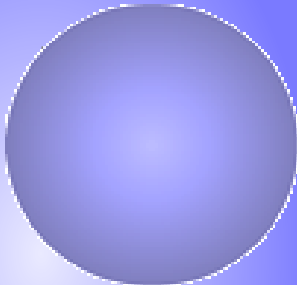


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A new season, and Banksy is back at the Div 1 console. As Kingfisher 'A' captain he doesn't sound too chuffed at the moment but his overview of the scene is unique.

Much is happening in the different divisions, and life gets ever more interesting.

The photographs with gold frames were all taken by me at the RDTTA Awards ceremony in May - and depict those who won distinction. Congratulations to them all!

By the way, though, some of those beautiful cups are getting old - if anyone would like to be remembered as the sponsor of a new trophy, do let me know. It will cost around £50.

My thanks to Duncan Abbott for additional photos from a recent match - answering our call to broaden the net of players shown in the Newsletter.

Play well -

Derek



## Key Facts from the RDTTA Secretary

**1. Individual Handicap Competition** - This season's event will take place on **Sunday 3rd January 2016** at the Kingfisher Club. Entry forms were issued to Club Secretaries for distribution at the start of the season and they are also available on the website. Entries should be sent to Duncan Abbott by the closing date of Thursday 31st December. This is always a great competition to enter - the first 40 entries will be accepted.

**2. Reading Closed Championships** - The dates for the championships have been provisionally booked for the Kingfisher club for **Sat/Sun 13th/14th Feb 2016** (Senior & Veteran events) and **Sat/Sun 20th/21st Feb 2016** (Junior events). Our joint organisers of these events for this season are Wendy Porter and Duncan Groves. Entry forms should be available shortly, via the website or from Wendy or Duncan.



Nigel Maltby

## Notes from our Chairman

by Derek Harrison

At the Association A G M in June I was proud to be elected as your new Chairman and would like to thank my predecessor Nigel Rowland for all of his hard work during the past two seasons. At this point I would like to take this opportunity to thank my committee for all of their help and support and hard work to get this season up and running.



By now I am sure that you have got used to the new plastic balls and win or lose I hope you all have an enjoyable season. Please can I ask all captains if they can include match comments before sending the scorecard that will help the divisional fixture secretaries in their newsletter articles.

All the best

Derek Harrison



## A Snippet from Nigel Rowland

(with his Tilehurst Meths shirt on)

For some time Tilehurst Methodist Church Table Tennis Club (TMCTTC) has been looking for shirt sponsorship. Company Director Steve Dopson recently joined Tilehurst and his company (AZEGO) very kindly sponsored us with **shirts for all our league players**. Ian Cockling came up with the idea of using a 'shell' which is the symbol for the meaning of life. Here is what the new shirt looks like -

With best wishes,

Nigel R

## From the editor, Derek Wavell

Thanks to the many readers of this Newsletter who have let us know that they won't need the printed version in future. That is a relief to me because producing it does represent quite a bit of work for me after the web site version is finished - and each copy costs £2.00 or so to print and post off.

As a reader I used to like settling down with the paper newsletter, but now I must confess it has become a scruffy nuisance. It has no videos or animations; no click-through navigation; no electronic search facility; no practical way of updating it after it has gone out. You can't blow a page up to twice the size when you need to. And it is a nuisance to pass around team members. Actually, when one needs a paper copy, one can already print one off from the web site version - even in colour if there are photos one wants to keep or share with others! ;-)





## R&DTTA Awards For 2014-2015

On Tuesday 6th May, the Reading Association's annual awards were presented at the premises of Our Lady of Peace. Many of the photos which appear later in this Newsletter were taken at that event. Paul Treadgold, our Trophy Secretary, announced the prize-winners, and Derek Harrison our Chairman presented the prizes.

NB - [blue links](#) show page N° of photo.

### LIST OF AWARDS:

#### READING CLOSED CHAMPIONSHIPS WINNERS:

Mens Singles	<b>Daniel Moses</b> <a href="#">P3</a>
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Mens Doubles:	<b>Daniel Moses &amp; Daniel McTiernan</b>
Ladies Doubles:	<b>(Not run)</b>
Mixed Doubles	<b>Daniel Moses &amp; Wendy Porter</b> <a href="#">P4</a>



PAUL TREADGOLD (TROPHY SECRETARY)



DANIELMOSES

U21 Singles	<b>Daniel McTiernan</b> <a href="#">P4</a>
U18 Boys Singles	<b>Daniel McTiernan</b> <a href="#">P4</a>
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U13 Boys Singles	<b>Jamie Liu</b> <a href="#">P5</a>
U11 Boys Singles	<b>Jamie Liu</b> <a href="#">P5</a>
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U15 Girls Singles	<b>(not run)</b>
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Veteran Singles:	<b>Ian Cole</b> <a href="#">P5</a>
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Runners-up:	<b>Kingfisher 'A'</b>
Division 2 Champions:	<b>Curzon Club 'A'</b> <a href="#">P11</a>
Runners-up:	<b>OLOP 'C'</b> <a href="#">P5</a>
Division 3 Champions:	<b>Tidmarsh 'D'</b> <a href="#">P4</a>
Runners-up:	<b>Kingfisher 'H'</b>
Division 4 Champions:	<b>OLOP 'E'</b> <a href="#">P3</a>
Runners-up:	<b>Milestone 'B'</b> <a href="#">P17</a>



OLOP 'E' - DJORDJE MILOVANOVIC, HARRY MUNRO, JAN POLNIK, CHRIS BUNN, GIULIANO GHIDINI





TIGERS - JOE BARRACLOUGH, THOMAS PERKINS AND HARRY MUNRO

Division 5 Champions: **OLOP 'F' [P4](#)**  
 Runners-up: **Tidmarsh 'F'**  
 Youth Div 1 winners: **Tigers [P4](#)**  
 Runners-up: **Spartans**  
 Youth Div 2 Winners: **Strikers**  
 Runners-up: **Raiders [P24](#)**  
 Reading Chronicle Trophy Winner: **Melvyn Lovegrove [P16](#)**  
 Evening Post Trophy Winner: **Joe Barraclough [P15](#)**  
 John Freeman Trophy Winner: **Martin Adams**



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OLOP 'F' - MIHAJLO RALIC, JAZZ DHILLON, HERBERT TANG



WENDY PORTER AND DANIEL MOSES



DANIEL McTIERNAN



TIDMARSH 'D' - MIKE WILLMOTT, DAVE REYNOLDS (JNR), STEVE RICKS, PETER GALEA





OLOP 'C' - DJORDJE MILOVANOVIC, WENDY PORTER AND MICHAEL McALLISTER



SCARLETT JONES

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| Team Handicap Winners                      | OLOP 'E' <a href="#">P3</a>           |
| Runners-up:                                | Polish 'B'                            |
| Lower Divisions Cup winners:               | Springfield 'B'                       |
| Runners-up:                                | Tidmarsh 'E' <a href="#">P20</a>      |
| Individual Handicap Winner                 | Joe Barraclough <a href="#">P15</a>   |
| Runner-up:                                 | Luca Bianchi                          |
| Reading Senior Masters Winner:             | Daniel Moses <a href="#">P3</a>       |
| Runner-up:                                 | Federico Viterbo                      |
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SAM RICKS (R) WITH KEVIN DINES



PAUL JENKINS OF SPRINGFIELD 'B'



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## RDTTA Members Opinion Survey

by Nick Lean

At the end of last season RDTTA members were invited to take part in a survey relating to their use of and thoughts about our Newsletter and Website. The volume of responses was surprisingly good (over 100) and produced some interesting comments and suggestions.

Almost all who responded were aware of the website and most of these use it on a regular basis. But surprisingly, 12% reported that they don't normally get to see our Newsletter! This suggests that either team captains may need to be reminded to distribute the Newsletter amongst their team members and/or that our members need to be made aware of its existence on the Website.

There were several comments and suggestions about the Newsletter & Website, the vast majority of which were positive, a number of which have been considered by the RDTTA Management Committee and the responses are given below:

### Newsletter

Q: Some divisional reports are little more than a re-hash of the results we knew weeks ago - it would be good if the newsletter contained more 'stories behind the scores' -

A: This is dependent on team captains providing information when submitting the match scorecards.

Q: I cannot access it on my laptop due to the format that it is in. I would like a copy if possible and would be willing to pay to get them

A: This is already catered for by Rule 7.8 (page 5 of the Handbook): Individual members may take out a subscription in order to receive a personal copy of each newsletter, subject to the agreement of the Newsletter Editor, at the same rate as for a team. (Contact the Newsletter Editor)

Q: Should be shorter but more frequent and sent to email subscribers

A: For the moment the frequency of 4 per season has proved to be optimum, given the volume of contributions and time required to produce each Newsletter.

Q: In this day and age, R&DTTA should not need to go to all the trouble and expense of printing and posting newsletters. All of the information we need is on the web.

A: There were several similar comments, so as part of the Team Registration all Clubs were asked whether each of their teams still needed a printed Newsletter. Unfortunately half of the Clubs did not complete that section of the form, but after further investigations we have identified 35 teams that no longer need a printed Newsletter. That leaves just 16 teams who will still wish to receive printed Newsletters this season.

### Website

Q: Include contact information of Team Captains, email addresses and phone numbers

A: This is now available on our website, under the Contacts menu item. (If any team captain wishes to adjust which of their details are visible on the website, login to the Table Tennis England/TT365 site & amend these details on the "Privacy" tab.

Q: The Club section should include each Club's secretary, with their email and phone number.

A: It already does! Click on the Club name under the Contacts menu item.  
<https://www.tabletennis365.com/reading/Clubs>

Q: Fewer changes on the website would be appreciated.

A: Most of the changes you see are those made by the company who provide & support the software behind the website, TT365. We have not been changing the basic layout or structure and have no plans to do so.

Q: More attention to typos and wrong entries on the league tables/stats

A: League tables & player averages are automatically created based on match results, while team and player names are taken from the database that sits behind the website, so there is little chance that any of this is a typo from the Divisional Fixture Secretary's entry of match results.

Q: It would be useful to have a PDF version of the handbook, available to download from the site

A: Done! The RDTTA Handbook is now available on our website, under Information - Downloads.

### General Suggestions

Q: Improvements: have the club venue address list published, in a printable format. This would help! –

A: Have you tried looking in the RDTTA Handbook? It's been there every year I can remember. (pages 28-31 this season)

Q: Provide space on website, to allow club secretaries and team captains to interact, to enable recruit players

A: The problem of providing space on the website is that someone would have to monitor the posts to ensure nothing offensive has been posted. The email details of all Club Secretaries and team captains is now available on the website, which should help with this request.



