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That shot by Daniel Moses  
Photo by Didier Garçon

## The Start of Spring

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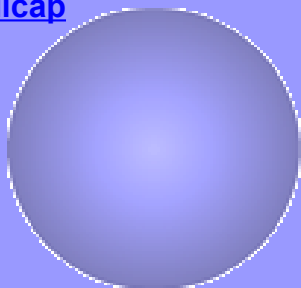
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Here you will find accounts of tense struggles in all divisions, in the third quarter of the season. I have been able to illustrate the reports with action pictures of many of the best players, using photos taken for us by Didier Garçon at the recent Reading Closed tournament. We also have an illustrated report on the Senior Closed by the organiser - Wendy Porter. The winner of the Men's Singles was Daniel Moses - who is pictured above, performing one of those body full twists that only the camera makes believable.



As it happens, the junior half of the tournament has also just finished. The main results were: Both the Under 21 and Junior Finals were won by Daniel McTiernan, who beat Gus Thomis by 3 - 2 each time. Jamie Liu won the Under 11, 13, and 15 events. For full results, please see the RDTTA web site and next edition of this Newsletter.

Best wishes - Derek

## Notes from our Chairman

by Nigel Rowland

I would like to thank everyone for their support during my short tenure as Chairman.

Following the last committee meeting it was agreed I would stand down as Chairman in order to pick up a the vacant post as Minute Secretary. I will continue to serve you as a committee member and Divisional Fixture Secretary.

Your new Chairman is Derek Harrison. I know Derek's wealth of experience having served on your committee for many years will help him in the role. Please can I ask you to get behind Derek in supporting him in the seasons to come.



Nigel Rowland

## Key Dates

**The Awards Presentation Evening** - will be on **Tuesday 5th May 2015** - at the **OLOP club**.

**The AGM of the Association** will be held on **Wednesday 3rd June**, also at **OLOP**.

## A request from Kingfisher -

The Kingfisher Committee have been informed by the club cleaner that excess grit is being found in the playing area. I have been asked to remind all players attending the club that only non-marking shoes are to be worn in the playing arena. Could I therefore ask you to please change from your outdoor shoes into your table tennis shoes in the social area to stop the ingress of grit to the specialist table tennis flooring in the playing hall. Many thanks for your attention in these matters.

from Peter Bradley – General Secretary

## By the Way -

Congratulations to **Liam McTiernan** on winning the **gold medal in the Men's Doubles**, along with his partner - Northern Ireland's Paul McCreery, in this weekend's BUCS Individual Table Tennis Championships, which was held at his home University of Nottingham. Liam is in the first year of a three year Economics degree.

In the Mixed Doubles, partnering Hampshire's Tressa Armitage, he picked up a bronze medal following defeat in the semi-final to top seeds and eventual winners - Chris Doran and Emma Vickers.

## Plastic Balls -

Table Tennis England has ruled that all leagues will have to change to using plastic balls by the next season. However, dissatisfaction has been expressed with the durability of some of the types of ball that have appeared on the market so far. New types are continuing to appear, so there seems to be no urgency to make bulk purchases at this stage. Watch this space for more news!



## Obituary: Brian Halliday, 1936 – 2015

*Brian Halliday, whom many of us knew well, was one of England's greatest table tennis enthusiasts, who sadly passed away aged 79 on 20th January, after suffering from cancer. The obituary which follows is by former ETTA Chairman Alan Ransome O.B.E. and has earlier appeared on the Table Tennis England web site. They have kindly given us permission to reproduce it.*

23rd January 2015

Brian, who was at his most passionate when he was just talking about the sport, made a major impact at national level when he took on the role of Vice Chairman Public Relations in 1995 in a period which covered the time of the World Championships and the Commonwealth Games, both in Manchester. Brian led the public relations and publicity aspects of table tennis throughout the whole of that period. In this capacity Brian was one of the lead figures in the publication of Table Tennis News and played a key role within the Management Committee during that period.

Brian's interest in table tennis blossomed in his younger days when he worked for one of Britain's leading insurers, Prudential. Brian ran and played for the Prudential club in the London Business Houses League and, in addition, organised many tournaments for the club in central London around that time. Brian was transferred to the Prudential's Reading office and became one of the major drivers in the famous Kingfisher Club where he was the club's Chairman for approximately 20 years.

Brian was also a very keen player and a tremendous competitor. He was a defender and was noted for his determination to win – many of his matches were marathons with some of the league matches going on until the early hours of the morning. He was an enthusiastic veteran and had played more than 100 times for Berkshire in the Veterans County Championships and was the Berkshire Veterans singles champion in 1977/78.

Brian was a close friend of the former Kingfisher youngster, Matthew Syed, and Brian helped Matthew with the organisation of some of his televised invitation tournaments. For the tournament played in Croydon approximately ten years ago, Matthew asked Brian to pick up the former Swedish World and Olympic Champion, Jan Ove Waldner from Heathrow and take him to Croydon for the event. Brian loved every minute of the two hour nonstop conversation – that was Brian!

In addition to his involvement in the ETTA, in Berkshire and with Kingfisher, Brian was also one of the leaders of the Vets Society serving on their Management Committee for many years. He was the editor of the Vets magazine and in that capacity produced more than 100 issues.

Brian's passion for the sport took him to many major championships, not just in the UK but throughout the world. In order to help the British presence within the ITTF, he attended the AGM's of the Federation as the representative for Guernsey as the Channel Island did not have one of their own members at the time to take on the role.

Brian was also very interested in coaching and liked working with individual players. His biggest success was



BRIAN AND HIS WIFE, CHRISTINE HALLIDAY, AT THE ENGLISH CONTEINGENT 2007 - photo by Robert Palgon

with the current English Junior champion, Maria Tsaptsinos, whom Brian helped from a near beginner up to her current standard. Brian spent many many hours working with Maria and helped her not just with her technical game, but also with the mental aspects of being a top player.

Although Brian was a tremendous team player in his work within the Management Committee of the association, he was never frightened to speak his mind and made many useful contributions, including in his later role as National Councillor for Berkshire and then for the Isle of Wight at the ETTA National Council meetings, the AGM and other similar gatherings. If he felt something was wrong, he would never fear to say so but always with the interest of the sport very much in mind.

In addition to table tennis, Brian had a terrific passion for the football team that he supported, Wimbledon, who did remarkably well in the "Crazy Gang" days when they produced some incredible performances for such a small club. They reached the 1st Division (the Premier League of that time) of the Football League and beat Liverpool 1 – 0 in the FA final in 1988. Brian was irate when Wimbledon was taken over and moved to Milton Keynes, but continued his loyalty to football in the Wimbledon area and was a great supporter of the club that rose from the ashes and more recently formed AFC Wimbledon whom he used to watch on a regular basis.

Brian was also a great music lover and liked everything from country and western to opera.

Brian was strongly supported by his wife, Christine, who accompanied him to table tennis functions both in this country and abroad. Brian also had a daughter, Cathy, with two grandchildren. Brian's son, Paul, who also played table tennis, has passed away.

Brian was honoured by the English Table Tennis Association with a Vice Presidency in the year 2000. He was also honoured by the VETTS and was made one of their Life Members in 2003 and was awarded the Mike Watts Memorial Trophy for his services to the VETTS Society in 2010.

# THE READING CLOSED

by Wendy Porter

**T**his year the senior half of the Reading Closed tournament was held on the weekend of 14th-15th February, at Kingfisher club.

