ones.

**MVP: Danny Dockree**

### 10th: Sonning Common & Peppard 'D'

Despite Simon Berry only playing twice, he has contributed the majority of their points, expertly spinning his way through Georgi Ivanov, Mike Douglas, Jon Willis and Keith Winter, his only defeat at the hands of Marc Brent. He will no doubt need to play more often to give his playing colleagues Nigel Maltby, Brian Meheux and Malcom Gregory, who have all at least contributed to the tally, a fighting chance of survival, although like some other teams, they have already negotiated the top three - so chaps, I expect to see your averages growing by the next edition.

**MVP: Simon Berry**

### 11th: Sonning Common & Peppard 'B'

These survivors of Division 1 last season, find themselves both luckless and Lushless at the foot of the table without a win or draw to their name. Only narrowly losing out to stalwart Graham Mendick, Captain Matt Stone leads by example as top-scorer including victory over Dale Ballard, a feat trumped by Tom Astle who also added the scalp of Lee Calcutt in the same encounter (7-11, 12-10, 11-9, 7-11, 13-11). Denise Weller pushed Julian Telford and Danny Dockree to fifth game deciders and like her, Tim Raby secured points over Mark Jones. Daniel Artene is yet to open his account despite an epic battle with Dale Ballard, just falling short 11-13, 9-11, 11-8, 11-9, 11-13.

**MVP: Matt Stone**

Finally, I'd like to add a short tribute to Roger Woolven-Allen – One of the kindest and most humorous characters I have ever had the pleasure to cross paths with, I will always treasure the times he would turn up to host matches with various Ploughmans refreshments (doorstep cheese and pickle sandwiches, jars of pickled eggs and onions) or a large jar of mint humbugs. Thank you, Roger. My sympathies go to your family.





## This R&DTTA Awards for 2022-2023

On 7th June this year, the Reading Association's annual awards were presented at the premises of the Royal British Legion, Tilehurst. Most of the photos which appear later in this Newsletter were taken at that event. Barry Carter announced the prize-winners, and our President, Peter Bradley presented the prizes. After the presentations, our AGM was held



BARRY CARTER



PETER BRADLEY WITH READING CLOSED JUNIOR WINNER MO COOK

Many of the prizes went to winners in this season's Reading Closed tournament. Their names are listed in our April Newsletter, and their photos shown on other pages of this one. But there were other notable prizes too,

### CHAMPION TEAMS OF THE SEASON

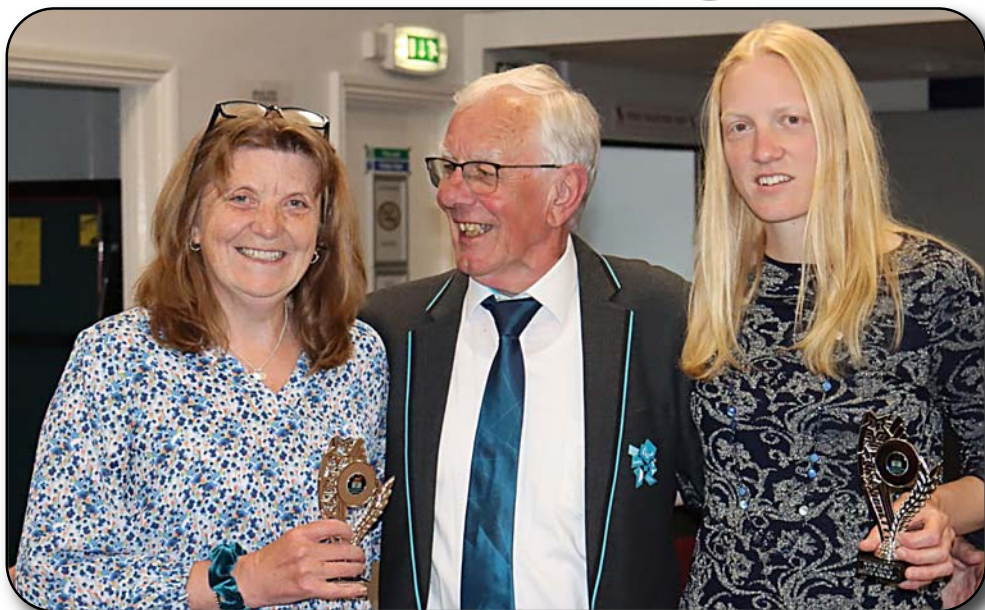
Division 1 Champions:	<b>Kingfisher 'A'</b>
Runners-up:	<b>OLOP 'A'</b>
Division 2 Champions:	<b>SC&amp;P 'D'</b>
Runners-up:	<b>SC&amp;P 'C'</b>
Division 3 Champions:	<b>Pangbourne</b>
Runners-up:	<b>Springfield 'A'</b>
Division 4 Champions:	<b>SC&amp;P 'E'</b>
Runners-up:	<b>Tilehurst Meths 'C'</b>

John Freeman Trophy Winner:	<b>Hari Gelot</b>
Team Handicap Winners	<b>Pangbourne</b>
Runners-up:	<b>Kingfisher 'H'</b>
Lower Divisions Cup winners:	<b>Kingfisher 'H'</b>
Runners-up:	<b>OLOP 'D'</b>
Individual Handicap Winner:	<b>Eyup Odemis</b>
Runner-up:	<b>Graham Stark</b>
Reading Chronicle Trophy Winner:	<b>Mo Cook</b>
Standard Cup for the Most Improved Junior:	<b>Theo Kniep</b>
Edelstone Cup for Best Junior Performance:	<b>Prayrit Ahluwalia</b>
Harold Larcombe Sportsmanship Award:	<b>Theo Kniep</b>



LADIES SINGLES WINNER KATE MAKSIMENKO





LADIES DOUBLES RUNNERS -  
UP LOUISE FORSTER AND  
ALICE WALKER



INDIVIDUAL HANDICAP  
WINNER EYUP ODEMIS



MIXED DOUBLES WINNERS SIMON  
BROOKES AND ALICE WALKER



# DIVISION TWO

by John Willcocks

With the majority of the teams having now played five or six matches two teams have established themselves as promotion favourites and two as relegation candidates although there is of course plenty of time for things to change.