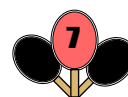
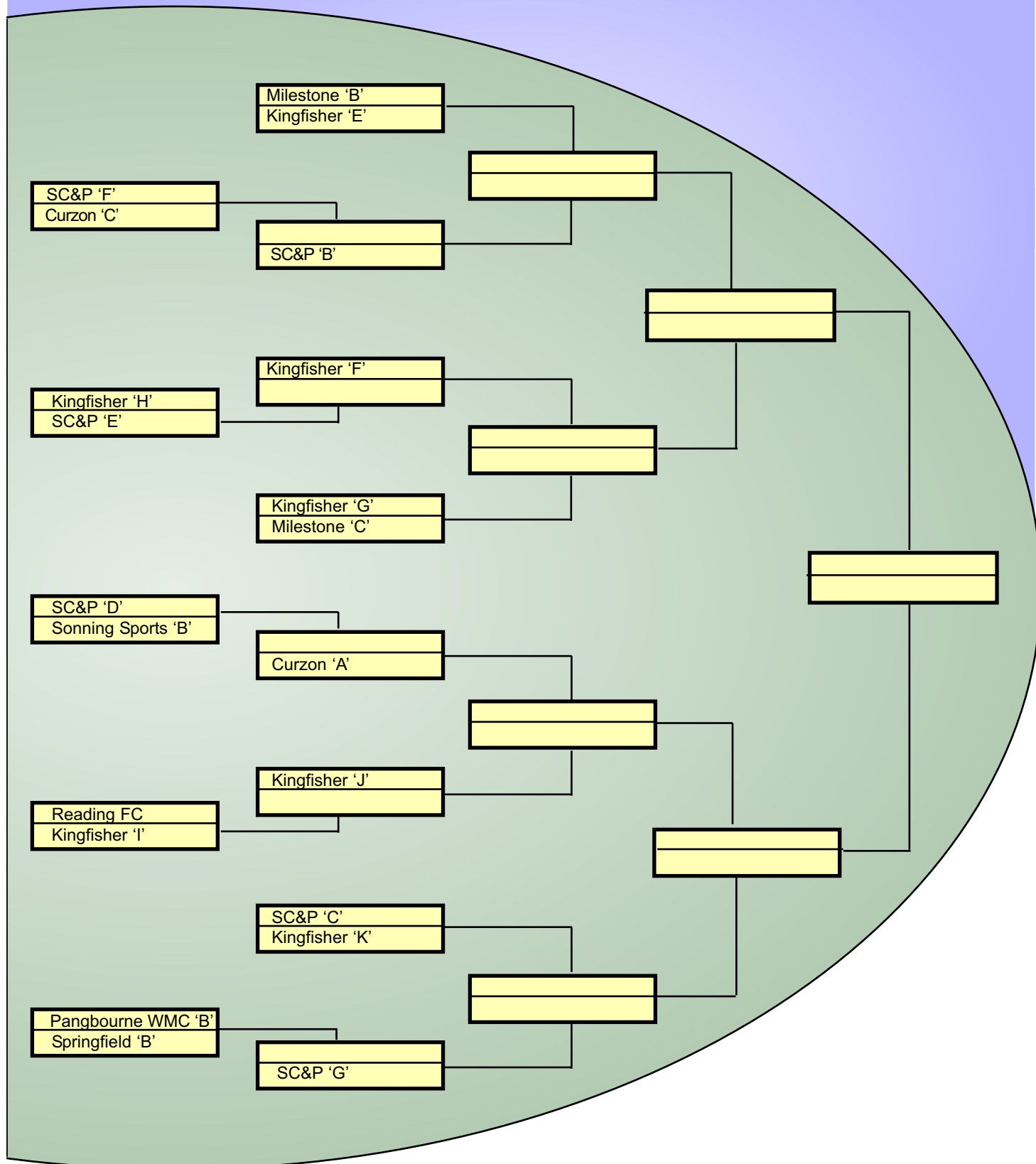
# Team Handicap Competition 2015-16

organised by Duncan Abbott

The Team Handicap is a knockout competition open to all teams in the Reading & District League. All players are given handicaps by the RDTTA Handicap Committee based on their recent results. In a Team Handicap match the three players from one team play all players from the other team, 21-up, taking into account the relevant handicaps. There is no doubles contest. Corresponding rounds must be played by week commencing:

26 Oct

23 Nov







# DIVISION ONE

by Mark Banks

Well, well, well. Guess who's back? Yep, It's been a while guys. Did you miss me? Actually, looking down the list of Div 1 players this season, most of you won't remember that I had this gig for 7 or 8 years so probably not. Thanks to Malcolm Gregory and Nigel Maltby for babysitting it for me but I'm back. So many new faces and a few old faces too. And new balls too – what's that all about? Life in plastic is definitely not fantastic for some of you judging by your early averages. And what about this Newsletter, it's now a thing of beauty isn't it. WOW. It was very good when I left it but Derek has taken that now to a whole new level. Tremendous stuff DBW.

Anyway, I'm bringing back the **MVP** for you (**MOST VALUABLE PLAYER**) I know you love that kindastuff. So players may come and go but as far as the top of the table goes **Kingfisher 'A'** are still the greatest ;-). Cough. Actually It's been a bit of a muddled start to the season hasn't it, not least because we are reduced to 10 teams from the usual 12. Hey! And I'm the same as you guys so don't shoot the messenger OK. I also can't understand why, if we have 10 teams in the Division, can't there be 5 matches on every week instead of 2 teams having to sit out and only having 4 matches. This coupled with a cup week when Div 1 teams pretty much don't have a cup competition or choose not to enter a Handicap Competition then some teams are having 3 week breaks. There's even players in my own team who I haven't even met this season and we're almost into November! I think if we're down to 10 teams again for next season too then something will need to be looked at, even if it means finishing the Div 1 season earlier



than the rest of the divisions? Not one for me though. There are far cleverer people than me that can fix this sort of stuff.

On the plus side it means I only have to write about 10 teams in this thing – Result!! Anyway, what little action we have seen has still been pretty good though. Reigning Champions OLOP 'A' have got off to their usual solid start with their tried and tested tactic of sending out a team to just do enough to get the magical 6 sets and the 2 points that go with that. Down the bottom every man and his dog realised what a struggle it would be at this level again for Curzon Club 'A' although there have been some pretty good individual performances in the few games they have played so far.



GUS THOMIS

Love & Peace x

So, as I said then, a solid start for **OLOP 'A'** who despite losing the services of the classy Trung Tran have signed from their B Team a potentially equally or even more classy Gus Thomis and he's started this campaign in very good form for them. Krasi has been playing well too and with Daniel and Daniel pretty much too good for 90% of the players in this Division then of course they will be there or thereabouts at the end of the season. In fact they've already laid down a massive marker with a superb win over a Kingfisher 'B' side on the night containing both Martin Adams & Ian Girdler. Dan Mc in particular in sublime form in this



LAST SEASON'S CHAMPIONS - OLOP 'A'



one. Will they retain their crown this season? Look, it's just way too close to call but I'm gonna call it anyway. No. No they won't. Biased I may be. Prove me wrong they no doubt will.

**Banksy Prediction – Runners Up.**

**MVP Daniel Moses & Dan McTiernan (Joint)**

Lots of 10 nils to start the season then for my very own Kingfisher 'A'. Newcomer Martin Gunn (the man nobody wants to knock with for obvious reasons) has settled in brilliantly and looks a major force at this level. The Kid bless him. Didn't pick up a bat all summer which for him is bad enough but couple that with the new balls and he was all over the shop. His game has picked up since the opening weeks though and he's flown up the



DANNY AND SAM RICKS OF TIDMARSH 'A'

averages. Nice to see. So with these two and me, Hariiii and Fed The Italian Stallion, we really should be pushing all out for glory. So many members have asked me whether or not we're going to bring the title back home to the Kingfisher Club this season and I'll tell all you lot what I tell them. Yes, yes we are!! Haha. Well we'll give it a good go if nothing else. Much will probably depend on availability and whether Hariiii goes off to India for months on end again?

**Banksy Prediction – I'm gonna get slaughtered for this – Champions.**

	PL	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 OLOP A	5	5	0	0	41	9	10
2 Kingfisher A	4	4	0	0	37	3	8
3 Tidmarsh A	5	2	1	2	23	27	5
4 Kingfisher C	4	2	1	1	22	18	5
5 OLOP B	5	1	2	2	23	27	4
6 SC&P A	4	2	0	2	15	25	4
7 Kingfisher D	5	1	1	3	20	30	3
8 Kingfisher B	3	1	1	1	15	15	3
9 YMCA	5	1	0	4	18	32	2
10 Curzon Club A	4	0	0	4	6	34	0

**MVP Take your pick. Fed? Gunn? Hari? Me? The Kid? OK – So maybe not Me or The Kid!**

Super start to the season for Tidmarsh 'A' who have added Csaba Pall to their line up. Always great to see new faces in the Division and this new face looks like he's a force to be reckoned with too. I never know who's the better Ricks.



TREVOR ORGAN

Danny, Sam or their Dad. Haha. OK so maybe not Mr Ricks senior but one thing I do know though is that they are both very good players on their day. If anything, they both just have one or two consistency issues with their games but this should be able to be ironed out with experience. Nice to see them playing well and contributing to Tidmarsh's dizzy heights. Duncan Groves is very under-rated. Not anymore. What a win that was over Daniel McTiernan. Where did that come from? Seriously? And the week after Dan Mc had taken out Girdler and Adams. Just Wow! Watch out everybody! Duncan is the man! Great to see Squirrel still involved down at Tidmarsh. I was worried that with the loss of the B side that he would be taking his nuts back to Newbury but not in the slightest. Great player too is Squirrel. I like the look of this team. It's well balanced. No superstars but they all know their roles and they are going to win a lot of matches. Not good enough to trouble the top 3 but may just be the best of the rest if a couple of results go their way.

**Banksy Prediction – 4th**

**MVP Would love to give it to Grovesy or one of the Ricks twins or even everybody's favourite tree rat but for now it's newcomer Csaba Pall**

Another side who have started well are Kingfisher 'C' who have one of the stars of the show captain Phil Zeng who is one of a number of players still unbeaten this season. With Phil winning his 3 then he's been very well supported in particular by stalwart Richard Fifield who has already had some fantastic wins this season – Sam Ricks to name but one and also Yuan Zhuang who seems to love a comeback from 2 legs down. Trevor Organ. My mate. The man who loves to punch the air when he wins a point – and that's just during the knock up. He's only been seen once thus far but he'll be winning games against the right opposition. For me it's a tossup between these and Tidmarsh for the 4th Champions League spot. And the draw when these two sides met shows how evenly matched they are. I'm giv-

ing the nod to Tidmarsh purely because they have Duncan Groves ;-)  
but it really is a flip of a coin.