Once again, Daniel Moses managed to regain the Mens Singles title - after an exciting final with Sam Ricks.

On Saturday, we ran the 60+, senior veterans, veterans and men's doubles. The ladies doubles did not run due to lack of female entries. As only 2 ladies entered, myself and Ania Pytka, the mixed doubles were straight to the final and played on Sunday.

On Sunday we ran the divisional championships in groups, the men's singles and staged finals of mixed doubles, men's doubles, ladies singles and men's singles.

Throughout the weekend, we saw a lot of persistent play from the more experienced players. So much energy and stamina (wish I had it myself!)

The performer of the weekend had to be Melvyn Lovegrove, who played out of his skin throughout the weekend. Beating players ranked higher than him, and pushing division 1 players, Melvyn won both the 60+ and Division 4 titles.

Wally Allanson also had a good result in the men's singles, beating Steve Miller, before losing to Joe Barraclough in a hard fought 5 games.



YEQIN (PHILIP)  
ZENGL



FATHER AND SON DOUBLES PAIR:  
IAN AND SIAD COLE

Yeqin (Philip) Zeng, comfortably beat Sam Ricks to take the title of the Division 1 restricted. He also had a very good win against Daniel McTiernan in the quarter final of the Men's Singles, before Sam got his revenge in the semi finals.

Sam then faced Daniel Moses in the Final, and took the first game, before Daniel came back to win the next 3.

It was a good tournament and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves.

**WELL PLAYED EVERYONE.**

Thank you to Sam Ricks for your help in setting up and clearing away, and to Didier for taking the photos and videos.

**THE WINNERS**

Men's Singles	Winner	Daniel Moses	Runner up: Sam Ricks
Ladies Singles	Winner	Wendy Porter	Runner up: Ania Pytka
Veterans Singles	Winner	Ian Cole	Runner up: Trevor Organ
Mixed Doubles	Winners	Daniel Moses & Wendy Porter	
	Runners up	Luca Bianchi and Ania Pytka	
Men's Doubles	Winners	Daniel Moses and Daniel McTiernan	
	Runners up	Danny and Sam Ricks	
Senior Vets Singles	Winner	Trevor Organ	Runner up: Colin Dyke
Over 60s Singles	Winner	Melvyn Lovegrove	Runner up: Paul Treadgold
Div 1	Winner	Yeqin Zeng	Runner up: Sam Ricks
Div 2	Winner	D Milovanovic	Runner up: Siad Cole
Div 3	Winner	Krys Szczygiel	Runner up: Paul Treadgold
Div 4	Winner	Melvyn Lovegrove	Runner up: Giuliano Ghidini
Div 5	Winner	Jazz Dhillon	Runner up: John Evans



MEN'S DOUBLES FINAL: DANIEL MOSES, DANIEL McTIERNAN, SAM RICKS & DANNY RICKS - WITH UMPIRE LUCA BIANCHI

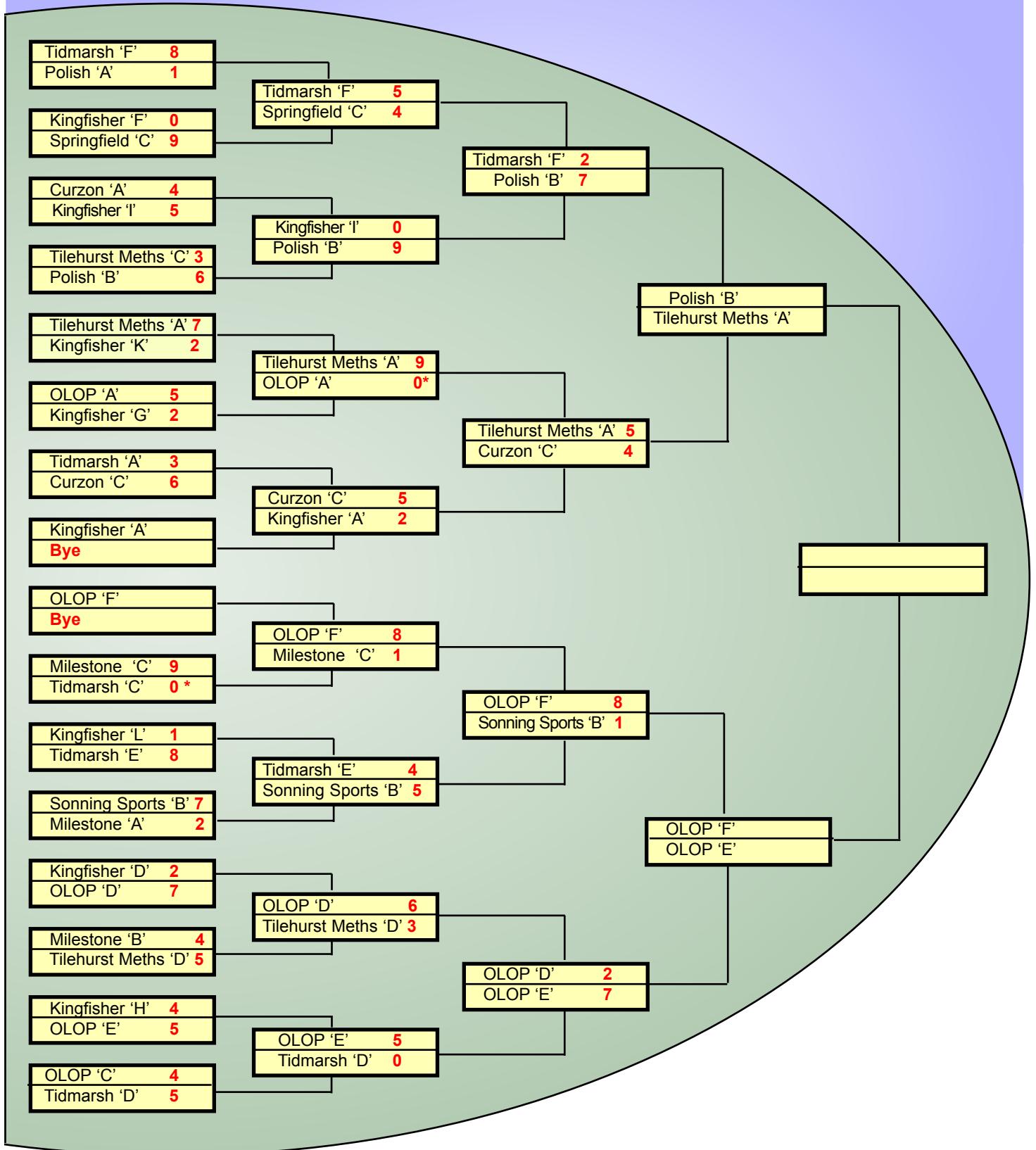
# Team Handicap Competition 2014-15

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 comencing:

30 March

8 April



\* Conceded



# DIVISION ONE *by Nigel Maltby*

Well that's my betting slip torn up and tossed in the bin! Just ignore everything I predict. I didn't really have a clue who would win Division 1. **Our Lady of Peace 'A'** and **Kingfisher 'A'** are two fine teams and matches between the two will always depend on who hits top form on the night. As it was, it was Our Lady of Peace who triumphed over their biggest rivals in a match brought forward to early January. However, nothing has been won yet! Our Lady of Peace must keep on winning right to the end and Kingfisher 'A', and even Kingfisher 'B', are still poised to accept any slip ups.