Despite their team being hampered by injuries Kingfisher 'F' are looking a good bet to finish in the top two. Pre-season title favourites Reading FC Community Trust are not far behind them and of these two contrasting teams, Kingfisher 'F' have a very large squad whereas Reading FC only have three players registered, but look clear favourites to finish in the top two. At the bottom of the division Kingfisher 'H' have had a difficult



with other good players in the squad they should be able to maintain their promotion challenge and I expect them to finish in the top two.

**Prediction – 2nd**

**Best Recent Performance – Adrian Cretu to come from behind to beat Satej Jaywant in five**

**Reading FC Community Trust** are currently in second place but have played a match less than the leaders. They have had four big wins plus a slightly surprising 6 – 4 defeat against Kingfisher 'E' and they should finish in the top two. Michael Childs is unbeaten and it will need a very good player to take away his 100% record, Tony Alleyne has had a very good start to the season and Jazz Dhillon has been playing consistently. However, with Wayne Alleyne having left the team they now only have three players and that could cause them some problems if they cannot sign a replacement.

**Prediction – 1st**

**Best Recent Performance - Michael Childs with an impressive three straight maximum against Kingfisher 'E'**

**Kingfisher 'E'** have had a solid start to the season winning four matches and losing twice including 9 – 1 to the leaders. They have a good squad of five players with all of them being of reasonably comparable standard and all capable of getting averages of 50% or better. They probably lack someone who will get a really high average

which will mean they may not end up challenging for promotion but they should have a good season and will probably end up in the top four.

**Prediction – 3rd**

**Best Recent Performance - Satej Jaywant recovering from two games down to beat Akeel Mir in five**

	PL	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Kingfisher F	6	5	1	0	44	16	44
2 Reading FC	5	4	0	1	38	12	38
3 Kingfisher E	6	4	0	2	35	25	35
4 Kingfisher G	5	3	1	1	28	22	28
5 OLOP A	5	2	1	2	25	25	25
6 Tilehurst RBL B	4	2	0	2	22	18	22
7 Springfield A	5	2	1	2	22	28	22
8 Tidmarsh C	5	1	1	3	21	29	21
9 Tidmarsh B	4	1	0	3	17	23	17
10 Kingfisher H	6	0	0	6	11	49	11
11 Pangbourne	3	0	1	2	7	23	7

start and have lost their first six matches. Pangbourne WMC also look like they may struggle, although they have only played three times.

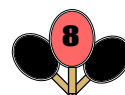
Thanks to all of the team captains for emailing the match cards to me so quickly which is greatly appreciated. A reminder to Team Captains about postponements - if you do need to ask for a postponement could you please contact me either before contacting the opposing team or at least at the same time.

A couple of other reminders, Reading FC Community Trust have changed their home night to Mondays. Also please remember there are two clubs in Tilehurst, Tilehurst Methodists and Tilehurst Royal British Legion, please make sure you know which one you are playing and where their venue is.

**Kingfisher 'F'** are the early league leaders and have won five and drawn one, although they have played at least a match more than most of their rivals. They have a large squad but have had a number of injuries and that has prompted them to re-register Wayne Alleyne from promotion rivals Reading FC to boost their squad. So far they have been mainly reliant on three players but with Wayne's arrival and hopefully some better news with injuries they may be able to spread the load a bit better. The three players who have played most are all in the averages with Shaswat Somani unbeaten and Adrian Cretu on 80% and

## DIVISION 2 LEADING AVERAGES

Player	Team	P	W	%
Mike Childs	Reading FC	15	15	100.00%
Shaswat Somani	Kingfisher F	9	9	100.00%
Kate Maksimenko	Tilehurst RBL B	12	11	91.67%
Parvin Baishkiyar	Kingfisher G	15	12	80.00%
Adrian Cretu	Kingfisher F	15	12	80.00%
Chris West	OLOP A	9	7	77.78%
Gennadi Armashula	Kingfisher G	9	7	77.78%
Tony Alleyne	Reading FC	15	11	73.33%
Andrew Adair	Kingfisher E	11	8	72.73%
Akeel Mir	Kingfisher F	15	10	66.67%
Mat Hickman	Springfield A	12	8	66.67%
John Willcocks	Tilehurst RBL B	12	8	66.67%
Darek Kaminski	OLOP A	12	7	58.33%
Abhay Gore	Kingfisher E	14	8	57.14%
Mike Aistrop	Tidmarsh B	9	5	55.56%
Jazz Dhillon	Reading FC	15	8	53.33%







**Kingfisher 'G'** have also had a promising start to the season with three wins and a draw and only one defeat. Although they have a squad of six players they have been reliant on Captain Parvin Baishkiyar who has played in every match for a lot of their points, although Gennadi Armashula has also played well in his three matches. These two players are averaging around 80% but the rest of the squad have averages of 33% at best so how well the team will do is likely to depend on their team selections.

**Prediction – 4th**

**Best Recent Performance – Gennadi Armashula recovering from two games down to beat John Willcocks 11-8 in the fifth**

**OLOP 'A'** finished in a high position in Division 2 last year and although they may not do quite so well this time around they should still have a good season. Their results so far have been two wins, two defeats and a draw but they have played against a number of the stronger sides. They are a good all-round team who are experienced at this level and they are unlikely to suffer heavy defeats. Chris West has been leading the way for them and is on 78% and he has been getting solid support so I expect them to maintain their position in the table.

**Prediction – 5th**

**Best Recent Performance – Darek Kaminski with an impressive maximum against Kingfisher 'F'**

**Tilehurst RBL 'B'** finished mid table last season and barring too many injuries should do the same this year. Apart from a big win in Week 1 their other results have all been 6 – 4 and this pattern of an occasional good win and lots of other close matches may well continue. Star player Kate Maksimenko has started the season well and has only lost



PETER BRADLEY WITH LEROY WILSON AND CLIVE TAYLOR, OF PANGBOURNE.

signing of Matt Hickman and they have had a decent start on their return to Division 2. They suffered heavy defeats in their first two matches but have recovered from that with two wins and a draw. Matt looks to be a good signing and he is currently on 67%, skipper Jason King has been winning consistently and with their other players chipping in with wins they should have a decent season and are likely to finish well clear of the relegation places.

**Prediction – 8th**

**Best Recent Performance – Matt Hickman with a fine maximum in their win at Tidmarsh 'B'**

**Tidmarsh 'C'** have injury issues in their squad and player availability problems are likely to have an impact on their season, although they do have a large squad. So far they have been very reliant on Ian Wu and Toby Usher who have both picked up a number of good wins and Simon Craig got a maximum in one of the two matches he has played in. With three players averaging over 40% they look like they will be good enough to keep clear of the relegation places.