**Banksy Prediction 5th MVP Phil Zeng**

Two things about this next team. 1) It's rare to find a team these days where all of the players are the same level and 2) underestimate **OLOP 'B'** at your peril. You're going to be in for a proper tough match - mark my words – just ask KFB. Newcomer Henryk is definitely causing one or two problems and some of those are even on the table ;-). Definitely a very good player. Slightly quirky but trust me there's nothing wrong with that. He's already made his mark known and taken a good few scalps along the way. Another newcomer is Djordje. Again defo a player to be taken seriously at this (same) level. And then there are all my buddies from Maidenhead. Firstly big serving Steve Miller. Only played a couple of matches so far to date but his reputation is getting bigger and bigger and I'm lucky enough to get to see first hand week in week out what he's all about. Top player and I'm glad he's my friend. Sir Clive Perry. Now playing with those dastardly pimps, he'll be the first to admit that although he's not had the greatest of starts to the season, he's still the same level as the stars of this side and



DJORDJE MILOVANOVIC

Yet another side who have signed a decent newcomer are **Sonning Common & Peppard 'A'**. Gary Morgan. He almost got off to the perfect debut holding match points against Daniel Moses before finally going down close in 5. With a 2 points for a win set up it makes such a big difference having a decent number one and with that in mind Sonning – another team who usually find themselves in the lower reaches - will be more than safe this time around. Jason is playing well. Took Gunn pretty close in that particular encounter and had a good couple of wins in the victory over KFD. Malcolm and Keith are the jokers in the pack. Top guys. They have their moments on the table too. Not many if I'm honest but a few nonetheless ;-). No prob-

lems then for Sonning this season. Mid table mediocrity Malcolm told me. And for once he's probably right.

**Banksy Prediction 7th MVP Gary Morgan**

Last season's Chicken Licking KFC are now rebranded as **KFD**. Obviously big congrats to Mummy Williams expecting her first little Williams in the coming months. Her tummy is now well in keeping with all the other tummies in this team. I know, I know – I'm a fine one to talk ;-). The signing of Tony is obviously only going to improve the fortunes of this side. Bit like The Kid he started practising with the new balls a little later than most and is therefore paying catch up still but there are glimpses that the form is returning and I fully expect him to be right back up there like he normally is. Pool and Poker playing Murgy started the season really well. Just like the Murgy of old in fact. Picked up a bit of an injury which has hampered him the last couple of matches but once that's gone away he'll be challenging Tony for the MVP in this team for sure – looking at the current stats he just about holds that



DAN MCTIERNAN

LEADING AVERAGES				
Player	Team	PL	W	%
Martin Gunn	Kingfisher A	9	9	100.00
Hari Gehlot	Kingfisher A	9	9	100.00
Philip Zeng	Kingfisher C	8	8	100.00
Mark Banks	Kingfisher A	6	6	100.00
Federico Viterbo	Kingfisher A	3	3	100.00
David Halfpenny	YMCA	3	3	100.00
Daniel Moses	OLOP A	15	14	93.33
Martin Adams	Kingfisher B	8	7	87.50
Krasimir Ivanov	OLOP A	15	13	86.67
Daniel Mctiernan	OLOP A	6	5	83.33
Stuart Williams	Kingfisher A	9	6	66.67
Gus Thomis	OLOP A	6	4	66.67
Henryk Ciechanowicz	OLOP B	11	7	63.64

who am I to argue with that. Chris has only been seen once so far so hard to judge how his form is but although this side flirted with relegation last season there's absolutely no chance of that being repeated this. A very good side – watch out!!

**Banksy Prediction 6th MVP Steve Miller (I'm banking on Henryk not reading this and I need to keep Steve sweet)**





JOHN WILLCOCKS AND JOHN WALKER OF CURZON 'A'

coveted position at the mo. Andrew has been playing some decent stuff when in the team. A couple of good wins to his name. And Niall too can always be relied upon to play a supporting role picking up crucial wins here and there with that big backhand of his. Again, no problems for this team. They will definitely upset a few along the way and on their day will be more than a handful.

**Banksy Prediction 8th  
MVP Murgy**

Next up are....Huh??? What the Heck????  
**Kingfisher 'B'** Do what? You've gotta be kidding me. It's true. In fairness they have had a torrid start to the season blighted by injuries, postponements and a bad run of fixtures. They are obviously way too good for 3rd from bottom and will be climbing the table to 3rd from top very rapidly after the break. The defeat to OLOP 'A' and draw with OLOP 'B' means that representatives of the OLOP club won't be on KFB's Christmas list this year. The OLOP 'A' defeat in particular was a harsh realisation that this Division is so very strong at the top. For players of the calibre of Martin Adams and Ian Girdler to come away with nothing just proves that point right there. Justin Mead returns to the Reading League after a long absence and will obviously improve every match he plays. Richard is probably still missing Nicky Heaps who has long since departed to Derby but can still do some damage at this level and the greatest player that's ever lived, John Barclay has only been seen once in the low number of matches KFB have played. With Martin playing every match and if they can get Ian fit and playing say 40% or 50% of the time then no problem with this lot finishing 3rd again. And that's exactly where I'm going to predict they do!

**Banksy Prediction 3rd  
MVP Martin Adams**

So to the teams currently occupying the bottom two positions. I was going to say relegation positions but with only 10 teams I'm not sure how relegation is going to work or whether there will even be relegation? Who knows? One thing I do know though is that everybody's favourite 2nd team **YMCA** are struggling a little. OK so struggling a lot! They did manage to secure a vital win over Curzon which has helped their cause a little but with Halloween upon us I really do fear for them this season. Star Man Neil Hurford is still playing well enough and they will need him to show up for the matches against the sides in and around them if they are to have any chance. Nice to see Dave Halfpenny back and playing in Reading again. I like Dave. He's a good guy. He probably doesn't like me very much but then again who does. Peter still battles on.

Such a good player back in the day and like Dave Streak too will need to try and rediscover some of that vintage form and dig themselves out of the hole. Another Dave – Dave Gilham is still tricky on his day and has picked up a couple of wins here and there. I'd love to say they will be fine but the Banksy predictor is rarely wrong and I'm afraid its 9th place for this lot. Keep smiling though guys!!

**Banksy Prediction 9th  
MVP Neil Hurford**

Finally then it's **Curzon Club 'A'**. To be fair to them they will be the first to admit that they were always going to be up against it this season. So many sides as we have seen have strengthened this season and it's a massive jump from the top of D2 to D1. Fair play to them though they are definitely giving it a go and as I said before have picked up some notable individual successes along the way. Leading the way for them are Phil Mead and Andy Fakeerjan. They probably could have done with Phil for the big relegation battle with YMCA but they weren't without chances with Andy and John Willcocks both having a good wins over PB and going close in a few of the other matches too. Wasn't to be though and if they were going to have any hope of beating the drop (if there is a drop this season) then that was it. Nice to see them having a go though as I say and I hope they're able to pick up a point or 2 somewhere along the way.

**Banksy Prediction 10th  
MVP Phil Mead & Andy Fakeerjan (Joint)**



# DIVISION TWO

by Barry Carter

Welcome to the first newsletter of the 2015/2016 season. After the first few rounds of matches I think it will be a really tight division with the exception of the current top two, Sonning Common & Peppard 'B' and Our Lady of Peace 'C' who should be promoted. The other nine teams are capable of beating each other on any given day and therefore could finish third to eleventh. The tightness of the division was shown by the fact that after the first two weeks 41% of the sets had gone to five; it's now dropped down to about 31% but still quite close.

**OLOP 'C'** are top of the tree after the first few matches and I expect them to stay either there or second for the remainder of the season. Their season got off to a great start with a 9 – 1 win over Kingfisher 'E'



where seven of the ten sets went to five and Yonatan Slobodskoy won three of them. Harry Munro had a good 11-6, 11-13, 11-13, 11-8, 11-8 victory over Colin Dyke, and Ziko Jerzmanski narrowly overcame Grant Wheatley 7-11, 11-9, 9-11, 11-9, 12-10. Harry won a tight battle with Allan Bruton 11-8, 7-11, 11-6, 7-11, 11-6 to put them 1 – 0 up at Kingfisher 'F' and the win was almost guaranteed as Ziko beat Michael Houghton 2-11, 11-6, 9-11, 11-8, 11-2 to put them 5 – 1 up and the win was finally secured when Yonatan and Harry won the doubles against Allan and Peter Bennett. The visitors in week 3 were an experienced Tidmarsh 'B' side but once again Harry won all three, Yonatan won another titanic five-gamer against Mike Aistrop and Ziko enjoyed a good 11-9, 11-5, 11-9 win over John Golding which resulted in a 7 – 3 win. In their third match they went to Sonning Common & Peppard 'D' and came away with a routine 9 – 1 win thanks to three from Harry and Yonatan plus a brace from Ziko. The only blip so far was against their main rivals Sonning Common & Peppard 'B' where despite of taking a 2 – 0 lead thanks to Harry and Yonatan they slipped to a 4 – 6 defeat with a maximum from Harry and a Yonatan victory over Brian Meheux their only wins on the evening.

**Player stat:** Harry Munro is the only player that currently qualifies with a 100% record, Yonatan Slobodskoy has won 7 of his 11 sets by the 3 – 2 scoreline, Ziko Jerzmanski has won the most braces on an evening, three times.

**Team stat:** have won the most sets, 37



HARRY MUNRO - WHO IN MAY ALSO WON THE EDELSTON CUP FOR THE BEST JUNIOR PERFORMANCE

**Sonning Common & Peppard 'B'** are second but only on set difference and also because they have played one match less than OLOP 'C'. They came down from division one and I fully expect them to make an immediate return to the promised land come March, if not before! SCP 'B' have won all of their four matches to date with the most notable the 6 – 4 win over OLOP 'C' mentioned previously. It was a good team effort from Nigel Maltby, Brian Meheux and Simon Berry as they all contributed to the win. Simon and

Nigel had ding-dong battles with Yonatan before Simon won 7-11, 11-7, 11-7, 10-12, 11-6 and Nigel won 11-9, 6-11, 11-9, 8-11, 11-9. Brian's win came against Ziko 13-11, 11-5, 7-11, 11-8. At the start of the season they won 9 – 1 against fellow SCP clubmates in the form of the 'D' team variety as Jeremy Willis and Simon Berry both won maximums. The match against Pangbourne 'A' was a long drawn out affair that ended with a 7 – 3 win for SCP at sometime close to midnight if not past it. Simon went home with his second maximum and was well supported by two from Brian and a single from Jeremy. There was no sentiment for the 'E' version of SCP as they were routed 10 – 0 as Matthew Faulkner made his debut and won quite comfortably all three in three-straight.