At the bottom end of the table it's still very close. YMCA and Kingfisher 'C' look to have enough points in the bag now and are clear of any relegation worries, especially YMCA where a top half finish now beckons! At the time of writing just 3 points separate the bottom five teams so two of Our Lady of Peace 'B', Wokingham 'A', SC&P 'A', Tidmarsh 'B' and SC&P 'B' will have to face up to the drop in the next few weeks with some key matches coming up.

**Our Lady of Peace 'A'** ended 2014 with a resounding 10 – 0 victory at 4th placed Tidmarsh 'A', Danny Moses, Daniel McTiernan and Trung Tran all getting hard fought trebles. This result against a strong Tidmarsh team just goes to show the quality of OLOP's fearsome quartet. Then came the big one early in the new year as they beat nearest rivals Kingfisher 'A' in style, 8 - 2. Daniel Moses and Daniel McTiernan both starred with hat tricks, with Daniel Moses beating Hari Gehlot 14-12 11-9 11-5 in the opening set and winning a key contest against Federico Viterbo 5-11 11-8 9-11 12-10 11-7. Daniel McTiernan also beat Federico 11-9 11-8 11-8 – a really notable scalp for the young man.



DANIELS McTIERNAN AND MOSES OF OLOP 'A'



Club Mates Our Lady of Peace 'B' were seen off like most of us have been this season 10 – 0, Trung, Krasi Ivanov and Daniel Moses with maximums. A two man team of Ian Cole and Danny Moses still managed a 7 - 3 win at Tidmarsh 'B'.

Krasi Ivanov, Daniel McTiernan and Ian Cole won a bizarre match at Kingfisher 'C'. With the home team already down to two players due to injury, Steve Murgatroyd was unable to complete his set with Ian Cole and thus had to concede that and the doubles set. With the gift of these five sets Our Lady of Peace completed a 10 - 0 win, however prior to his injury Steve did run Daniel McTiernan very close before missing out 11-13 11-9 10-12 11-6 12-14.

So well done OLOP. Win all your remaining matches from the time of writing, and you will be champions.

**Team Stats: Krasi (100%), Daniel Moses (97%), Ian Cole (93%), Daniel McTiernan (88%), Trung (83%),**

**Kingfisher 'A'** saw their title chances severely dented by that 2 – 8 defeat in the key championship showdown with Our Lady of Peace 'A'. Federico and Hari both beat Trung Tran but neither were able to cope with Daniel Moses or Daniel McTiernan. Banksi had one of his off nights, losing all three 3-straight. A few nights later however Mark's hat trick helped them to an 8 – 2 win at Sonning Common & Peppard 'A'. Sonning Common & Peppard 'B' were turned over 10 – 0, with Mark Banks, Stuart Williams and talented reserve Bernhard Schnederle all getting maximums, while Mark and Stuart again led them to success as they toppled Our Lady of Peace 'B' 9 - 1.

First place looks out of their reach and they still have work to do to guarantee second place.

**Team Stats: Federico (89%), Hari (82%), Mark (81%), Stuart (74%), Tony (72%),**



KRASI IVANOV



IAN COLE V SAM RICKS

Div 2 reserve Bernhard has also won 7 out of 9 for the team – terrific performance from the young Austrian!

**Kingfisher 'B'** started 2015 with a 10 – 0 victory at Tidmarsh 'B' to stay on the heels of the 'big two', with Martin Adams, John Barclay and Richard Rosinski all scoring trebles. Two man Kingfisher 'C' were dispatched 7 – 3, while it was a more close affair at Sonning Common & Peppard 'A', despite the same 7 – 3 winning margin. Keith Swain's five-game wins over Richard and John had kept the SC&P outfit in touch early on but Martin was in the mood for another

early night as he quickly rattled off a hat trick. A 10 – 0 success against Kingfisher 'D's fringe players followed with maximums from Martin, John and Andrew Smith. Martin and Richard were in the mood for an early night down the pub at Sonning Common & Peppard 'B'. The match

started at 7.35 and we were packing up the table at ten to nine! – Kingfisher with both points safely in their pockets having won 7 – 3 but they needed Richard's fine 11-9 4-11 5-11 11-3 11-5 win against Jeremy Willis in the opening set to send them on their way.

Still only a point behind Our Lady of Peace 'A' at the time of writing means, mathematically at least, Kingfisher 'B' are very much still in the title race. However I think they know how tough their up and coming matches with the top two will be. Only, you never know!

**Team Stats: Martin (97%), Andrew (87%), John (69%), Richard (65%)**

**Kingfisher 'D'** continue to impress. A 7 – 3 win against Tidmarsh 'A' gave



YE QIN (PHILIP) ZENG

them the edge in the battle for 4th/5th – Philip and Eduard with fine maximums that included wins over Sam Ricks and they weren't just wins either they were pretty comfortable wins. Hari Vanapusa couldn't quite chip in but still took Sam Ricks and Duncan Groves to a fifth game decider. Eduard Caliman breezed to a fine treble against YMCA as they won 7 – 3, while at Kingfisher 'B' Hari, Yaun Zhuang and Trevor Organ battled hard for no reward in a 0 – 10 defeat.

Back to full strength Philip and Eduard both got maximums as they beat Wokingham 'A' 7 – 3 and Philip and Richard Fifield teamed up with trebles as they won 8 - 2 at Tidmarsh 'B', Trevor Organ also doing well with wins over Barry Carter and Dominic Cutter. Fourth place is a realistic target and would be a notable achievement. Eduard has a



STEVE MILLER



	PL	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Kingfisher A	15	13	1	1	123	27	27
Kingfisher B	14	13	0	1	113	27	26
OLOP A	13	12	1	0	118	12	25
Kingfisher D	16	11	0	5	104	66	22
Tidmarsh A	14	9	1	4	80	60	19
YMCA	17	7	1	9	78	92	15
Kingfisher C	15	5	1	9	55	94	11
Wokingham A	12	3	2	7	51	68	8
OLOP B	14	3	1	10	38	102	7
Tidmarsh B	15	2	2	11	45	105	6
Sonning C&P A	15	2	1	12	48	102	5
Sonning C&P B	16	2	1	13	36	124	5

magnificent 94% winning average with 30 wins from 32, and Philip not far behind on 88% (36 from 41), and if they continue their policy of playing their No1 team when points are realistically available they will grab that 4th spot and a place in the Champions League!

**Team Stats: Eduard (94%), Philip (88%), Richard (67%), Trevor (29%) Yuan (23%), Hari (7%)**

**Tidmarsh 'A'** put out their strongest trio against Our Lady of Peace 'A' but still fell to a 0 -10 defeat, although the individual set scores were very close. To make matters worse they then lost 3 -7 at Kingfisher 'D' to drop down a place, Sam Ricks surprisingly beaten by both Eduard Caliman and Philip Zeng, while Duncan Groves and Tony Brown fared no better. They were back in the groove against Sonning Common & Peppard 'B' as maximums from Sam, Duncan and Tony saw them win 9 - 1, Tony winning an excellent match against Sonning's Jeremy Willis for his treble 15-17 11-1 21-10 10-12 12-10. A narrow squeak at Our Lady of Peace 'B' ended in a 6 - 4 win, Sam winning all three including an 11-7 8-11 11-5 1-11 11-7 win against Steve Miller.