**Prediction – 9th**

**Best Recent Performance – Toby Usher recovering from losing the first two games comfortably to beat Adrian Cretu in five**

**Tidmarsh 'B'** have lost their best player from last season and although they have signed two good replacements they may not do as well as last year. They have lost three of the four matches they have played, although two of the defeats have been 6 – 4, with their solitary win being against Kingfisher 'E'. With all of their players averaging at least 45%, but none having a really high average, their pattern of close matches is likely to continue, as a result they should finish in mid table.

**Prediction – 7th**

**Best Recent Performance – Steven Arrowsmith beating Kate Maksimenko three straight, Kate's only defeat so far.**

**Kingfisher 'H'** have lost all six of their matches and, although three of the defeats were against teams near the top, it looks like they are going to struggle to avoid ending up in the bottom two. Rupesh Ahluwalia has had some good wins but the rest of their team have found things a bit difficult so far. They have bolstered their squad by signing two new players and that may make a difference but their results will



STAR PLAYER KATE MAKSIMENKO

once and she has had some good support from your DFS. Nick Lean's season has been disrupted by illness so hopefully he will be back to full fitness soon. As long as Kate is available they should have a good season but player availability issues due to illness and injury might have an impact on how they do, at least in the short term.

**Prediction – 6th**

**Best Recent Performance – Kate Maksimenko with a maximum against the leaders**

**Springfield 'A'** have strengthened their team with the



need to improve quickly if they are going to stand a chance of getting out of the relegation places

**Prediction – 11th**

**Best Recent Performance – Rupesh Ahluwalia with two good wins against Reading FC including beating Tony Alleyne three straight**

**Pangbourne WMC** have had to postpone two matches so they have only played three times and have had heavy defeats against the top two and a draw. Like Reading FC they only have three players and having a small squad has

already resulted in postponements and their lack of cover may cause them more problems as the season progresses. Clive Taylor has won sets in all of the matches and he should end up with an average of well over 50% but Leroy Wilson and John Simmonds have struggled a bit so far. In recent seasons they have struggled in Division 2 but have been too strong for Division 3 and there is a danger that this pattern will continue this year.

**Prediction – 10th**

**Best Recent Performance –Clive Taylor with a three straight win over Akeel Mir**

**TEAM HANDICAP TOURNAMENT** *by Louise Forster*

This season 26 teams signed up for the Team Handicap competition, so we've had ten matches in the first round and six teams have received byes to the second round.

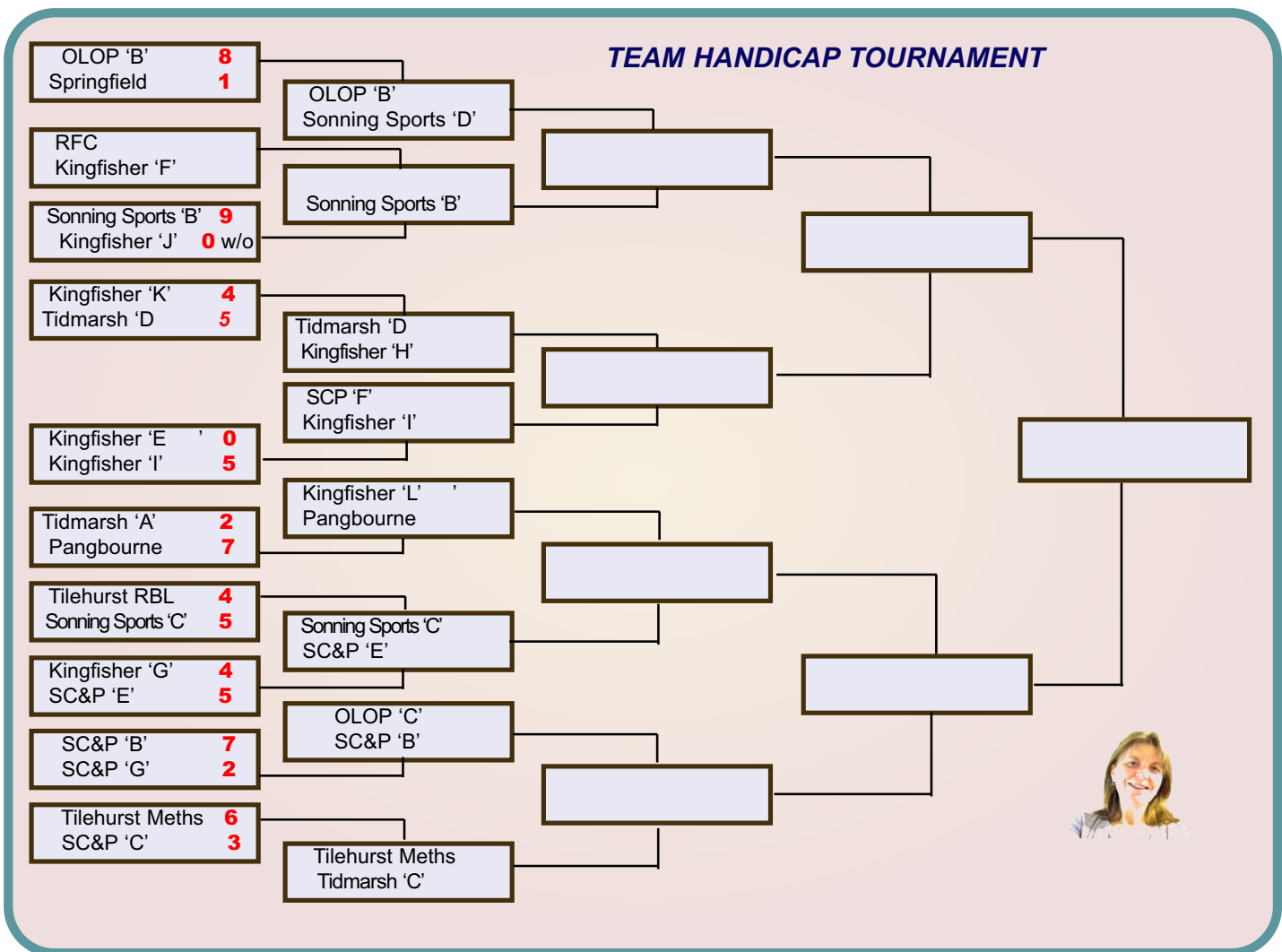
OLOP 'B' beat Springfield 8 – 1, with hat-tricks from both Mark Carless and Graham Stark. Tidmarsh 'D' had a win against Kingfisher 'K', taking the match 5 – 4 despite Mick Mitcham winning all three for the Kingfisher side.