	PL	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 OLOP C	6	5	0	1	45	15	10
2 SC&P C	6	3	2	1	33	27	8
3 SC&P B	4	4	0	0	32	8	8
4 Pangbourne A	5	3	1	1	30	20	7
5 Kingfisher F	5	2	2	1	26	24	6
6 Kingfisher E	6	2	1	3	27	33	5
7 Tidmarsh B	4	2	0	2	23	17	4
8 Tidmarsh C	4	1	1	2	22	18	3
9 Kingfisher G	6	1	1	4	19	41	3
10 SC&P E	5	1	0	4	16	34	2
11 SC&P D	5	0	0	5	7	43	0



## LEADING AVERAGES

Player	Team	P	W	%
Harry Munro	OLOP C	18	18	100.00
Mathew Faulkner	SC&P B	3	3	100.00
Simon Berry	SC&P B	12	11	91.67
Allan Bruton	Kingfisher F	9	8	88.89
Allen Pack	Kingfisher F	9	8	88.89
Denise Weller	Pangbourne A	9	8	88.89
Andy Stephens	Tidmarsh C	6	5	83.33
Matt Stone	SC&P C	15	12	80.00
Barry Carter	Tidmarsh C	9	7	77.78
Jeremy Willis	SC&P B	9	7	77.78
Yonatan Slobodskoy	OLOP C	18	13	72.22

**Player stat: Simon Berry has won seven of his eleven matches in three-straight, Nigel Maltby became only the third player this season to win two against OLOP 'C', Brian Meheux has won four of his five sets by the 3 – 0 scoreline, Matthew Faulkner has the only other 100% record but doesn't qualify, Jeremy Willis recorded two maximums against two of the other three Sonning C & P teams.**

**Team Stat: only team with a 100% doubles record**

**Pangbourne WMC 'A'** should finish third and might push for promotion if the top two falter in the next twenty weeks. Pangbourne started the season with a draw at Sonning Common & Peppard 'C' as Denise Weller was player of the match with a great maximum against Matt Stone, Danny Dockree and Jon Abbott although she was made to work hard for it, especially by Danny where she eventually won 9-11, 11-8, 6-11, 12-10, 11-6. George White won two and Simon Hopkins had a night to forget. The next match up was against Sonning C & P 'B' where as previously mentioned it was a long night as there were some long sets, it finally ended with John Simmonds winning one against Jeremy Willis, Simon also won against Jeremy whilst George won in four against Brian Meheux. The reason for the long evening was apparently the George v Simon Berry match that went to five, it gave John enough time to retire to the bar for a couple of drinks. Pangbourne recorded their first win of the season with a relatively comfortable 8 – 2 win over Kingfisher 'G' thanks to a first maximum of the season from Simon Hopkins and two each from John and Denise. John recorded his first maximum and Denise her second of the season in the 7- 3 win at Sonning C & P 'E'. The latest encounter saw them play Kingfisher 'E' as it was George's turn to go home with a maximum as they won 7 – 3. The George v Roger Woolven-Allen match saw the result go in George's favour 11-6, 16-14, 17-15.

**Player stat: John Simmonds has a great sequence of wins, 1, 2, 3, 1, Denise Weller yet to be on the losing side, Simon Hopkins has won four of his seven matches 3 – 2, George White none of his six wins have been 3 – 2.**

**Team stat: only team where all the players haven't won the same amount of sets two weeks running**

**Sonning Common & Peppard 'C'** find themselves in a

promising position of fourth with two wins, two draws and only one defeat in the first five matches. This team are my dark horses for promotion as whatever players they put out they all contribute every week. The first two matches of the season saw 5 – 5 draws with Pangbourne and Kingfisher 'G'. In the Pangbourne match Matt Stone won two, whilst Danny Dockree and Jon Abbott chipped in with one each and then Matt and Danny teamed up to win the important doubles in five to put them 4 – 3 up but they couldn't quite get over the line. In the second draw with Kingfisher 'G' it was left to Jon Abbott to win the set ten encounter with Jazz Dhillon, which he did 9-11, 16-14, 9-11, 11-8, 11-7 to draw the match 5 – 5. Earlier Danny had defeated both Jazz and Dave Gostelow and Tim Raby just Dave. Their first win came a week later at home to Kingfisher 'E' as Matt won all three which included the set ten decider with Colin Dyke 11-9, 13-11, 17-15. Danny and Jon contributed with wins over Grant Wheatley and Roger Woolven-Allen respectively. The only defeat so far came against Kingfisher 'F' as they lost 3 – 7. They got back to winning ways with a 6 – 4 win over Tidmarsh 'B' as Matt won another maximum, Danny a brace and Jon a crucial single.

**Player stat: Matt Stone has won the most sets by the 3 – 1 scoreline, 6 times, Danny Dockree has yet to get either a maximum or a duck, Jon Abbott has won the most singles on an evening, 4 times.**

**Team stat: They are unbeaten at home**

**Kingfisher 'F'** are holding their own in fifth spot and team selection could play an important part if they want to make it to division one at the end of the season. Kingfisher 'F' didn't enter the fray until the second week of the season, so they were probably short of match practice as they were beaten 2 – 8 by OLOP 'C', Allan Bruton was the only winner on the night for them with wins over Ziko Jerzmanski (11-4, 8-11, 12-10, 12-10) and Yonatan Slobodskoy (7-11, 6-11, 11-8, 11-9, 11-8) and he also took Harry Munro close before he lost 8-11, 11-7, 11-7, 5-11, 6-11. Peter Bennett was unlucky to lose two of his three sets in five to Ziko and Yonatan. Michael Houghton also suffered the same fate as he lost in five to Ziko and Yonatan. They picked up their first point in the next match against Tidmarsh 'C' as both Ivor Hardman and Allen Pack won braces, with Ivor recording a good win over Andy Stephens 14-12, 2-11, 11-7, 3-11, 11-5 whilst Allen beat both Steve Ricks and Mike Willmott. Peter suffered another five-set defeat, this time to Steve Ricks. The wait for the first win wasn't long as it was achieved a week later, with Sonning C & P 'C' the victims. Allen and Ivor continued their good form and went home with maximums for the first time this season and Michael Houghton finally got a win with an 11-3, 11-5, 21-23, 9-11, 11-8 set ten victory over Jon Abbott which clinched the 7 – 3 win. The last match was a derby against their 'G' team and they made it two 7 – 3 wins on the bounce as once again both Allan and Allen won trebles, whilst Michael once again endured another five-game defeat.

**Player stat: Allen Pack has yet to be on the losing side, Allan Bruton has yet to lose an away set, Peter Bennett has lost all three of his five-gamers, Michael Houghton has only won at home, three of Ivor Hardman's five wins were 3 - 1**

**Team stat: have won both doubles away, but lost both**

## doubles at home

**Kingfisher 'E'** have had a mixed start to the season with two wins and three defeats from their first five matches and find themselves in sixth place. The start couldn't have been much worse for them as they lost 1 – 9 to OLOP 'C'. Seven of the ten sets did go the full distance but it was unfortunate that they won only one and that was Colin Dyke's 8-11, 11-5, 11-9, 8-11, 11-7 win over Ziko Jerzmanski. Grant Wheatley and Mick Mitcham also lost two each of the five-gamers. The outlook got a little brighter as they overcame Tidmarsh 'B' 6 - 4 as Colin and Roger Woolven-Allen both won two, Grant chipped in with a victory over Mike Willmott and then Grant and Roger won what turned out to be the all important doubles against Barry Carter and Steve Ricks 11-9, 11-8, 8-11, 9-11, 11-4. It was a case of one step forward, one back after their meeting with Sonning Common & Peppard 'C', Colin once again won two, this time against Danny Dockree and Jon Abbott, Grant beat Jon and Roger beat Danny in the 4 – 6 defeat. The fourth game brought their second win of the season, an 8 – 2 win over their 'G' team counterparts. Colin went one better and got his first maximum of the season with wins over Willis Ma, Rick Leachman and Jazz Dhillon, Grant also joined him on the maximum podium and Roger won two. The latest tryst came at Pangbourne when they were beaten 3 – 7, the trio of Colin, Grant and Roger all won one each.

**Player stat: Colin Dyke has yet to score a blank, Grant Wheatley has yet to win a brace, Roger Woolven-Allen has a sequence of brace, single, brace, single.**

**Team stat: they have a 100% home record and a 0% away record**

**Tidmarsh 'C'** (we) started the season with two 4 – 6 defeats at the hands of Kingfisher 'G' and Kingfisher 'E'. In

start. The second match of the campaign ended in the same manner a 4 – 6 defeat for us against a Kingfisher team, this time 'E'; I had a good evening and recorded my first maximum of the season although I did have a bit of an incentive after losing one of my ends 0-11. Steve was the only other winner on the evening as he defeated Grant Wheatley 12-10, 8-11, 11-6, 11-4 and Mike was the one who had an evening to forget, this was a late night as we finished just before midnight. We finally got our first point at the third time of asking and it was third time lucky against a Kingfisher team as we returned home with a 5 – 5 draw against Kingfisher 'F'. Andy Stephens came out of retirement to win two against Peter Bennett and Allen Pack, Steve had a great win over Ivor Hardman 11-7, 5-11, 11-7, 11-8 and Mick picked up the other one as he defeated Peter in four games. We picked up our first win against Sonning C & P 'D' where we won 9 – 1, it was certainly closer than the result suggests as two of the games went to five including my battle with Alan Mollett where I finally triumphed 11-13, 11-3, 15-13, 11-13, 11-6, Andy made it five from six with routine wins and Mike had good wins against Mark Jones 11-7, 9-11, 11-7, 9-11, 17-15 and Derek Wavell 11-8, 9-11, 11-5, 11-3.

**Player stat: Steve Ricks has yet to win 3 - 0 or lose 0 – 3, Mick Willmott has won three of his four matches 3 – 1, Barry Carter has yet to lose 0 – 3, Andy Stephens has yet to win a games 3 - 2**

**Team stat: lost 4 – 6 on the most occasions, twice**

**Kingfisher 'G'** are currently in eighth place although after the start they had they will probably be a bit disappointed. The trio of Richard Leachman, Roger Pritchard and Dave Gostelow travelled to Tidmarsh 'C' in week one and came away with an unexpected win that surprised skipper Willis Ma. It was especially surprising as they were 0 – 3 down but some good play saw them turn it around and win 6 – 4 with Roger claiming the points when he won game ten 12-10, 7-11, 12-10, 8-11, 11-8. Earlier Dave Gostelow had beaten me and Mike in five and Rick had also beaten me easily in four. They hosted Sonning C & P 'C' in their second match with Willis Ma coming away with the man of the match award for his great treble with wins over Tim Raby, Jon Abbott and Danny Dockree, the other winners on the night were Jazz Dhillon (making a welcome return to Reading TT) and Dave Gostelow. The first defeat came at Pangbourne 'A' where they succumbed 2 – 8 with only Roger and Dave winning matches against John Simmonds and Denise Weller respectively although Dave did lose in five to Simon Hopkins but that was as close as they came to another set. The week four fixture saw them travel to Kingfisher 'E' for the first of their derby matches but the outcome was the same as the previous week as they lost 2 – 8. After his heroics of a two weeks ago Willis came back to earth with a duck but the winners on the night were Rick who beat Roger Woolven-Allen 11-4, 11-9, 11-4 and a doubles victory by Rick and Willis. In the second of their derby matches they fared only slightly better as they lost 3 – 7 to their 'F' team colleagues. There were singles wins for Rick, Willis and Dave with Dave beating Michael Houghton in one of his customary five-gamers..