Andy Barnes made a rare appearance at YMCA and they needed his hat trick to gain a 5 - 5 draw. Leading 5 - 3 Tony Brown and Duncan couldn't quite close it out for the win, losing to Dave Streak and Keith Winter respectively. The battle for 4th/5th is between themselves and Kingfisher 'D'.

**Team Stats: Andy (78%) Danny (73%), Sam (69%), Duncan (61%), Tony (50%), Lee (25%)**

**Reading YMCA** started the second half of the season much better than the first with wins over Kingfisher 'C' and Sonning Common & Peppard 'A' and they are at last clear of the relegation zone, as they should be. Keith and Neil earned doubles in a close match against SC&P 'A', but they needed Pete Bradley's narrow 11-13 11-8 5-11 11-8 11-9 win against Malcolm Gregory for their eventual 6 - 4 success. At Kingfisher 'C' it was another good all round team display that brought them both points with doubles from Keith, Peter and Neil contributing to their 7 - 3 success. An injury to Pete didn't

### LEADING AVERAGES

Player	Team	PL	W	%
Krasimir Ivanov	OLOP A	17	17	100.00%
Martin Adams	Kingfisher B	40	39	97.50%
Daniel Moses	OLOP A	30	29	96.67%
Eduard Caliman	Kingfisher D	32	30	93.75%
Ian Cole	OLOPA	14	13	92.86%
Federico Viterbo	Kingfisher A	18	16	88.89%
Daniel Mctieman	OLOP A	17	15	88.24%
Philip Zeng	Kingfisher D	41	36	87.80%
Andrew Smith	OLOP A	24	20	83.33%
Hari Gehlot	Kingfisher A	34	28	82.35%
Mark Banks	Kingfisher A	31	25	80.65%
Bernhard Schnederle	Kingfisher A	9	7	77.78%

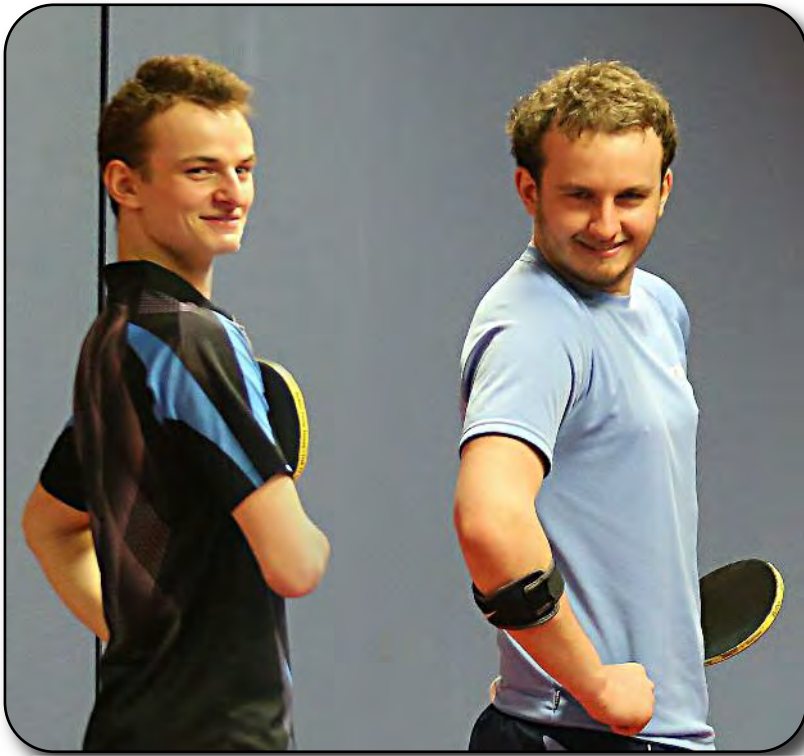
help in their match at Kingfisher 'D' but they were well beaten in the end 8 - 2.

Mid-table safety was signed and sealed with a 10 - 0 win over Sonning Common & Peppard 'B', Neil, Keith and Dave Streak with maximums, and Neil and Keith both got trebles as they then trounced Our Lady of Peace 'B' 9 - 1. Were YM really struggling near the foot of the table back in December? Not now! To further demonstrate their improved form they then drew 5 - 5 with Tidmarsh 'A', Neil and Keith winning twice and Dave Streak ignoring the pain of injury to defeat Tony Brown in a key set 8-11 11-9 9-11 11-9 11-7.

**Team Stats: Neil (70%), Keith (57%), Dave Streak (47%), Peter (26%), Dave Gilham (19%)**



TREVOR ORGAN



THE FABULOUS RICKS BOYS (SAM & DANNY)

**Kingfisher 'C'** lost 3 – 7 at home to YMCA in their first match of 2015. Andrew Parker performed well to beat Neil Hurford early on 11-9 11-6 9-11 11-5 but he couldn't quite get the better of Keith Winter to keep his side in with a chance of a point, Keith winning 11-7 12-10 8-11 15-17 11-9. Lisa Williams did manage a fine 3-straight win over Keith 11-9 11-5 11-4. Only Steve Murgatroyd and Andrew could make it to the match at home to Wokingham 'A', but Wokingham were also down to two. Steve and Andrew cruised to a 6 - 3 win.

Down to two fit players again as they faced Our Lady of Peace 'A', Steve was unable to complete his match with Ian Cole, or the doubles set, and they lost 10 – 0. Steve did however perform very well before losing 12-14 in the fifth to Daniel McTiernan. The team is struggling for fitness, well apart from Andrew Parker that is. They already look to have enough points in the bag to retain their Division 1 place but one or two more any time soon would be nice!

**Team Stats: Andrew (53%), Murgy (50%), Niall (33%), Lisa (33%)**

**Our Lady of Peace 'B'** were dragged back into the relegation dogfight after a 4 - 6 defeat at Sonning Common & Peppard 'B' in January. Clive Perry and Chris West battled hard for no reward although they did team up well to win a gritty defensive doubles battle against Jeremy Willis and Simon Berry 11-4 11-8 12-14 11-7. Steve Miller managed a fine hat trick with 5-game wins over both Simon and Jeremy. His comeback from two games down to beat Simon 7-11 5-11 11-6 11-8 11-6 was mighty



DANIEL McTIERNAN

impressive. A predictable 0 – 10 defeat against Our Lady of Peace 'A' followed. Good wins from Lawrence Russell and Dan West against Lee Calcutt and a double from Steve Miller so nearly brought them a point against Tidmarsh 'A' but they eventually lost 4 – 6.

Steve just held off Div 2 reserve Bernhard Schnederle 11-6 10-12 6-11 12-10 11-7 in their 9 – 1 defeat to Kingfisher 'A'. Lawrence enjoyed a good 11-9 11-9 11-9 win over Dave Gilham but that opening set win was all they had to show for the rest of the night as they slipped to a another 9 – 1 defeat, this time against YMCA. More points are still needed for them to retain their division 1 place, but I feel they will get them.

**Team Stats: Gus (67%), Steve (50%), Lawrence (33%), Clive (20%), Dan (13%), Chris (4%)**

**Wokingham 'A'** still have a number of re-arranged matches to play, though not all of these postponements were down to them by any means and with Graham Diplock now available after work commitments they will not only get things played but will surely move up the table in the coming weeks. A 2v2 match at Kingfisher 'C' saw Brian Chinneck and Daryll Griffith unable to win any of the singles against Steve Murgatroyd and Andrew Parker and although they won the doubles it was a 3 – 6 defeat. Finally a first point since October arrived courtesy of a 5 - 5 draw with Sonning Common & Peppard 'A' in a key relegation tussle. Daryll Griffith and Graham Diplock both won twice and Brian picked up a vital single.