Interestingly, this year's draw came up with two local derbies, the first one saw Kingfisher 'I' taking a convincing 5 – 0 win against Kingfisher 'E'. Later in the week SC&P 'B' met SC&P 'G', with the B team winning 7 – 2 despite some very close games.

Reigning champions Pangbourne started out on good form with a 7 – 2 win against Tidmarsh 'B'. One of the closest matches of this round saw Sonning Sports 'C' taking a 5 – 4 win against Tilehurst RBL, with John Scott winning all three for Sonning Sports.

Tilehurst Meths met SC&P 'C' and came away with a good 6 – 3 win, and SC&P 'E' beat Kingfisher 'G' 5 – 4 in a very closely fought match thanks to three good wins from Jeremy Willis.

We have eight matches lined up for the second round draw, scorecards will be going out to team captains soon, and matches are to be played by the end of November.







# DIVISION THREE

by *Huzeyfe Borazan*

Let's dive deep into the nitty-gritty of our Division 3 teams and their journey thus far! Plus, I'll throw in my two cents with some (hopefully) psychic predictions about how this season might unfold.

## Kingfisher 'I'

This team has maintained a steady roster for three consecutive years, previously competing under the banner of Kingfisher 'H'. They boast a diverse array of players, each bringing their unique style and skill set to the table, resulting in a mysterious and unpredictable team dynamic. Over the last two years, their performance has been somewhat inconsistent; however, this season marks a turning point as they've seemingly cracked the code to stability. Across six matches, they've amassed an impressive 46 points, averaging a strong 7.6 points per match. In their latest showdown, they clinched a resounding 8 - 2 victory over the formidable OLOP 'C', firmly establishing themselves as serious title contenders.

**Player Spotlight: Ruben Hernandez** is currently the team's standout player, demonstrating exceptional consistency and proving to be a formidable force in the league. His gameplay is top-notch, and he stands as one of the most challenging opponents for other players to overcome this season.

**Muharrem Aydin**, too, has been in the limelight, making significant contributions to the team's success with three consecutive trebles. His performance has been pivotal, and he has undoubtedly carried his team through crucial moments.

This blend of consistent and strategic play has truly set the team apart, making them a force to be reckoned with in the league.

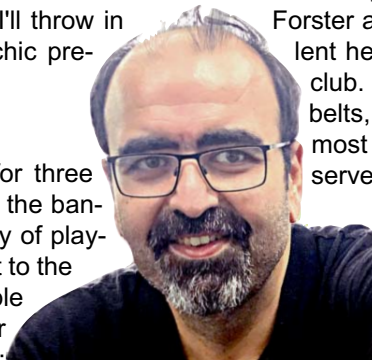
**Prediction: They will finish 1st if they continue to produce performances like this.**



EYUP ODEMIS AND MUHARREM AYDIN OF KINGFISHER I RECEIVE AWARDS

## Our Lady Of Peace 'B'

OLOP 'B' has carried over the same squad from their OLOP 'D' days last season, maintaining a solid trio of players who have garnered great experience playing together.



This season, they welcomed the remarkable Louise Forster as a super sub for one match, where she lent her skills to assist a sister team within the club. With a wealth of experience under their belts, OLOP 'B' has an intimate knowledge of most teams and players in the league, which serves as a significant advantage. However, they occasionally find themselves at a disadvantage when they are down to just two players, a challenging scenario for any team.

**Player Spotlight: Mark Carless** is on a roll, outperforming his last season's average and truly stepping up his game. He's become a crucial asset to the team, displaying impressive skill and consistency.

**Simon Brookes** and **Graham Stark** have also held a steady pace, maintaining a consistent performance throughout the season. Despite facing challenges with trebles this time around, their reliability and steady play have been instrumental in securing a second-place standing for the team at this stage in the league.

This experienced trio, backed by their knowledge and understanding of the game, is navigating the season with determination, showcasing that consistency can indeed be the key to success.



SIMON BROOKES

**Prediction:** They probably will finish 4th because having only 3 players will be hard for them

## Tilehurst Methodists 'A'

Tilehurst Methodists 'A' team, having descended from the second division, brings a wealth of experience and a roster of quality players to the table, establishing themselves as formidable contenders in the title race. Even in the face of losing their captain and key players, they have



managed to uphold a spirit of victory, standing proud as one of only two unbeaten teams in the league. While it is still early days, and they have yet to face some of their chief rivals, their track record and the wide range of player pool I believe will help them to maintain their momentum and continue to be a dominant force in the league.

**Player Spotlight:** **Jacek Krzyzanowski** is undeniably the shining star of the team, delivering outstanding performances match after match. Apart from one match, he has consistently achieved trebles and Player of the Match honours, showcasing his exceptional skills and dedication.

**Phil Jones** and **Jes Eassom** have also been steadily contributing to the team's victories, adding to the overall strength and power of Tilehurst Methodists 'A'. Their consistent performance has been a critical factor in the team's success.

**Prediction:** My prediction places them in a strong 3rd place finish for the season.

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
1 Kingfisher I	6	5	1	0	46	14	46
2 OLOP B	5	3	1	1	32	18	32
3 Tilehurst Meths A	5	4	1	0	30	20	30
4 OLOP C	4	3	0	1	27	13	27
5 Tidmarsh D	5	3	0	2	24	26	24
6 Tilehurst Meths B	6	2	1	3	24	36	24
7 SC&P E	5	1	1	3	22	28	22
8 OLOP D	4	2	0	2	19	21	19
9 Tilehurst Meths C	5	1	0	4	18	32	18
10 Sonning Sports B	4	0	1	3	17	23	17
11 Kingfisher J	5	0	0	5	11	39	11

### Our Lady Of Peace 'C'

OLOP 'C' stands out as a powerhouse in the league, boasting a lineup flush with Division 2 veterans and skilled players. They've recently bolstered their ranks with the return of the seasoned player Shawnik Thakur, and once he hits his stride, we can only expect this team's formidable strength to grow exponentially. With such experienced and capable players at the control, OLOP 'C' is undoubtedly in a prime position to challenge for the title, and as the season progresses, we're eager to see just how much more formidable they can become.