**Player stat: Rick Leachman - three of his four wins have been 3 – 0, Roger Pritchard - all three losses were**



JAZZ DHILLON

the first match we got off to a flyer and led 3 – 0 but it went downhill from there as we only had the Mick Willmott and Steve Ricks doubles win over Roger Pritchard and Rick Leachman to show for our endeavours after such a good



**1 – 3, Dave Gostelow has won all five of his sets 3 – 2, Willis Ma all four of his wins have been at home, Jazz Dhillon - his only win came at home**

**Team stat: have lost 2 – 8 the most times, twice**

Tidmarsh 'B' find themselves hovering just above the relegation zone in ninth but they have played in some cases two matches less, so with two wins they would leap to fourth in the table and promotion challenge. The season started well with a 7 – 3 win at Sonning C & P 'E' as John Golding won a maximum against Angus Jones, Joe Barraclough and Thomas Perkins, the latter two in three-straight. Mike Aistrop won two five-setters and Francois Durand also picked up a useful brace on the night. After a week's break they went to the leaders OLOP 'C' and were beaten 3 – 7 with Dave Wise marking his season debut with a good doubles with wins over Yonatan Slobodskoy 11-8, 11-9, 11-7 and Ziko Jerzmanski 12-10, 16-18, 11-7, 11-3. Mike picked up the other win with a 9-11, 11-3, 11-4, 11-9 win over Ziko as well. It was two defeats on the spin as they lost 4 – 6 to Sonning C & P 'C'. John Golding returned to form with two, Francois overcame Jon Abbott and Dave Sheppard (playing up from division 4) lost a tight match with Jon Abbott 8-11, 14-12, 6-11, 11-2, 10-12.

**Player stat: John Golding has won both his five-setters, Dave Wise has yet to win 3 – 2, Francois Durand**

with an 11-9, 15-13, 6-11, 11-5 victory over Francois Durand. They battled well but it was only another Thomas win over Mike Aistrop and the doubles that saw them slip to a 3 – 7 defeat. In the first of the Sonning C&P derby matches they played the 'D' team and in the end they ran out easy winners 8 – 2 thanks to three each by Thomas and Joe Barraclough, Eric Walker was unlucky to lose all three especially to Anthony Reeve. In the second of the Sonning C&P derby matches they hosted the 'B' team; it was very one-sided as they achieved only four games all evening, three of which were by Joe as he lost 11-8, 11-6, 7-11, 6-11, 8-11 to Jeremy Willis and 11-8, 8-11, 10-12, 5-11 to Simon Berry. Scarlett Jones made her season debut and did well especially against Mathew Faulkner but in the end the score was 0 – 10. Angus Jones and Thomas Perkins were the winners in the 3 – 7 defeat to Pangbourne as they both beat Simon Hopkins.

**Player stat: Thomas Perkins has yet to lose 2 – 3, Joe Barraclough has yet to lose a set away from home, Angus Jones won his only game by the 3 – 1 scoreline, Scarlett Jones has yet to play away, four of Eric Walker's five defeats were 1 - 3**

**Team stat: they are unbeaten away from home**

Sonning Common & Peppard 'D' have not had the best of starts to the season but I'm sure they'll turn it around and pick up some points soon. Alan Mollett was the sole winner on the evening in the 1 – 9 defeat against Sonning Common & Peppard 'B' with his fine 11-5, 13-15, 14-12, 9-11, 11-7 win over Brian Meheux and Anthony Reeve took Jeremy Willis to five before he lost 5-11. Mark Jones got his season going with a win over Eric Walker in the second of their derby matches with the 'D' team. Anthony also overcame Eric. Derek Wavell took games off both Eric and Joe but couldn't force a win. It was once again Alan who saved them from a whitewash in the 1 – 9 defeat to OLOP 'C' with another good win over Ziko Jerzmanski, Derek came closer to winning as he took Yonatan to five before he eventually lost 9-11. In their latest match, this time against Tidmarsh 'C', Alan won the only set for them with a 6-11, 11-8, 14-12, 11-8 win against Mike Willmott, earlier he had taken Barry Carter to five. Mark also had some good performances and lost 15-17 to Mike in the fifth. Derek had a bit of a nightmare in terms of some bad luck at key moments but kept going.

**Player stat: : Derek Brooke-Wavell has played in 75% of the matches, Alan Mollett has won the only set in all of Sonning C & P 'D's 1 – 9 defeats, three occasions, Anthony Reeve only win was 3 – 2, Mark Jones has yet to win away**

**Team stat: lost 1 – 9 the most times, on three occasions**

Well that's about all from me for this issue of Barry's ramblings, here's to a sporting season and the best of luck to you all.



JOE BARRACLOUGH

**has won all three of his sets by the 3 – 0 scoreline, Mike Aistrop has won two of his three sets by the 3 – 2 scoreline**

**Team stat: yet to play a home match**

Sonning Common & Peppard 'E' hosted Tidmarsh 'B' in their first match of the season, but it didn't go quite according to plan as they found themselves 0 – 5 down before Thomas Perkins finally got them up and running



# DIVISION THREE

by Derek Harrison

Welcome to a new season, I hope we all enjoy it. I start with my usual pre-season predictions.

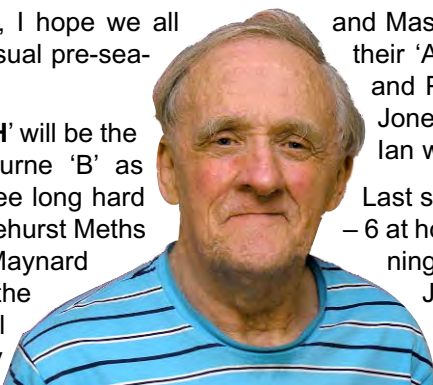
At the top I feel that **Kingfisher 'H'** will be the champions with perhaps Pangbourne 'B' as runners up. At the bottom I can see long hard seasons for Birch Copse 'A' and Tilehurst Meths 'B' and perhaps Curzon 'B' if Mike Maynard is out for a long time. But with the season only two weeks old I feel that I have the right to change my selections ... with Leroy likely to be out of action for at least 8 weeks, Pangbourne's chances have now gone, so instead I now predict that Kingfisher 'J' will go up as champions, especially now that they have a very talented player called David Joyce in their side, which will leave Kingfisher 'H' as runners up.

The first result has come in and **Tilehurst Meths 'A'** have just pipped Springfield 'A' 6 - 4 thanks to two wins each from Nigel Rowland and Cath Venning who also teamed up to win the doubles. Phil Jones who had been unwell of late gained a good single by beating Ludo Couillard. At home to Kingfisher 'J' they crashed to a 2 - 8 defeat with Phil and Cath both defeating Kris Szczygiel. I have to say that looking at the card they were very unlucky to lose by that scoreline. In the big local derby against their 'B' team they just got home 4 - 6 with Cath, Paul and Phil all gaining doubles. Nigel returned to the side against O.L.O.P 'D' and won all three, as did Phil, which helped them win 8 - 2. Paul gained a single by beating reserve Jan Polnik.

**Tilehurst Meths 'B'** also won 4 - 6 at the favourites Kingfisher 'H'. Ian Cockling was the star by hitting a great treble. Nick Barnes won two and John Virgo hit a single. They obviously like playing at Kingfisher because they then beat the 'I' team 4 - 6 with Ian, Nick

and Masoud Ghabachi all gaining doubles. At home to their 'A' team John hit a fine double by beating Cath and Paul. Ian also had a good win by beating Phil Jones 5-11, 11-9, 8-11, 20-18, 11-3. At Milestone 'A' Ian was the only scorer in a 8 - 2 defeat.

Last season's Division Two side **Kingfisher 'H'** lost 4 - 6 at home to Tilehurst Meths 'B' with Eric Holmes winning two and Carol Byers winning one by beating John Virgo. Mick Mitcham and Eric had a fine doubles win over Ian and John. Away at O.L.O.P 'D' they were held to a draw with Steve Woolnough winning two and Dave Duncan and Eric both picking up singles by beating Mark Bullion. At home to Pangbourne they hit top form by winning 8 - 2. Eric was the star by winning all three however



MELVYN LOVEGROVE

giving him good backing was Steve and Mick who won two each.

At home to Curzon it was a night of drama with Eric and Mick both getting trebles in their 7 - 3 win. In his set against Derek, Eric won 7-11, 11-3, 9-11, 11-5, 11-9. In that last game he was 3-6 down and then 6-9 down. When Mick beat Nick 13-11 he came up from 3-10 down! Sorry Nick but it had to be said. By beating bottom side Birch Copse 'A' 4 - 6 they moved into second place. Eric for the third week running won all three and Mick also won all three for the second week running.

**Kingfisher 'J'** made a great start by beating Birch Copse 'A' 0 - 10 with David Joyce, Luca Bianchi and Melvyn Lovegrove all hitting trebles. David and Melvyn's wins were all three straight. David then hit another treble against Kingfisher 'I' who included Jean-Noel Thepaut. Melvyn hit a double and Luca gained a nice single to give them a 6 - 4 victory. At fancied

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Kingfisher J	5	4	1	0	36	14	9
Kingfisher H	5	3	1	1	30	20	7
Tilehurst Meths A	4	3	0	1	22	18	6
Springfield A	4	2	1	1	26	14	5
Pangbourne B	5	2	1	2	24	26	5
Milestone A	4	2	0	2	19	21	4
OLOP D	5	1	2	2	23	27	4
Tilehurst Meths B	4	2	0	2	18	22	4
Kingfisher I	4	1	0	3	18	22	2
Curzon B	4	1	0	3	14	26	2
Birch Copse A	4	0	0	4	10	30	0





KRYS SZCZYGIEL

Tilehurst Meths 'A' they showed no sign of letting up with a 2 – 8 victory. David and Melvyn both hit trebles. Krys Szczygiel playing his first match of the season beat Paul Treadgold. The winning run continued by beating Milestone 'A' 7 – 3 with yet another hat trick from David. Luca also won all three but he had to work hard against Chris Collins beating him 9-11, 5-11, 12-10, 11-9, 18-16. Melvyn won the other set by beating John Crosfield. Against Springfield 'A' they dropped their first point of the season. David did the business and won all three which included a 8-11, 11-9, 6-11, 8-11 victory against Phil Burke. In his set against Seth Martin he hit a high return that went up about 25 feet which landed on Seth's side of the table, however the spin on it brought it back to his side. Melvyn and Luca won the other two sets by beating Seth.