Daryll, Graham Diplock and Brian all earned wins over Yuan Zhuang at Kingfisher 'D' but it wasn't enough for a point as Kingfisher ran out 7 – 3 winners. A key relegation match at home to Sonning Common & Peppard 'B' saw them bring out the big guns in Roddy Kay and Graham Diplock, and I think Graham Outtrim would also have played if fit. However Roddy and Graham D both got impressive maximums as they won 7 – 3, Graham just a tad fortunate to beat Simon Berry 11-8 6-11 9-11 11-4 12-10 with the final point a horrible edge! Brian battled hard despite his knee injury and he was unlucky not to beat Nigel Maltby in the

last. He and I knew he had it won but somehow he contrived to lose 12-10 in the fifth.

**Team Stats: Rod (67%), Graham O (60%), Graham D (57%), Daryl (50%), Brian (19%)**

**Tidmarsh 'B'** slipped to the bottom after the two SC&P sides picked up points early in the new year and they were beaten 0 – 10 by Kingfisher B – "Outclassed" as Barry said. Tony, Dominic and Barry did however run Richard Rosinski very close and Tony only just lost in the fifth to John Barclay 11-5 8-11 6-11 11-6 7-11. A 3 - 7 defeat at home to a two man Our Lady of Peace 'A'

side will have been disappointing, while Tony Baker won twice in their 7 – 3 defeat against Kingfisher 'C'.

Tidmarsh lifted themselves off the foot of the table after several weeks propping up the rest after they won 7 – 3 at a two man Sonning Common & Peppard 'A' side, Tony winning two and Dominic beating Malcolm Gregory. Barry ran Jason Roberts very close before losing 11-9 in the fifth. An entertaining 9-11 11-9 18-16 6-11 11-9 doubles win and a last ditch Tony Baker single was all they had to show from a 2 – 8 defeat at home to Kingfisher 'D'. Key matches v SC&P 'B' (twice) and Wokingham 'A' are to come. Victories in 2 or 3 of these and they will be very hard to catch.

**Team Stats: Tony (38%), Andy (33%), Dominic (16%), Barry (11%),**

**Sonning Common & Peppard 'A'** moved out of the bottom two for the first time this season with an 8 – 2 victory against SC&P 'B'. It looked dodgy for them early on. Had Jason not dug out a 12-10 fifth game victory against Brian Meheux they would have found themselves 0 - 3 down, however from 1 - 2 they eventually ran out 8 – 2 winners thanks to a hat trick from Jason and two apiece for Keith and Malcolm. Post Christmas has been tough, although Jason has maintained his recent good form. Jason beat Stuart Williams and Keith beat Tony Reynolds in their 2 – 8 defeat against Kingfisher 'A'. Jason then hit a fine maximum at YMCA, but with only Keith's single in support they slipped to a narrow 4 – 6 defeat.

Keith's excellent wins over John Barclay and Richard Rosinski and a win by Jason against John were all they had to show from a 7 – 3 defeat at home to Kingfisher 'B'. A 5 - 5 draw at Wokingham 'A' brought a welcome point, Keith Swain winning a crucial contest with Graham Diplock 7-11 11-8 11-8 9-11 11-9 to put them 5 - 4 ahead after trailing 0 - 3 and 2 - 4. An out of sorts Malcolm couldn't quite make it two points in the last set. Having only two players available for a key relegation tussle with Tidmarsh 'B' may well have cost them. Jason picked up two wins and Malcolm one as they lost 3 – 7.

**Team Stats: Keith (44%), Jason (49%), Malcolm (15%)**

**Sonning Common & Peppard 'B'**'s bid for survival was floundering with the lack of appearances from Simon Berry. Brian Meheux, Nigel Maltby and Jeremy Willis battled hard in their key match with SC&P 'A' just before Christmas, Nigel earning a fine 7-11 12-10 11-7 11-4 win against a travel/work weary Keith Swain and Jeremy beating Malcolm Gregory 8-11 14-16 11-7 11-4 11-5 to put them 2 - 1 ahead, but they couldn't hold on and eventually lost 8 - 2. As a result we were bottom at Christmas which in football Premiership terms means almost certain relegation, however the new year bought instant success as they defeated Our Lady of Peace 'B' 6 - 4, a result that not only saw them



HARI VENNAPUSA

off the bottom, but out of the relegation zone. Simon (Hurrah!), Jeremy and Brian all earning hard fought wins over both Clive Perry and Chris West.

A great doubles win by Nigel & Brian against Sam Ricks and Duncan Groves was all they had to show from their trip to Tidmarsh 'A', N & B winning 5-11 11-9 11-9 11-9. Jeremy ran Tony Brown very close but they lost 1 – 9. At home to a Kingfisher 'A' team without their top two (Hari & Federico) and with a Div 2 reserve could have been an opportunity, but any hopes were quickly dashed as Div 2's Bernhard Schnederle turned out to be just as much of a star as Mark Banks and Stuart Williams – 10 - 0 to Kingfisher! A 10 - 0 defeat at YMCA was harsh as Nigel, Brian and Jeremy made the opposition trio work hard for every win. A 7 - 3 defeat to a two man Kingfisher 'B' side was followed by a 7 –

3 loss at relegation rivals Wokingham 'A', Nigel, Simon and Jeremy all managing wins against Brian Chinneck, but finding Roddy Kay and Graham Diplock just too hot to handle.

Relegation seemingly beckons, but the next two matches, both against Tidmarsh 'B' could yet swing things in our favour.

**Team Stats: Simon (56%), Jez (20%), Nigel (16%), Brian (9%)**

So that's it for another newsletter. The next time you read this drivel the season will be over and the gongs handed out. The Championship will go to Our Lady of Peace 'A', Kingfisher 'A' or Kingfisher 'B' while the two relegation places will I feel be filled by two from Tidmarsh 'B', SC&P 'B' and SC&P 'A'. Can't wait to see how it pans out!



DANIEL MOSES UNDER PRESSURE

# DIVISION TWO *by Barry Carter*

As we approach the home straight it looks good for both Curzon Club 'A' and Kingfisher 'E' as they have a four point lead over third placed OLOP 'C' who are coming up on the rails with seven wins in a row; the crucial match could well be in the penultimate week as OLOP host Kingfisher 'E'. At the bottom it is nearly the end for Kingfisher 'G' and Springfield 'A' as they find themselves six and eight points adrift from safety with only ten points to play for. It has been a competitive division in which every team has won at least one fixture and every regular player has won a set.

**Kingfisher 'E'** lead the way on goal difference despite losing both matches against Curzon Club 'A'. They started 2015 with four straight victories but in the last two weeks they have suffered defeats, one to their championship rivals, Curzon Club 'A' where they were narrowly defeated 4 - 6 and the other to ninth placed, Wokingham 'B' where they surprisingly lost 3 - 7. In the match against Milestone 'A', Bernhard Schnederle inflicted on Robin Benwell his first defeat of the season as Bernhard won 12-10, 11-7, 13-11 on the way to a 7 - 3 victory. The first match won of 2015 came against Pangbourne 'A' where thanks to 3 from Bernhard, two from Roger Woolven-Allen and a single from Geoff Civil they achieved a 7 - 3 away win. The other win was a comfortable 8 - 2 triumph over Tidmarsh 'C' as both Geoff and Bernhard won three. John Morris played well in their defeat by Curzon as he beat both John Walker and Andy Fakeerjan.