**Player Spotlight:** As captain, **Binit Bhaskar** plays a pivotal role for OLOP 'C', proving himself to be an invaluable asset on numerous occasions. Their sole loss, which came at the hands of the league leaders Kingfisher 'I', happened in his absence, highlighting his vital importance to the team.

**Dave Sanket** is another player with great potential to influence the team's performance positively. The more he steps up to the table, the more he can contribute to the team's success, providing additional depth and strength to an already impressive lineup.

**Prediction:** With their strong team, I think they will finish 2nd.

### Tidmarsh 'D'

Tidmarsh 'D' are the only representative of the Tidmarsh Club in Division 3, distinguished by their determined consistency and fighting spirit. Last season bore witness to their impressive run, propelled by the stellar performances of Chris and Ray Webb. This season, the team has found additional strength and support with Terry Hardie and Dave Edwards stepping up to contribute to the victories. I confidently foresee them maintaining this steadfast consistency throughout the season. This blend of seasoned players and their relentless perseverance in the long rally exchanges marks Tidmarsh 'D' as a team that can consistently hold its ground and compete with the best, embodying the spirit of determination and tenacity.

**Player Spotlight:** **Chris Webb** has been performing admirably last season, though luck hasn't always been on his side this season yet, with a few close five-set games not going his way. However, his resilience and skill set the stage for an imminent improvement in his average in the upcoming weeks. **Ray Webb** continues to be the epitome of consistency, delivering stable and reliable performances match after match. With **Terry Hardie** on a trajectory toward greater consistency, this trio forms a formidable force that is not to be underestimated.

**Prediction:** With their consistency, they will finish on the upper side of the mid-table in 5th place.

### Tilehurst Methodists 'B'

Tilehurst Methodists 'B' had a promising start last year but faced a challenging season as Nigel Rowland's extended absence left a noticeable impact, ultimately finding them in the relegation zone. This season, with Nigel back in action and performing up to expectations, the team has managed to secure a solid mid-table position early on. They benefit greatly from having a C team and access to a diverse pool of players, as demonstrated by their rotation of seven different players across six matches. With these key players at the forefront, Tilehurst Methodists 'B' is on a trajectory to overcome last season's hurdles, leveraging their player diversity and experience to climb up the rankings and secure a stronger position in the league.

**Player Spotlight:** **Nigel Rowland** is currently the steering of the team, playing a crucial role in their performances. His return has been marked by a commendable average, significantly contributing to the team's stability. **Martin Wetherell** has been a steady contributor, consistently adding to the team's successes with his reliable play. **Patrick O'Sullivan** has had a bit of a rocky start, with some exceptionally close five-game sets not going his way. Despite this, his good play has not gone unnoticed, and as he continues to build momentum, I am confident that his average will start to reflect his true capabilities.

**Prediction:** They probably finish in 8th place unless other team members start to contribute significantly.





### Sonning Common And Peppard 'E'

Following a thrilling victory in a tightly contested title race in Division 4 last season, SC&P 'E' has successfully ascended to Division 3, retaining key players Anthony Reeve, Jim Warren, and Ian Davenport in their lineup. They've also welcomed Jeremy Willis to the fold, whose impact has been noticeable in the season's first quarter. Despite this, the team has faced challenges in matches where other players haven't been able to provide sufficient support, resulting in just 1 win in five games. As the season progresses, there's anticipation that SC&P 'E' will harness their potential, with all players firing on all cylinders to make a strong impact in Division 3, building upon the success of their previous season.

**Player Spotlight:** **Jeremy Willis** has been a phenomenal addition to the team, contributing significantly to their performance. His influence has been crucial, and his efforts have not gone unnoticed. **Anthony Reeve** has been diligently racking up points for the team, consistently adding to their tally.

**Ian Davenport** and **Jim Warren** faced a slower start to the season, but there is confidence that once they hit their stride and return to their usual level of performance, they'll be able to contribute even more significantly to the team's success.



ANTHONY REEVE OF SC&P 'E'

**Prediction:** I guess they will avoid relegation by finishing in 9th place.

### Our Lady Of Peace 'D'

OLOP 'D', now fielding half of last year's OLOP 'E' squad, has faced some significant changes, having bid farewell to three talented players who have since moved up to Division 2. Despite these challenges, James Smith has risen to the occasion, consistently delivering impressive results. With

the addition of newcomer Patrick McIntosh, who is quickly finding his footing in the league, the team is poised for an upswing in performance.

**Player Spotlight:** **James Smith** has truly stepped up his game, swiftly becoming an indispensable asset for OLOP 'D'. Should he maintain this stellar performance, the team is well on its way to securing a commendable spot in the mid-table. **Louise Forster** is an exemplar of consistency,



LOUISE FORSTER OF OLOP D

Louise continues to be a reliable force for the team. Her steadfast performance ensures that OLOP 'D' remains a formidable adversary for any team they face.

With these key players leading the charge, OLOP 'D' is navigating their way through the changes and challenges, demonstrating resilience and potential for growth as they aim to solidify their standing in the league.

**Prediction:** I believe they will finish in mid-table, around 6th position.

### LEADING AVERAGES

Ruben Hernandez	Kingfisher I	12	11	91.67%
Mark Carless	OLOP B	9	8	88.89%
Binit Bhaskar	OLOP C	9	8	88.89%
Jacek Krzyzanowski	Tilehurst Meths A	12	10	83.33%
Huzeyfe Borazan	Kingfisher I	15	12	80.00%
Muharrem Aydin	Kingfisher I	15	12	80.00%
Eapen John	Kingfisher J	9	7	77.78%
Nigel Rowland	Tilehurst Meths B	12	9	75.00%
Jeremy Willis	SC&P E	15	11	73.33%
Graham Stark	OLOP B	15	10	66.67%
Chris Webb	Tidmarsh D	9	6	66.67%
Ray Webb	Tidmarsh D	9	6	66.67%
Phil Jones	Tilehurst Meths A	11	7	63.64%
James Smith	OLOP D	8	5	62.50%
Eyup Odemis	Kingfisher I	12	7	58.33%
Steve Christelow	Tilehurst Meths C	12	7	58.33%
Anthony Reeve	SC&P E	9	5	55.56%



## Tilehurst Methodists 'C'

Tilehurst Meths 'C' ascended to Division 3 by securing their spot as runners-up in a closely contested title race in Division 4. They've entered the new division with their team and player roster intact, ready to take on the fresh challenges that Division 3 presents. Navigating this division may prove to be a bit tricky for the team, positioning them as one of the key contenders in the crucial battle to maintain their place in Division 3. With key players at their command, Tilehurst Meths is demonstrating the grit and determination needed to face the challenges of Division 3, making every point count in their endeavour to secure their spot in the division.