**Milestone 'A'** had a nice 7 – 3 win over Curzon 'B' thanks to hat tricks from Arun Rajagopal and Chris Collins who also teamed up to win the doubles. At Springfield they were forced to play two reserves and as a result lost 9 – 1. When John Crosfield played he managed to ace Phil Burke. Phil thought that he was going to serve to his backhand so he ran round that side only for John to serve to his forehand. At Kingfisher 'J' both Chris and Arun defeated Melvyn. John and Chris also won the doubles

in a 7 – 3 defeat. They then came back to winning ways by beating Tilehurst Meths 'B' 8 – 2 with Chris hitting a very easy three straight maximum. Arun and John both gained doubles. For John they were his first wins of the season.

**Pangbourne 'B'** shared the spoils with O.L.O.P. 'D' with all three players getting on the scoresheet. Ray Webb and Leroy Wilson both hit doubles while Roger Stevens gained that vital single. Sadly at Curzon Leroy suffered a bad injury which I believe was a ruptured Achilles tendon and had to be taken to hospital. Clive with two and Ray with a single carried on but in vain as the side lost 6 – 4. On behalf of our team we hope you will be soon OK, Leroy. At Kingfisher 'H' they went down 8 – 2 with Clive gaining a double. In his set against Steve he did well by beating him 11-5, 16-18 (after being 8-0 down), 5-11, 4-11. A great team performance saw them beat Birch Copse 'A' 6 – 4 with Ray and Clive both winning two each besides teaming up to win the doubles. Eddie did his bit by beating Roy Hull 11-8, 11-7, 6-11, 3-11, 12-10. What a vital win. At



ARUN RAJAGOPAL

Kingfisher 'I' Ray hit his first hat trick of the season to help them to a 3 – 7 win. He also teamed up with Clive to win the doubles by beating Nils and Joaquin 13-15 in the fifth end. Clive himself won two and Eddie managed a single.

**O.L.O.P. 'D'** gained a nice point at Pangbourne with Dave Godfrey and Alistair Richardson both winning two each. They also teamed up to win the doubles. Dave then hit top form by winning all three against Kingfisher 'H' to help them share the spoils. Giulano Ghidini played his part by gaining a good double. Wendy Porter hit top form by winning all three to help O.L.O.P 'D' win 2 – 8 at Birch Copse 'A'. Mark Bullion and Alistair both obtained doubles. They then played a strong Kingfisher 'I' side and lost 7 – 3, however Giulano had two fine wins by beating Nils Wedi and Gabor Radnoti. Dave won the other set by also beating Gabor. At Tilehurst Meths 'A' they lost 8 – 2 with

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Player	Team	P	W	%
David Joyce	Kingfisher J	15	15	100.0
Phil Burke	Springfield A	9	8	88.9
Jean-Noel Thepaut	Kingfisher I	6	5	83.3
Nigel Rowland	Tilehurst Meths A	6	5	83.3
Eric Holmes	Kingfisher H	15	12	80.0
Chris Collins	Milestone A	9	7	77.8
Melvyn Lovegrove	Kingfisher J	15	10	66.7
Clive Taylor	Pangbourne B	12	8	66.7
Ian Cockling	Tilehurst Meths B	12	8	66.7
Luca Bianchi	Kingfisher J	12	8	66.7
Michael Mitcham	Kingfisher H	12	8	66.7
Nils Wedi	Kingfisher I	12	8	66.7
Arun Rajagopal	Milestone A	9	6	66.7
Dave Godfrey	OLOP D	9	6	66.7

Wendy and Mark both obtaining singles. Wendy went very close to Phil Jones only going down 13-11 in the fifth end.

**Curzon 'B'** travelled to Milestone 'A' and went down 7 – 3 with Jim Brent, Nick Lean and Geoff Johnson all beating Viliam Andrascik. Against Pangbourne we won 6 – 4 with Geoff winning two, Nick and I both won one each with two sets conceded by Leroy. Despite going one up when Jim beat Des we crashed to a 2 – 8 defeat against Springfield with Nick also beating Des. At Kingfisher 'H' we lost 7 – 3 with both Nick and Geoff beating Dave Duncan. Nick and Derek had a first doubles win of the season by beating Eric and Mick.

**Kingfisher 'I'** went down to their 'J' team 6 – 4 with Jean-Noel winning two and Nils Wedi winning one. They also teamed up to win the doubles. At home to Tilehurst Meths 'B' despite a hat trick from Nils they went down 4 – 6. I have to say that Gabor Radnotii did not have the best of luck when he lost out to Nick Barnes 10-12 in the fifth and then in the last set he went down to Masoud 11-13 also in the fifth. Against O.L.O.P 'D' Jean-Noel came back into the side and gained a three straight maximum with none of his opponents gaining more than 7 points. Nils obtained a double and Gabor managed a single by beating Alistair Richardson. At home to Pangbourne 'B' they lost 3 – 7 with Nils beating Clive and Eddie. Joaquin Sabater playing in his first match of the season also beat Eddie. It would seem that this side could have a big say in the top and bottom of the league depending on their team selection.

Despite a three straight treble from Phil Burke **Springfield 'A'** went down 6 – 4 at fancied Tilehurst Meths 'A'. Des Hele won the other set by beating Phil Jones. At home to a depleted Milestone Seth, Phil and Ludo all



WENDY PORTER OF OLOP 'D'

gained trebles in a 9 – 1 victory. In his first set Seth came back from 1 – 8 down against John Crosfield to win 11-9. Away at Curzon Seth and Ludo were very impressive with both players hitting hat tricks. Des won one by beating Geoff which helped them to a 2 – 8 victory. At home to Kingfisher 'J' they became the first side to take a point from them with Des and Phil both beating Luca and Melvyn and also teaming up to win the doubles against Luca and David.

**Birch Copse 'A'** are missing Simon Clarke already because they lost 0 – 10 at home to Kingfisher 'J'. Also at home they then lost 2 – 8 to O.L.O.P 'D'. Jes Eassom had a fine double by beating Mark and Alistair. At Pangbourne 'B' both Jes and Mike gained doubles but alas that was all they got in a 6 – 4 defeat. At home to Kingfisher 'H' Mike, Jes and Roy Hull all beat Dave Duncan in their 4 – 6 defeat. For Roy it was his first win of the season.

To finish, two stats:

1 - Milestone 'A' are the only side with a 100% doubles record.

2 - Birch Copse 'A' and Curzon 'B' are the only two teams that have not had a player gain a maximum (yet).

Please do not forget that it would be great to get more match comments with the scorecards.

Cheers,

Derek



GIULIANO GHIDINI OF OLOP 'D'





# DIVISION FOUR

by Nigel Rowland

Welcome to all teams for another season. Already the season promises to be shaping up to be a highly competitive division with an unbeaten Tidmarsh 'E' paving the way. It's too early in the season to see who will be in the running for the second promotion spot but Curzon 'C' and Sonning Sports 'A' also remain unbeaten.



I understand Bob Woodmansee of Sonning Sports 'A' is recovering from a back injury, we wish you a speedy recovery.

At the bottom SC&P 'F', Tilehurst Meths 'C' and Milestone 'B' remain pointless.

Linda King votes Springfield for the best cup of tea in the division...is she right? Who serves the best biscuits? Your comments appreciated!

Felix Thomis of OLOP 'E' sits top of the averages with 6 out of 6 and Bob Woodmansee and Dave Chard 3 out of 3 in the doubles. Makes a change from having to write 'Linda King and Terry Spice', for the first time in a number of seasons!

**Tidmarsh 'E'** Trebles from Chris Webb and Theresa Watson with a double from Steve Andrews gave them a resounding 1 – 9 win over SC&P 'F'. Trebles from Simon Barter and Dave Sheppard with a double from Chris resulted in a comfortable 9 – 1 win over Springfield 'B'. Game of the evening was Chris's five game win over Alan Goad. Chris and Dave trebles with a single from Steve as they romped to a 2 – 8 win over Kingfisher 'K'. A treble from Dave with doubles from Simon and Theresa as they continued unbeaten at the top of the division with an 8 – 2 win over Tilehurst Meths 'C'. Simon had a thrilling first set win over Terry Hardie to complete his treble in their 3 - 7 local derby win over Tidmarsh 'D'. Chris Webb also won two sets, one of these he just won in five against Terry Hardie. Dave had two good wins, one over Terry Hardie but lost to Dave Edwards.

King and a single from Oli Lister resulted in a 3 - 7 win over Milestone 'B'. Oli had a great five game win over Vivek Pandey but just lost in five to Sachin Mundra. A treble from 'in form' Terry Spice with a double from Linda and important single from Oli as they won 7 – 3 against SC&P 'F'. Trebles from Terry and Linda gave them a well earned 3 – 7 win over Springfield 'B'. Terry had to survive a scare to come back from several points down in game four against John Burke to win in five. Terry was the hero of the night with a double and set ten win over Cris Reynolds to snatch a point against



FELIX THOMIS

Sonning Sports 'A'. Linda weighed in with a brilliant treble and a win over Bob Snellgrove; Oli played some of his best table tennis this season, taking an injured Bob Snellgrove to five but sadly came away with nothing to show for it.