**Team Stat : Have the best home record (PL 9 W 8 D 0 L 1).**

**Player Stat : Geoff Civil's 4 maximums have come against different clubs.**

**Bernhard Schnederle has won 28 of his 42 sets by the 3 - 0 scoreline.**

**Roger Woolven-Allen's only maximum came against Sonning C & P 'C'**

**John Morris has won 9 of his 15 wins by the 3 - 0 scoreline  
Doubles : 65%**

**Curzon Club 'A'** are second but have a match in hand on the leaders and look favourites for promotion back to division one and at the first attempt. In 2015 they have won five of their six matches and look guaranteed for promotion, their only blip came against rapidly rising OLOP 'C' where they were defeated 3 - 7. The wins have been tighter than in the first half with the last three all being 6 - 4 against the three Kingfisher teams. The big win of the year so far came in the top of the table crunch match with Kingfisher 'E', Jon Willis came out on top and was man of the match with a fine treble, whilst John Walker won a crucial match with Roger



Woolven-Allen 9-11, 11-6, 7-11, 12- 10, 11-9. They won their last match by the 6 - 4 scoreline against Kingfisher 'F' as the trio of Andy Fakeerjan, John Willcocks and Jon Willis all won two in a very tight encounter.

**Team Stat : Only unbeaten away record (PL 9 W 8 D 1 L 0).**

**Player Stat : Andy Fakeerjan's 6 maximums have come against different teams.**

**John Willcocks has yet to lose two sets in an evening.**

**Jon Willis has won 22 of his 25 matches 3 - 0 or 3 - 1**

**John Walker has yet to win by the 3 - 0 scoreline  
Doubles : 81%**



MICHAEL McALLISTER OF OLOP 'C'

**Our Lady of Peace 'C'** are on the back of seven successive victories but they do need to win the four-pointer against Kingfisher 'E' and rely on the top two dropping other points to stand any chance of automatic promotion. The lads, Michael McAllister and Siad Cole have come on leaps and bounds since the turn of the year and when they added Djordje Milovanovic it turned them into serious promotion contenders but it may come a little too late for them this season. The last two wins have been by the 10 - 0 scoreline against Springfield 'A' and Kingfisher 'G'. In the first half of the season they lost 0 - 10 to Pangbourne 'A' but in the return they turned it around and won 9 - 1.

**Team Stat : Have lost once in the last nine matches.**

**Player Stat : Michael McAllister has won 35 of his 40 sets by the 3 - 0 or 3 - 1 scoreline**

**Wendy Porter has won 3 of her 4 sets by the 3 - 0 scoreline.**

**Said Cole has improved on all results gained in the first half of the season.**

**Djordie Milovanovic has yet to win by the 3 - 2 scoreline, all 17 wins have been 3 - 0 or 3 - 1**

**Doubles : 71%**



SIAD COLE

**Milestone 'A's** promotion challenge has faltered in 2015 with three wins and three losses but I think they will be pleased with fourth place if that is where they finish. The wins have come against Kingfisher 'G', Pangbourne 'A' and Springfield 'A' whilst the defeats came against Kingfisher 'E', Kingfisher 'F' and Polish 'A'. Robin Benwell has been the chief performer with an average of 95%, he has lost two matches in the last nine after going 28 unbeaten. John Tucker has found some form with seven wins in nine with braces against Polish 'A' and Springfield 'A' but he went better with his second maximum of the season in the 9 - 1 win over Pangbourne 'A'. Hugh Crosfield has also achieved increasingly better returns after he lost all three in the defeat to Kingfisher 'F': he won one against Polish, then two against Pangbourne and topped it with a maximum against Springfield 'A'. John Crosfield's best performance of the season came as he returned his first maximum, defeating Eric Holmes 11-4, 11-2, 11-7 then Steve Woolnough 11-6, 8-11, 11-5, 8-11, 11-9 and finally Mick Mitcham 11-9, 12-10, 6-11, 9-11, 11-9 as Milestone 'A' won 8 - 2.

**Team Stat : Have won the most matches by the 8 - 2 scoreline, on 4 occasions.**

**Player Stat : Hugh Crosfield has won only 1 of his 9 five-gamers.**

**Robin Benwell has won all 5 of his five-gamers. John Tucker has identical records for winning 3 - 0 (11), 3 - 1 (8), 3 - 2 (4) and 0 - 3 (11), 1 - 3 (8) and 2 - 3 (4).**

**John Crosfield has won four of his five sets by the 3 - 1 scoreline.**

**Doubles : 65%**

**Tidmarsh 'C'** have been inconsistent since the turn of the year and will be disappointed with the position they find themselves in. In 2015 they have won three, drawn one and lost two. The three wins came against Sonning C & P 'C', Kingfisher 'G' and Kingfisher 'F' whilst they lost to the leaders and Polish 'A'. Mike Aistrop started the year with two successive doubles in the wins over Sonning & Kingfisher 'G' but since then has struggled a bit for form. John Golding won two in the narrow 4 - 6 defeat to Polish 'A' where he had success over Darek and Jacek. Dave Wise has only played in two matches during 2015 and gone home with 50% as he won two in the match against Kingfisher 'F' and a single against Polish 'A'. Chris Webb enjoyed success over Dave Duncan 11-5, 11-5, 6-11, 11-9 in the 7 - 3 victory over Kingfisher 'G' whilst Francois Durand had wins over Danny Dockree and Joe Barraclough in the 7 - 3 win over Sonning.

**Team Stat : Won their first three doubles, then lost the next ten and have now won four in a row.**

**Player Stat : Mike Aistrop has won 7 out of 11 of his five-gamers.**

**Chris Webb has won 4 of his 5 sets by the 3 - 2 scoreline.**

**John Golding has won 19 of his 24 sets by the 3 - 0 scoreline.**

**Dave Wise has won 50% of his sets by the 3 - 1 scoreline.**

**Francois Durand has won six of his seven matches by the 3 - 0 or 3 - 1 scoreline.**

**Doubles : 41%**

**Kingfisher 'F'** are another team who have been inconsistent and potentially should be challenging for promotion with the squad they have. They have won four and lost two of their matches in 2015, the most impressive win was the 10 - 0 trouncing of promotion hopefuls Milestone 'A'. The other wins have come against Springfield 'A', Wokingham 'B' and Sonning C & P 'C'. The defeats were against Tidmarsh 'C' where they lost 3 - 7 and Kingfisher 'E' where they lost 4 - 6 in a tight contest. Ivor Hardman has been the pick of the squad in 2015 with two maximums against Milestone 'A' and Wokingham 'B' and three braces. Allan Bruton has had a mixed 2015 so far with a maximum against Milestone 'A' as they won 10 - 0 and his two other braces came in the victories over Springfield 'A' and Wokingham 'B'. Peter Bennett picked up his first maximum

	PL	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Curzon Club A	17	14	2	1	118	52	30
Kingfisher E	17	14	0	3	117	53	28
OLOP C	17	12	0	5	106	64	24
Milestone A	17	10	1	6	95	75	21
Tidmarsh C	17	8	3	6	85	85	19
Kingfisher F	17	9	0	8	95	75	18
Pangbourne WMC A	17	7	4	6	86	84	18
Polish A	17	7	1	9	75	95	15
Wokingham B	17	4	4	9	78	92	12
Sonning C&P C	17	4	3	10	69	101	11
Kingfisher G	17	2	1	14	41	129	5
Springfield A	17	1	1	15	55	115	3