**Player Spotlight:** Steve Christelow and Lewis Oke are



TILEHURST METHODISTS C - ANDREW STONE, STEVE CHRISTELOW, AREK ZIOLKOWSKI

key players and they both have made a commendable start to the season, consistently racking up valuable points for the team. Their performance has been instrumental, and they are shaping up to be pivotal players in Tilehurst Meths's journey this season. Their captain **Andrew Stone** is not far behind, steadily contributing and poised to increase his point tally as the season progresses.

**Prediction:** They will probably finish 10th, but keep in mind they had a good result with their rivals for staying in the league race.

## Sonning Sports 'B'

Despite their commendable and tireless efforts during the latter half of the previous season, the Sonning Sports 'B' team couldn't quite escape the spectre of relegation. Nevertheless, thanks to an additional spot opening up in the league, they found themselves with a lifeline to stay in Division 3 - a fitting reward for their unwavering determination. The team took this opportunity to make a few minor adjustments to their lineup and brought in a promising new player, setting the stage for a potential turnaround. With an additional key player in the spotlight, Sonning Sports 'B' is

on a quest to solidify their position in Division 3, drawing strength from last season's efforts and aiming for a more stable and successful campaign this time around.

**Player Spotlight:** **Grant Baartman**. As the new addition to the team, Grant has the potential to play a pivotal role in determining their standing this year. Though he has encountered a few setbacks and is still adjusting to the unique styles of the Reading League, there is confidence that he will find his rhythm and truly shine. **Harry Brough** stands out as another crucial player for Sonning Sports 'B'. His challenge now is to find consistency in his game, which would undoubtedly elevate the team's performance. **Brett Hastings'** efforts on the table have been undeniable. To translate these efforts into results, he'll need to harness his skill and determination, helping to steer the team away from the challenges they faced last year.

**Prediction:** I believe they will finish in 7th place because Grant Baartman and Brett Hastings will be getting more points in later matches.

## Kingfisher 'J'

The second Kingfisher team experienced the setback of relegation from Division 2, yet they have remained resilient and persistent in their efforts. Eapen John continues to be a pillar of strength for the team, providing experience and skill. Alongside him, the team welcomes new members, including some promising junior players. The road ahead to secure their spot in the division is steep, but history has shown that junior players can exhibit rapid improvement, which could significantly enhance the team's prospects. With a blend of experience and budding talent, the Kingfisher 'J' team is poised to tackle the challenges of Division 3 head-on, with eyes set on improvement and stability in their league standing.

**Player Spotlight** **Eapen John** stands tall as the team's star player, and his performance is crucial for their campaign to stay in the league. However, his journey is not a solo one; the support and contribution from his teammates will be vital in clinching those much-needed wins. **Maksim Shipka** and **Miguel Caballero** are the players who have transitioned from Division 4 and are finding their footing in the distinctive style of Division 3. There's a learning curve, but with dedication and time, they are expected to adapt and enhance their performance in the coming weeks.

**Prediction:** With current performance, they will finish in 11th place, and in order to avoid this, they would need improvement and consistency.

So, we've taken a comprehensive deep dive into each team, shedding light on their journey so far in the league. It's been a season filled with unexpected twists and fascinating matchups, and I was keen on providing you all with an intricate overview of the teams as we navigate through the early stages of the competition. This is all in the spirit of fostering a deeper understanding of the ongoing title chase and the critical battle to steer clear of relegation.

As we momentarily step away from the cup break, anti-





pation is high for the return of league action, promising to pick up right where we left off. The question on everyone's mind: Can Kingfisher 'I' maintain their strong hold at the summit, or will OLOP 'C' leverage their games in hand to bridge the gap? Meanwhile, the spotlight also turns to Kingfisher 'J', as we eagerly await to see if they can turn

their fortunes around and start clinching those victories. And of course, the suspense continues to build around which teams will find themselves fighting to escape the grips of the relegation zone. Intrigue, excitement, and table tennis drama at its finest - stay tuned for a thrilling second quarter of the league!

## LOWER DIVISIONS TOURNAMENT

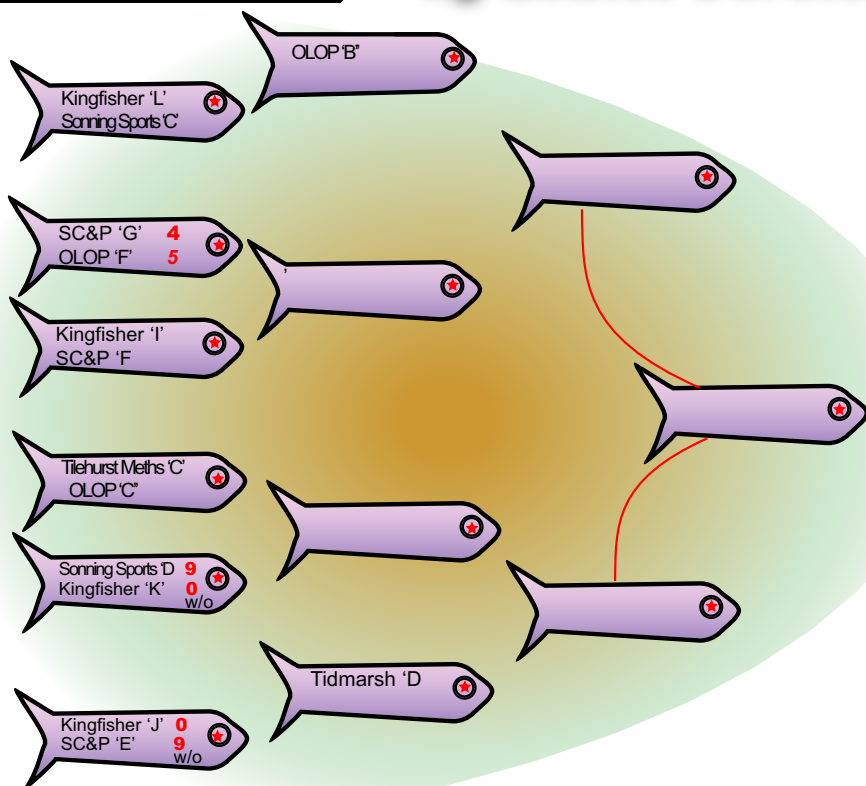
by Louise Forster



This year 14 teams entered the Lower Divisions Knockout competition, but only one match has been played in time for this report. Once again we are using the doubles format for this tournament.