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Tidmarsh E	6	6	0	0	49	11	12
2 Sonning Sports A	5	3	2	0	36	14	8
3 Curzon Club C	5	3	2	0	31	19	8
4 Springfield B	5	3	0	2	24	26	6
5 OLOP E	5	3	0	2	23	27	6
6 Tidmarsh D	4	2	1	1	23	17	5
7 Kingfisher K	5	1	1	3	20	30	3
8 SC&P F	5	0	0	5	16	34	0
9 Tilehurst Meths C	4	0	0	4	10	30	0
10 Milestone B	4	0	0	4	8	32	0

**Sonning Sports 'A'** A Bob Snellgrove treble with Bob Woodmansee and Dave Chard doubles as they opened their account cruising past Tilehurst Meths 'C' 8 – 2. A great treble from Bob W and single from Bob S as they met veterans of Div 4 Tidmarsh 'D' to earn a draw. Bob had a great five game win over Dave Edwards. Dave just lost in five to Dave Edwards. In a very one sided contest Bob W and Dave recorded trebles with guest Cris Reynolds double to win 1 – 9 against Milestone 'B'. A Bob S and Dave double along with a brilliant 11-13 doubles

win in the fifth and a single from guest Cris gave them a point against a determined Curzon 'C'. Over the seasons not many teams have inflicted doubles wins over Terry Spice and Linda King but Bob S and Dave excelled

**OLOP 'E'** Lawrence De Ste Croix, Jan Polnik and Chris Bunn battled hard for their 3 – 7 win over Kingfisher 'K'. Jan had to win a five game against Ania Pytka and Chris Bunn had to come back from 2-1 down to win in five against

night was the opening account when John beat Bob Snellgrove 13-15 in the fifth. Dave Edwards and Terry Hardie trebles with a double from John Little with an emphatic 9 – 1 win over OLOP 'E'. A Dave E double with a single from Dave Smith and an unwell Terry Hardie (dragged from his sick bed) went down 3 – 7 to rivals Tidmarsh 'E'. Had Terry been well, I am sure the result could have been different.



OLOP 'E' - APPEARING AT THE AWARDS CEREMONY IN MAY

Ania. A great treble from Felix Thomis with support from Lawrence and Jan gave them a narrow 6 – 4 win over Tilehurst Meths 'C'. Felix and Jan got the crucial doubles win in five over Martin Wetherell and Chris Taylor. Chris managed the only win as they were brought down to earth with a bump losing 9 – 1 to experienced Tidmarsh 'D'. Chris came back from 2-1 down to win his set. Felix and Chris returned to top form recording trebles along with a single from Lawrence to see off the challenge from Milestone 'B' winning 8 - 2. Chris had a close five game win over Monty Berzon.

**Springfield 'B'** Chris Speight got the only win over Chris Webb in their 9 – 1 loss to Tidmarsh 'E'. Alan Goold just lost in five to Chris Webb. Chris and Dan Mortimer doubles with a single from Alan gave them a close 6 – 4 win over SC&P 'F'. Alan had a great five game win over Marko Madzar and Chris a crucial final set win in five against Jim McClure. Chris, Dan and John Burke got singles in their 3 – 7 loss to Curzon 'C'. John just lost in five to Terry Spice. A John and Adam Sheen trebles, and Adam was the hero of the evening with a final game win over Gwynne Penny to snatch the points in their 4 – 6 win over Kingfisher 'K'. Alan put in a shift, but drew a blank.

**Tidmarsh 'D'** John Little and Terry Hardie doubles with a great single from Dave Edwards gave them a hard earned draw against experienced Sonning Sports 'A'. This game was worthy of an end of season table topper. Terry had the job of having to beat Bob Snellgrove in the final game to snatch the draw, which he did in five. The best set of the

**Kingfisher 'K'** Singles from Gwynne Penny, Ania Pytka and Adam McTiernan as they lost 3 – 7 to OLOP 'E'. Ania had close five gamers against Jan Polnik and Chris Bunn. Ania and Gwynne managed the only wins in their 2 – 8 loss to table toppers Tidmarsh 'E'. A Ruben Hernandez treble with a double from Adam and single from Ania gave them their first points in a hard fought 4 – 6 win over SC&P 'F'. Adam got the all important final set win to seal the points. Gwynne, Ruben and Gill all got singles in their 4 – 6 loss to Springfield 'B'.

**SC&P 'F'** Jim McClure got a hard fought win over Steve Andrews in their 1 – 9 loss to Tidmarsh 'E'. Marko Madzar managed game wins only. A double from Nicholas Nowak and single from Jim as they lost 7 – 3 to Curzon 'C'. Nicholas had a great win over Linda King. Jamie Legg turned out despite feeling unwell. Nicholas had an unusual game against Terry Spice, at one stage being well behind but fought back to be in a winning



DAVE EDWARDS AND JOHN LITTLE OF TIDMARSH 'E'

position. Nicholas being well ahead, Terry fought back to win the set. A double from Phil Turton with singles from Marko and Jim as they lost 6 – 4 to Springfield 'B'. Marko just lost in five to Alan Goold and Jim in five to Chris Speight. In a very close contest a Nicholas double and Marko single as they just lost 4 – 6 to Kingfisher 'K'.



## DIV 4 LEADING AVERAGES

Player	Team	P	W	%
Felix Thomis	OLOP E	6	6	100.00
Adam Sheen	Springfield B	6	6	100.00
Nigel Goodman	Sonning Sports A	3	3	100.00
David Sheppard	Tidmarsh E	15	14	93.33
Terry Spice	Curzon Club C	13	12	92.31
Simon Barter	Tidmarsh E	9	8	88.89
Bob Woodmansee	Sonning Sports A	9	8	88.89
Linda King	Curzon Club C	15	13	86.67
Christopher Bunn	OLOP E	9	7	77.78
Theresa Watson	Tidmarsh E	9	7	77.78
Nicolas Nowak	SC&P F	9	7	77.78
Chris Webb	Tidmarsh E	12	9	75.00
Robert Snellgrove	Sonning Sports A	12	9	75.00

**Tilehurst Meths 'C'** The experience of Martin Wetherell resulted in two wins over Bob Woodmansee and Dave Chard but they still lost 2 – 8 to Sonning Sports 'A'. Chris Taylor just lost in five to Bob Snellgrove having fought back from two down. Martin and Chris managed two wins apiece in a determined effort for points but still lost 6 - 4 to OLOP 'E'. Chris had a thrilling five game win over Jan Polnik. Mal Collis managed a game win over Jan Polnik. Martin and Patrick O'Sullivan got singles in their 8 – 2 loss to table toppers Tidmarsh 'E'. Martin just lost in five to Theresa Watson.

**Milestone 'B'** A double from Sachin Mundra and single from Monty Berzon as they lost 3 – 7 to Curzon 'C'. Sachin had a brilliant win over Linda King. Vivek Pandey just lost in five to Oli Lister. Sachin had the only win against Cris Reynolds as they were outplayed by promotion contenders Sonning Sports 'A' losing 1 – 9. Monty and John Evans managed singles in a match that they deserved more losing 8 – 2 to OLOP 'E'. Monty lost in five to Chris Bunn.

## Lower Divisions Cup by Duncan Abbott

The Lower Divisions Knockout Cup is open to all teams registered in Divisions 4 and 5.

This tournament follows last season's format, with all 9 sets in each match being doubles sets featuring three players on each side. Please note that each set will be best of 3 games (not 5) with games being up to 11 points as in the league.

A total of 12 teams have entered this season's competition. There will be three groups of four teams each, with the three winners and best runner-up progressing to the final.

### Group A

Milestone B  
Springfield C  
SC & P F  
OLOP F

### Group B

Springfield B  
SC & P G  
Birch Copse B  
Milestone C

### Group C

Kingfisher K  
Curzon C  
OLOP G  
Reading FC

### W/C 26 October 2015

Milestone B v Springfield C  
SC&P F v OLOP F  
Springfield B v SC & P G  
Birch Copse B v Milestone C  
Kingfisher K v Curzon C

### W/C 23 November 2015

OLOP G v Reading FC  
Springfield C v SC&P F  
OLOP F v Milestone B  
SC & P G v Birch Copse B  
Milestone C v Springfield B  
Curzon C v OLOP G  
Reading FC v Kingfisher K

### W/C 21 December 2014

SC&P F v Milestone B  
OLOP F v Springfield C  
Birch Copse B v Springfield B  
Milestone C v SC & P G  
OLOP G v Kingfisher K  
Reading FC v Curzon C



## DIVISION FIVE

by Duncan Abbott

Welcome to a new season of table tennis in Division 5.

With the new season comes a new club – **Reading FC Community Trust**. Other changes include new teams from Tilehurst Methodists and OLOP and reductions in the number of teams from Kingfisher, Milestone and Sonning Common & Peppard. My overall impression is that the standard of this division is higher than it was last season.

New boys **Reading FC** lead the way with a perfect 5 wins from 5. Mark Edwards is currently unbeaten with 12 wins from 12, with Steve Wood of Tilehurst Methodists 'D' running him closest going down 13-11 in the fifth game. Paul



Brown and Keith Greene both have averages of 67% and captain Richard Witt 56%, so the early impression is they have a well-balanced squad with no obvious weak links. Their 6 – 4 win against Tilehurst Meths was a very close run thing, but they have also disposed of Springfield 'C', Birch Copse 'B' and OLOP 'F' all by an 8 – 2 margin and were given a walkover by BBC Club.

Also with 5 wins from 5 are **Sonning Common & Peppard 'G'**. They have added Mike Casserley, Julian James and Gerry Bacon from last season's Division 4 squads and with Dave Aust, captain Pete Harman, Steve Knott and Derek Maltby form quite a formidable squad this

time around. A treble from Mike gave them an excellent start with an 8 – 2 victory against Milestone 'C'. This was followed up with a 6 – 4 triumph over OLOP 'G', a 9 – 1 roasting of Springfield 'C' and then two 6 – 4 wins against Tidmarsh 'F' and Birch Copse 'B'. Mike has three trebles and two braces to date, Dave two trebles and three braces, Julian three braces and Steve a single against OLOP 'G'.

**Kingfisher 'L'** have a strong and vastly experienced squad. Ken Robb and John Creighton are not only unbeaten at this level but have been barely troubled on the way. Two of their four wins have come against short-handed teams (Tilehurst Methodists 'D' and BBC Club) and one was against OLOP 'G' when they were short-handed themselves but still managed to win 6 – 4. Their only defeat was a 0 – 10 white-wash by OLOP 'F' when they were without both of their top

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Reading FC	5	5	0	0	40	10	10
2 SC&P G	5	5	0	0	35	15	10
3 Kingfisher L	5	4	0	1	28	22	8
4 Tilehurst Meths D	5	3	0	2	34	16	6
5 OLOP F	5	2	1	2	26	24	5
6 Tidmarsh F	4	2	1	1	23	17	5
7 Birch Copse B	5	2	0	3	24	26	4
8 Sonning Sports B	4	1	0	3	16	24	2
9 OLOP G	3	1	0	2	15	15	2
10 Milestone C	4	1	0	3	11	29	2
11 Springfield C	5	0	0	5	10	40	0
12 BBC Club	4	0	0	4	8	32	0

players. Captain Derek Crombie (25%) and Colin Mercer who has yet to record a win are the only other players to have appeared so far for the Woodley based side.