## LEADING AVERAGES

Player	Team	P	W	%
Bernhard Schnederle	Kingfisher E	42	40	95.24 %
Robin Benwell	Milestone A	37	35	94.59 %
Djordje Milovanovic	OLOP C	18	17	94.44 %
John Willcocks	Curzon A	44	37	84.09 %
Michael McAllister	OLOP C	51	41	80.39 %
Daniel Buckle	Wokingham B	44	34	77.27 %
John Willis	Curzon Club A	35	26	74.29 %
Andy Fakeerjan	Curzon Club A	38	28	73.68 %
Philip Burke	Springfield A	50	36	72.00 %
Ivor Hardman	Kingfisher F	39	28	71.79 %
John Morris	Kingfisher E	21	15	71.43 %
John Simmonds	Pangbourne A	45	31	68.89 %
John Golding	Tidmarsh C	35	24	68.57 %
Allan Bruton	Kingfisher F	36	23	63.89 %
Roger Woolven-Allen	Kingfisher E	33	21	63.64 %
Dave Wise	Tidmarsh C	29	18	62.07 %
Denise Weller	Pangbourne A	36	22	61.11 %

of the season also in the 10 - 0 win over Milestone 'A' and Allen Pack has won four of his six matches since the turn of the year.

**Team Stat : Have won seven of their nine matches at home.**

**Player Stat : Allan Bruton has won seven of his eight five-gamers.**

**Peter Bennett Kingfisher have won whenever he has got two or more sets.**

**Ivor Hardman has only got one duck all season.**

**Allen Pack has won four out of his five five-gamers.**

**Doubles : 59%**

**Pangbourne WMC 'A'** find themselves in seventh place but only three points from fourth. They too have suffered a bout of inconsistency in 2015 with two wins, a draw and three defeats. The wins have come against Polish 'A' (9 - 1) and Springfield 'A' (7 - 3) whilst they earned an impressive draw at home to Tidmarsh 'C' with two players. The defeats were against the sides in 1st (Kingfisher 'E' 3 - 7), 3rd (OLOP 'C' 1 - 9) and 4th (Milestone 'A' 1 - 9). John Simmonds has picked up three maximums in 2015 and they came against Polish 'A', Springfield 'A' and Tidmarsh 'C'. Simon Hopkins won his first treble of the season against Polish 'A' but apart from a single against Kingfisher 'E' he has lost the rest, albeit to two decent sides in OLOP 'C' and Milestone 'A'. Denise Weller has picked up five from the last nine with two coming in the matches against Polish 'A' and Springfield 'A' and George White is Mr Inconsistent as he had two braces and two ducks in the last four matches with the latest two coming against Tidmarsh 'C' to clinch the draw.

**Team Stat : Haven't won two successive matches since week 3.**

**Player Stat : Denise Weller - Pangbourne have yet to lose when she has got a brace or maximum.**

**John Simmonds has won 28 of his 31 matches by the 3 - 0 or 3 - 1 scoreline.**

**Simon Hopkins has won the majority of his sets by the 3 - 0 scoreline.**

**George White has the sequence of sets won 2,3,2,0,2,0,2 the only person not to have successive success.**

**Doubles : 47%**

**Polish 'A'** are currently eighth and that's where I think they will finish despite them being on the best run of the season. They have won their last four matches by the 6 - 4 scoreline against Springfield 'A', Milestone 'A', Tidmarsh 'C' and Wokingham 'B' although they did start 2015 with two defeats to OLOP 'C' (4 - 6) and Pangbourne 'A' (1 - 9). The trio of Jacek, Darek and Grant have done well in the second half, especially Jacek who has won ten out of the last twelve with two maximums against Milestone 'A' and Wokingham 'B'. Grant has played in every match so far this season but has done better against most teams second time around with the maximum against Tidmarsh 'C' the best evening so far, it helped them to one of their 6 - 4 results. Darek has also improved on the first half of the season with his best match of the half coming against Springfield 'A' where he was unlucky only to lose to Phil Burke.

**Team Stat : Have won the most matches by the 6 - 4 scoreline, on 6 occasions.**

**Player Stat : Jacek has won 21 of his 23 sets by the 3 - 0 or 3 - 1 scoreline.**

**Darek has the highest amount of 0 - 3 scorelines (22) and has won a set on all but five occasions.**

**Grant Wheatley has been involved in the most five-gamers (20) out of 51 where he has won 13 and lost 7.**

**Doubles : 18%**

**Wokingham 'B'** should be safe for another season as they find themselves seven points ahead of eleventh place Kingfisher 'G'. They had the bonus win over the leaders, Kingfisher 'E' as they shook them 7 - 3. Dan Buckle returned a maximum and he was well supported with doubles from Tony Eames and Richard Neville. The other win came against Kingfisher 'G' in a relegation four-pointer in which they ran out winners 7 - 3 thanks to another Dan Buckle maximum and two from Richard plus one from Nigel Bliss. They have suffered four defeats in 2015: 4 - 6 to both Sonning C & P 'C' and Polish 'A', a 3 - 7 against Curzon 'A' and a 2 - 8 to Kingfisher 'F'. Tony Eames' performance of the season came against the leaders Kingfisher 'E' where he won two sets against Richard Leachman 11-4, 13-11, 4-11, 11-13, 11-9 and Willis Ma 11-8, 11-13, 11-4, 9-11, 12-10 and took Roger Woolven-Allen to five before he lost 12-14 in the fifth.

**Team Stat : Over half of their matches have finished either 4 - 6, 5 - 5 or 6 - 4 (9 times)**

**Player Stat : Dan Buckle has won all eight of his five-gamers.**

**Tony Eames whenever he goes home with a brace Wokingham 'B' win.**

**Richard Neville has won only one of his nine five-gamers.**

**Aidan Killian has been involved in only one five-gamer.**

**Doubles : 44%**

**Sonning Common & Peppard 'C'** are virtually safe but

could do with another couple of points to make sure. However, with tough remaining fixtures it could go down to the wire. Sonning 'C' have only won two matches in 2015 but they were both crucial to the cause of staying up as they were against sides also trying to avoid relegation. The 6 - 4 win over Wokingham 'B' was helped by Wokingham only having two players but Matt Stone also won two and with Tim Raby picking up one plus the doubles saw them to the win. The other win was against Kingfisher 'G' as Danny Dockree scored his second maximum of the season and with both Jon Abbott and Tim scoring braces it turned out to be a great 7 - 3 win. Matt has been the lynchpin of the side and in the three games he didn't play before Christmas they picked up just one point. Matt won all three in the narrow 4 - 6 defeat to Kingfisher 'F' which included a fine 11-9, 11-3, 8-11, 7-11, 11-7 win over Ivor Hardman. Tim Raby continues to perform well and his double against Kingfisher 'G' helped them to a valuable 7 - 3 win. Danny Dockree picked up his second maximum of the season also in the 7 - 3 win over Kingfisher 'G' whilst other youngsters Joe Barraclough and Jon Abbott continue to improve on a weekly basis.