OLOP 'F' fielded all six of their players in their match against SC&P 'G'. The match resulted in a close 5 – 4 win to OLOP 'F' thanks to the pairing of Alice Walker and Roland Marslin winning all three of their sets.

Details of the other matches will feature in the next newsletter, and round 2 will also be played later in November, looking forward to some great matches!



## DIVISION FOUR

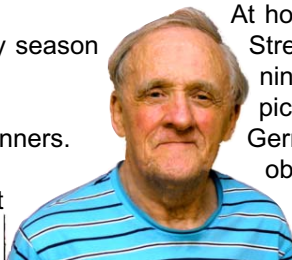
by Derek Harrison

Hello everyone and welcome to a start of a new season which I hope that you will enjoy.

As you are aware it is the RDTTA Centenary season so I hope you enjoy your handbook.

Before a ball is hit I will try and predict the winners.

I will go for Sonning Common & P 'F' but much will depend on team selection



**Sonning 'F'** started by drawing at home to O.L.O.P 'F' with Gerry Bacon carrying on from last season by winning all three and with Jan Polnik the only one who took a game from him. Gerry also teamed up with Mike Casserley to win the doubles. Mike also picked up a single.

At Sonning 'G' they came away with an amazing 0 – 10

victory with 6 sets three-straight.

Mike, Gerry and Olly Bonser were the hat trick men

At home to Kingfisher 'K' they won 7 – 3 with Graeme Streets playing his first match since March and winning all three. Mike won two and reserve John Evans picked up a single. At Kingfisher 'L' they won 2 – 8. Gerry and Olly both hit trebles with Alistair Scott obtained a single

**Kingfisher 'K'** had a convincing 1 – 9 win at Kingfisher 'L' with Walter Aldridge, Houron Tsun and Emrah Bulut all gaining trebles I believe it was Houron's first ever game in the RDTTA so what a start! At Sonning 'F' they lost 7 – 3 with Mick Mitcham winning two and Walter a single. Young Houron who I gather is only 14 played with good spirit without winning. At home to Sports 'C' they bounced back by winning 9 – 1 with hat tricks from



1	Tilehurst RBL C	5	4	0	1	39	11	39
2	OLOP F	6	4	1	1	37	23	37
3	SC&P F	5	4	1	0	36	14	36
4	Sonning Sports D	6	4	1	1	36	24	36
5	Springfield C	6	3	1	2	36	24	36
6	Kingfisher K	5	2	0	3	29	21	29
7	Springfield B	6	3	0	3	29	31	29
8	SC&P G	5	0	1	4	13	37	13
9	Sonning Sports C	6	1	0	5	13	47	13
10	OLOP E	3	0	1	2	11	19	11
11	Kingfisher L	5	1	0	4	11	39	11

Emrah and Walter. Houran weighed in with a double. Despite doubles from Mick and Walter they lost 6 – 4 at Sonning Sports ‘D’. At home to Springfield ‘B’ they again lost 4 – 6 with Walter winning two and Mick one.

**Sonning Sports ‘D’** beat Springfield ‘C’ 7 – 3 thanks to a treble from James Miller, who was making his debut and a double from Cris Reynolds and a single from John Churchhouse. John was also playing in his first match but beat Tom Berryman in set 9: 7-11, 11-3, 11-3, 11-5. There were a few close sets. Cris led Ludo 2 - 1 only for Ludo to come back by winning the two following games.8-11, 3-11

They then went to Springfield ‘B’ where Dave Chard and Cris got lost in Twyford and only got to the match with moments to spare. Mind you just as well they got there as they won 5 sets between them. For the record Dave and Cris won two each with Michael Byrne picking up a single. In Dave’s match against Rob he came back from 2 - 1 down to win in five. I gather he had Edges and Nets in his favour but did play well. At home to O.L.O.P ‘F’ Cris beat newcomer Roland Marslin in the opening set but the lead was short lived with O.L.O.P winning 6 of the next 7 sets In set three Dave lost to Alice Walker 9-11, 14-16, 10-12 and in set six he lost 11-13 in the fifth end with two nets to Jan. So near, Dave

For the record Cris won two, Dave one and Cris and Dave won the doubles by beating Alice and Jan three straight 11-7, 11-8, 11-5 At Sonning ‘G’ it ended 5 – 5 with Cris winning two which included a 8-11, 11-13, 10-12 win over David Riddle Dave and Linda won one each and Cris and Dave kept their 100% record in the doubles. Linda did well to beat Derek who won his next two sets. Cris mentioned that he has not seen Dave move so much in his match against John Evans At home to Kingfisher ‘K’ they won 6 – 4 thanks mainly to a James hat trick. Michael and John gave him good support by gaining singles,. The remarkable thing was that despite the closeness of the match they were all three-straight sets In a match brought forward from March. They beat their ‘C’ team 2 – 8. They were helped by winning the first 5 sets starting with Cris beating Stephen 9-11, 8-11, 8-11 then Dave in a very close match beat Mo 9-11, 9-11, 10-12. The doubles was tight with Cris and Dave beating Stephen and Peter 10-12, 6-11, 11-8, 11-4, 13-15.

So at 1- 6 up it could have been 4-3 down. John completed his maximum by beating Mo in set 8.while Cris completed his in set 9 by beating Peter.

**Tilehurst British Royal Legion ‘C’** played their first match and won 3 – 7 at Springfield ‘C’ Geoff Johnson did well to gain a maximum, with Jim Brent winning two and Paul Treadgold picking up a single besides teaming up with Jim to win the doubles. At Kingfisher ‘L’, hat tricks from Geoff, Paul and Jim gave them a 0 – 10 win. Sue said it was experience against new comers At home to O.L.O.P ‘E’ they won 8 – 2 with Linda King playing in her first match of the season winning all three. Jim and John Walker who was playing his first game in about 5 years won two each At home to Sonning Sports ‘C’ they won 10 – 0 with Linda, Paul and Geoff all gaining trebles. For Linda they were all three-straight.