**Tilehurst Methodists 'D'** are another side with new players, only Sam Will has appeared for them before. Captain Steve Dopson has played in the last 2 matches (against Milestone 'C' and Springfield 'C') and boasts a 100% record. Steve Wood started slowly but is also unbeaten in the last two fixtures and has an average of 73%. Rob James has also played in all five matches and has notched up trebles against Sonning Sports 'B', Milestone 'C' and Springfield 'C' plus a single against Kingfisher 'L' to gain an average of 67%. Sam Will has the same average thanks to braces against Sonning Sports 'B' and Reading FC. The team's only

two defeats so far have come against Kingfisher 'L' and leaders Reading FC.

**OLOP 'F'** have made a mixed start to the season with two wins, two defeats and a draw. They started by giving fellow club side OLOP 'G' their only win to date 7 – 3, following this up with a 5 – 5 draw against Tidmarsh 'F'. Then came two wins, 6 – 4 against Sonning Sports 'B' and 10 – 0 against a weakened Kingfisher 'L' side, before a 2 – 8 defeat at the hands of leaders Reading FC. In the individual averages Balazs Horanyi leads the way with 80%, followed by Steve Shaw (75%), David Holt (67%), Rao Burgula (56%), captain Cedric Dias (40%), Abdul Rahman (11%) and Gordon Munns has yet to trouble the scorers.

**Tidmarsh 'F'** seem to be encountering more problems away from the table, especially against teams from OLOP. They have registered a complaint against OLOP's 'F' team over the eligibility of one of their players. Then they claimed they were not aware of the existence of their 'G' team and have been forced to re-arrange their home fixture. On the table trebles from newcomer Isaac Davies and Mike Bundy meant an 8 – 2 win over BBC Club. A closely fought encounter with Sonning Common & Peppard resulted in a 4 – 6 defeat, Mike, Isaac & captain Bob Sunerton all gaining one win apiece. Then a superb treble from Pete Sinclair gave the West Berkshire side a 6 – 4 win at Sonning Sports 'B'. Pete's treble gives him a 100% average from one match, then come Mike and Bob with 50% apiece, Isaac with 45% then John Harland with 40%.

**Birch Copse 'B'** have two wins and three defeats from the first five matches. Wins have come against Milestone 'C' (8 – 2) and Springfield 'C' (7 – 3) and defeats against Kingfisher 'L' (3 – 7), Reading FC (2 – 8) and Sonning Common & Peppard 'G' (4 – 6). Star man to date has to be Jarek Chmielowiec who in his first season has won 8 out of 9 for an average of 89%. His treble at Sonning Common has to be the best performance to date, as he was up against some very experienced players. For yours truly, my previous season was cut short by illness and after a major operation there were in my own mind huge doubts as to how I would perform this season. In my very first set I was well and truly outplayed by John Creighton, but quickly got back on track and with 7 wins from 9 (78%) things seem to be almost back to normal. Melanie Griffiths (50%) scored two against Reading FC and one against Springfield 'C'. Andrew Adair has made a solid start (33%) and seems to have plenty of



TILEHURST METHS 'D' PLAYERS: SAM WILL, STEVE WOOD AND ROB JAMES



potential. Trevor Davis (1/6) and Elizabeth Hull (0/6) highlight the team's rotation system which aims to give everyone an equal crack of the whip.

**Sonning Sports 'B'** are perennial strugglers but have made a better start this time around. This is due mainly to the improved form of captain Cris Reynolds who has so far won 8 sets out of 9, his only defeat coming in a hard-fought clash with Pete Sinclair of Tidmarsh 'F'. Also he has played up twice for the 'A' team in Division 4 and has a 50% average at that level, so I think it is fair to say that Cris is a different proposition from last season. He didn't play in the opening match against Tilehurst Methodists 'D' which resulted in a 2 – 8 defeat, both set wins coming from the bat of Mike Gautrey. The team opened their account with a 6 – 4 win at BBC Club, both Mike and Meriel Low scoring single wins in support of Cris. Another maximum by Cris was in vain as the team slumped to a 4 – 6 defeat to OLOP 'F', only a single win for Mo Cole giving him any support. Against Tidmarsh 'F' it was more of a team effort with single wins coming from Meriel and debutant Colin Chalkey, who was cheered by all those present after his win over Isaac Davies. However the team still lost 4 – 6. The other player Suzanne Brownhill is yet to open her account.



JOHN HARLAND  
OF TIDMARSH 'F'

Late entrants **OLOP 'G'** have so far played only three matches, their only win coming against club rivals OLOP 'F' by 7 – 3 in their opening match. Tony Alleyne was star man with a treble, ably supported with a brace from captain



JAREK CHMIELOWIEC OF BIRCH COPSE 'B'

Mihajlo Ralic and a single win from James Griffith. Tony and Mihajlo netted two wins each in their next match against Sonning Common & Peppard 'G' but Mariusz Paluszkiwicz was a bit out of his depth and the team lost 4 – 6. It was a three week wait for the next match at Kingfisher 'L' who triumphed 6 – 4 despite fielding only two players.

## LEADING AVERAGES

Player	Team	P	W	%
Mark Edwards	Reading FC	12	12	100.00
Kenneth Robb	Kingfisher L	10	10	100.00
John Creighton	Kingfisher L	7	7	100.00
Steve Dopson	Tilehurst Meths D	6	6	100.00
Peter Sinclair	Tidmarsh F	3	3	100.00
Cris Reynolds	Sonning Sports B	9	8	88.89
J. Chmielowiec	Birch Copse B	9	8	88.89
Mike Casserley	SC&P G	15	13	86.67
Dave Aust	SC&P G	15	12	80.00
Balazs Horanyi	OLOP F	5	4	80.00
Duncan Abbott	Birch Copse B	9	7	77.78
Steve Shaw	OLOP F	8	6	75.00
Tony Alleyne	OLOP G	8	6	75.00
Steve Wood	Tilehurst Meths D	15	11	73.33

**Milestone 'C'** are the only remaining team in this division to have any points to their name. These came in their second match of the season where a full score from John Evans plus braces from captain Tony Hayden and debutant Carl Edlind secured a 7 – 3 victory over Springfield 'C'. In their opening match a brace from Oliver Bonser was all they had to offer in a 2 – 8 defeat against Sonning Common & Peppard 'G', a match in which John failed to score despite all his sets going to five games. John scored two in the 2 – 8 defeat to Birch Copse 'B' but surprisingly drew another blank in the 0 – 10 whitewash at the hands of Tilehurst Methodists 'D'. Clearly the availability of Oliver and Pratik Kothari is key to their level of success this season.

After suffering relegation from Division 4 last season, Colin Jones' **Springfield 'C'** side are struggling once again. Having suffered defeats against Reading FC, Milestone 'C', Sonning Common & Peppard 'G', Birch Copse 'B' and Tilehurst Methodists 'D' the task ahead looks ominous. Having said that they have already faced three of the top four sides so their performances against some of the lower sides could be key. Colin continues to be ever present for his side, but it speaks volumes about their performances to date that his average of 27% is highest in his team. Well actually Aidan Simmons has 33% but that is from one match only. Robert Atack, Tom Berryman, Tim Carr and Andrew Atack have a combined one win from 27 so they certainly need to up their game in the next few weeks.

The biggest problem to date for **BBC Club** has been to actually raise a full team. So far they have managed this on only one occasion (despite having six players registered), a 4 – 6 defeat against Sonning Sports 'B' which featured a brace from John Scott and single wins from John Lancashire and captain Phil Peat. Only John L and Jack Mitchell appeared in the 2 – 8 defeat at Tidmarsh 'F' scoring one apiece, then John L and Dave Pearson repeated the feat in a 2 – 8 reverse at Kingfisher 'L'. They conceded the home match against Reading FC and postponed the local derby against Milestone 'C' but I am assured that all their problems are now behind them.



# YOUTH DIVISION

by Emma Barraclough

The Youth Division has got off to a great start this season with 25 players playing in 8 teams. We have welcomed a number of new players this player including strong contingents from Sonning Common and Peppard and OLOP. After two introductory evenings when the players were encouraged to get to know each other through a number of games, there have been three evenings of matches so far.

The first week of league matches saw strong performances from the **Raiders** (Joe Brooks, Nathan Munns and Zach Bonifacii) who defeated the **Trojans** (Alex Reeve, Arran Reeve and Jamie Barlow) after a number of good, close games. Despite injury problems the **Spartans** also recorded a good win in week one as did the **Tigers** (Alex Eaton, Ryan Griffiths and Daniel Houten.)

Week Two saw a great performance from established league players the **Strikers** (Adam Winterbottom, Chris Brant and Rory Walder) in their first match defeating the **Panthers** 9 - 1. The Raiders continued to play well with a win against Spartans and the **Jaguars** (Bill Hayden, Daniel

Follant and Daniel Knott) recorded a strong win against the Tigers.

Despite Wendy spending the evening broken down on the M4 we enjoyed a third evening of great play on 16th October with all eight teams in action. The Jaguars and Raiders reinforced their positions with two more emphatic wins against the Spartans and Panthers respectively while the Strikers again demonstrated their strengths against the **Attackers**. A closely fought match between two teams of newcomers to the league, the Trojans from Sonning Common and Peppard and the Tigers from Bracknell attracted a lot of attention with some excellent individual play and ended in 6 - 4 win for the Tigers.

We are pleased to have Jim McAllister and Joe Barraclough helping at the moment offering coaching and general support to the younger players and we also welcome Megan Bonafacii who is officiating at the League as part of her studies. On behalf of everyone associated with Youth Division I would also like to extend our good wishes to Charlie Lethbridge, a regular player in the league over the last few years and hope he is soon well enough to return.

Emma Barraclough



JAMES, RENNIE, ANOTHER PRIZEWINNER IN MAY.



THE RAIDERS (NATHAN MUNNS, ZACH BONIFACII AND JOE BROOKS) - LAST SEASON'S DIVISION TWO RUNNERS UP

## TEAM PLACINGS

	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1	Raiders	3	3	0	0	27	3	27
3	Jaguars	2	2	0	0	18	2	18
3	Strikers	2	2	0	0	18	2	18
4	Tigers	3	2	0	1	16	14	16
5	Spartans	3	1	0	2	8	22	8
6	Trojans	2	0	0	2	6	14	6
7	Panthers	3	0	0	3	4	26	4
8	Attackers	2	0	0	2	3	17	3

## LEADING AVERAGES

Player	P	W	%
Nathan Munns	9	9	100.00 %
Joseph Brooks	9	9	100.00 %
Adam Winterbottom	5	5	100.00 %
Rory Walder	5	5	100.00 %
Daniel Knott	5	5	100.00 %
Bill Hayden	3	3	100.00 %
Daniel Follant	5	4	80.00 %
Bill Hayden	5	4	80.00 %
Zach Bonifacii	9	6	66.67 %
Chris Brant	5	3	60.00 %
Daniel Houten	9	5	55.56 %
Ryan Griffiths	9	5	55.56 %