**Springfield ‘B’** had a fine 3 – 7 away win at Sonning Sports ‘C’ with Steve O’Connor winning all three. Rob Atack won two and Shas Veeramani picked up a single. In his match against Steve Reader Steve beat him in five though he had lost comfortably in a league match a few days earlier in another league. In his match against Mike Gautrey Steve won the first set 15-17 from 10-10 when there were 6 foul serves Shas was making his debut so welcome. At home to Sonning Sports ‘D’ they lost 4 – 6 with Steve winning two as did Rob. Against Springfield ‘C’ they crashed to a 9 – 1 defeat with Rob beating Benson At O.L.O.P ‘F’ they lost 7 – 3 with Rob winning two and Steve one. They then bounced back by beating Sonning ‘G’ 8 – 2. Rob hit a good maximum and James McGeogh and Steve winning two At Kingfisher ‘K’ they came away with a 4 – 6 win, Rob was on good form by winning all three while Shas won one and reserve Richard Sabberton-Coe won two

### DIV 4 LEADING AVERAGES

Player	Team	P	W	%
Gerry Bacon	SC&P F	9	9	100%
Geoff Johnson	Tilehurst RBL C	9	9	100%
James Miller	Sonning Sports D	6	6	100%
Oliver Bonser	SC&P F	6	6	100%
Linda King	Tilehurst RBL C	6	6	100%
Gopi Ponnappalli	OLOP F	12	11	91.67%
Ludovic Couillard	Springfield C	8	7	87.50%
Alice Walker	OLOP F	15	13	86.67%
Marcello Caramma	Springfield C	6	5	83.33%
Patrick Daniels	OLOP E	6	5	83.33%
Fitzroy Licorish	OLOP E	6	5	83.33%
Paul Treadgold	Tilehurst RBL C	9	7	77.78%
Jim Brent	Tilehurst RBL C	9	7	77.78%
Cris Reynolds	Sonning Sports D	15	11	73.33%
Walter Aldridge	Kingfisher K	15	11	73.33%
Robert Atack	Springfield B	18	13	72.22%

**O.L.O.P ‘F’** went to Sonning ‘F’ and came away with a draw. New signing Gopi Ponnappalli did well to win two as did Alice Walker. Captain Jan Polnik won one by beating Alistair Scott. At home to Sonning Sports ‘C’ they won 10 – 0 with Gopi, Jan and Alice winning 3 each For Gopi and Alice they were all three straight. Despite the scoreline it was played in a good natured manner At Sonning Sports





'D'



ALICE WALKER

they won 4 – 6 with player of the match Alice Walker winning all three. Jan picked up a double and Roland Marslin a single Next they beat Springfield 'B' 7 – 3 thanks to a great hat trick from Gopi who beat Rob 11-6, 11-2, 11-4, Shasi 11-5, 11-7, 11-8 and Steve 11-3, 7-11, 11-9, 11-6. Jan won two and a very late new signing Anish Shukul picked up a single At Springfield 'C' with only two players they lost 8 – 2. Alice did very well to win the two After that they won 3 – 7 at Sonning 'G' with Gopi and Alice both gaining maximums.

**Sonning Sports 'C'** lost 3 – 7 to Springfield 'B' with Stephen Reader winning two and Mike Gautrey one Phil Cantor made his debut and played well without winning. In his match against Shas he lost 3-11, 10-12, 11-7, 12-10, 7-11. At O.L.O.P 'F' they lost 10 – 0. Mo Cole was unlucky against Jan losing 14-12 in the fifth end At home to Sonning 'G' doubles from Stephen, Mo and Harry Edgington who was making his debut gave them a 7 – 3 win . At Kingfisher 'K' they lost 9 – 1 with Phil winning a first competitive set. At TRBL 'C' they lost 10 – 0. Then at home to their 'D' team losing 8 - 2 with Stephen and Peter Evans beating Dave Chard. Peter winning his first set of the season.

**Sonning 'G'** had a bad night by losing to their 'F' team 0 – 10 They then went to Sonning Sports 'C' and lost 7 - 3 with John Evans winning two and Simon Blake picking up a single. For Simon and Graham Paddick they came back to the game after a few years away At home to Sonning Sports 'D' they drew, with Derek Wavell and John winning

two each and David Riddle picking up a single Next away at Springfield 'B' they went down 8 – 2 with Derek beating James and Steve. At home to OLOP 'F' they lost 3 – 7 . David, Derek and John all won one..

**Springfield 'C'** started by losing 7 – 3 at Sonning Sports 'D' with Ludo Couillard winning two and Benson Shiu picking up a single. Mind you they had a scare because Benson went to Sonning Common and Ludo had only just arrived from Lucerne and got to the match just in time. At home to TRBL 'C' they went down 3 – 7 with Richard Sabberton-Coe winning two and Benson one. Against their 'B' team they had a great 9 – 1 win with Benson winning two and Ludo and Marcello Caramma both gaining trebles. At bottom side Kingfisher 'L' they came away with a 2 – 8 win thanks to trebles from Richard and Benson . Tom Berryman picked up a single At home to a two player O.L.O.P 'F' they won 8 – 2 with Ludo winning two and Richard and Benson picking up singles. Next they drew with Springfield 'C' Marcello and Richard both won two besides teaming up to win the doubles.

At last **O.L.O.P 'E'** played a match on the 4<sup>th</sup> Oct at T.R.B.L and lost 8 – 2. Pat Daniels did well to win the two At home to Kingfisher 'L' a hat trick from Fitzroy Licorish was not enough as the team lost 4 – 6 . Derek Brook won the other set. At home to Springfield 'C' Pat was the star by gaining a hat trick, Fitzroy did well to win two in a draw.

**Kingfisher 'L'** lost 1 – 9 to Kingfisher 'K' with Sue Parker and Peter Bennett winning the doubles At home to T.R.B.L 'C' they went down 0 – 10 but I am sure they learnt a lot At home to Springfield 'C' Peter won the two in a 2 – 8 defeat At last a win when they beat O.L.O.P 'E' 4 – 6 with Atinc Erguven winning one and Sue Parker and Mehmet Bilgin both gaining doubles At home to Sonning 'F' Gill Bennett and Sue both beat Alistair Scott. For Gill it was her first win.

Leaders in PLAYER OF MATCH

- Gerry Bacon 3
- Cris Reynolds 3
- Linda King 2
- James Miller 2
- Alice Walker 2
- Gopi Ponnappalli 2
- Robert Attack 2

Finally there have been a few errors on the score card so please check them before sending. thanks

CHEERS  
Derek