**Team Stat : Have used the joint most players (6).**

**Player Stat : Matt Stone has won half his sets by the 3 - 1 scoreline.**

**Jon Abbott has lost the most sets by the 1 - 3 scoreline (12) and whenever he gets a brace Sonning win.**

**Danny Dockree has been involved in 22 sets with the 3 - 1 and 1 - 3 scoreline.**

**Tim Raby has only won one of his 12 sets by the 3 - 0 scoreline.**

**Doubles : 41%**

**Kingfisher 'G'** are next to bottom and the trapdoor is ajar for them to fall into division three; their current form isn't great having lost all six of their matches in 2015. Eric Holmes seems to be the player of the squad; they have got close on a number of occasions having lost 3 - 7 three times and 4 - 6 once in 2015. It seems whatever combination is put out the three of them can't get enough sets to clinch a point or two. Eric won two in the 3 - 7 defeat to Sonning 'C' with wins over Tim Raby 9-11, 11-5, 11-8, 11-5 and Jon Abbott 7-11, 11-8, 11-9, 11-9. Carol Byers has won two out of nine, Mick Mitcham three out of twelve and Dave Duncan's only win came against Curzon 'A' where he beat John Walker 10-12, 13-11, 11-9, 7-11, 11-7.

**Team Stat : Have yet to win a point away (PL 9 W 0 D 0 L 9)**

**Player Stat : Eric Holmes's only maximum came at home**

**Carol Byers has yet to win a set 3 - 0**

**Steve Woolnough: two of his wins have been in five-gamers**

**Dave Duncan has yet to win by 3 - 1, his wins have been 3 - 0 and 3 - 2**

**Mike Mitcham has won three of his five sets by the 3 - 1 scoreline.**

**Doubles : 41%**

**Springfield 'A'** have continued to battle but it looks forlorn now as they realistically need to win their five remaining matches and hope that Sonning 'C' and Wokingham 'B' don't



ERIC HOLMES

win any of theirs. Phil Burke has done well and has had some great results although not as good as the first half of the season, his best results of the second half have come against Kingfisher 'F' and Polish 'A' where he achieved maximums and Pangbourne and Milestone 'A' where he won two in each. Des Hele, Seth Martin and Ian Boaden have tried hard in the matches but have just come up short in all the close encounters they have had. Seth was unlucky against George White of Pangbourne as he lost 17-15, 7-11, 11-5, 6-11, 7-11. Des also took George to five but he too lost 11-8, 3-11, 7-11, 13-11, 7-11 and there was the match against John Tucker of Milestone when the first two were 18-20, 9-11 and then the rest is history... Ian went close against Darek of Polish 'A' before he lost 6-11, 8-11, 11-9, 11-7, 6-11.

**Team Stat : Have lost either 4 - 6 or 3 - 7 on the most occasions (10).**

**Player Stat : Phil Burke has won 21 of his 36 sets 3 - 0**

**Des Hele was involved in the highest score 18-20**

**Seth Martin has won one out of four five-gamers**

**Ian Boaden has won 3 - 0, 3 - 1 and 3 - 2**

**Doubles : 35%**

Apologies for the rather brief match reporting, this is already a few days late and I am not in the good books of our esteemed newsletter editor, hopefully I will be forgiven. Enjoy the final weeks of the season, good luck to all teams especially those in with a chance of promotion to the promised land of division one. I think that's about enough from me for this newsletter. Here's to England returning with the Cricket World Cup trophy in a few weeks time.

Stop Press : Result from Tuesday night  
Curzon Club 'A' 8 Wokingham 'B' 2

# DIVISION THREE

by Derek Harrison

Hello and a belated Happy and Healthy 2015 to you all. Now we are past the half way stage it is getting very interesting at the top but more so at the bottom so team selection could be vital. Good luck to all of you.

**Tidmarsh 'D'** beat second place Kingfisher 'H' 8 – 2 with Peter Galea winning all three. Dave Reynolds jnr and Mike Willmott both won two each by beating Dave Gostelow and Willis Ma. Pete had to work hard against Colin Dyke who took him to 5 games. They then beat bottom side Tilehurst Meths 'B' 1 – 9. Peter hit his usual three straight treble. Dave jnr also won all three while Mike obtained a double. At Birch Copse they dropped an unexpected point when Steve Ricks had to pull out. Reserve Terry Hardie gained a vital single by beating Jes in set ten while earlier Dave jnr and Mike both won two each. Dave has asked me to thank Jes and his team mates for their great sportsmanship in allowing Terry Hardie to play. I have to say that is what this great game is all about so well done Jes. Sadly the team are now three matches behind because twice their hall was not available and their match against Pangbourne was called off on the 11th Feb because of illness and work commitments in the Pangbourne camp. Please can you sort out a date to play Pangbourne, Dave, a.s.a.p.

**Kingfisher 'H'** played their match in hand and beat O.L.O.P. 'D' 6 – 4. Young Colin Dyke was the star by winning all three. Against Mark Bullion he had to come back from two games behind in set ten

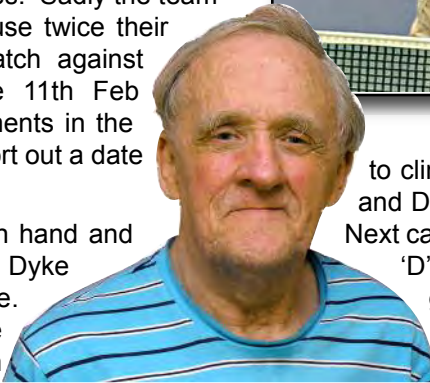


PAUL TREADGOLD

to clinch both points. Willis Ma did well to win two and Dave Gostelow picked up that important single. Next came the top of the table clash against Tidmarsh 'D' when they went down 2 – 8. Colin had two good wins, beating Dave Reynolds jnr 11-4, 11-8, 11-9 and Mike Willmott 11-7, 11-1, 11-9. Sadly Willis and Dave failed to win a set.

Away at Tilehurst Meths 'A' they gained two points in a 3 – 7 win with Colin, Willis and Rick all winning two. By beating Sonning Sports 7 – 3 they went clear into second place. Colin and Dave both hit trebles while Rick gained a single by beating Bob Snelgrove. They then won 3 – 7 at Sonning C&P with Willis on top form and gaining a hat trick. Rick did well to win two while Colin managed a single. I now quote Derek Wavell's match comment; "The one unusual moment though was in Alan's final set against Rick when a rather high ball from him actually bounced back over the net and landed about 6 inches in his own court. People try to do it as a trick quite often but I have never seen it in a genuine match. Needless to say Rick made no attempt to chase it." At home to Curzon, Dave repeated a feat from earlier in the season by winning all three but had to work hard as all three sets went to 5 games. It's that bus again Dave. Colin also won all three and Willis picked up a double in a 9 – 1 victory. (I did like the Kingfisher premises but have to say it got very cold towards the end of the evening.) They then lost 4 – 6 to their 'I' team with Willis winning two and Dave and Rick both winning one each by beating Gabor.

**Tilehurst Meths 'A'** had a difficult match at Sonning C&P 'D' and came away with a 4 – 6 win thanks to two each from Nigel Rowland, Cath Venning and Paul Treadgold. At home to Kingfisher 'H' they went down 3 – 7. Paul had two good wins by beating Rick and Willis while Nigel beat Colin.



COLIN DYKE OF KINGFISHER 'H'



Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Tidmarsh D	14	12	2	0	101	39	26
Kingfisher H	17	12	1	4	106	64	25
Tilehurst Meths A	17	12	0	5	104	66	24
Curzon B	16	10	1	5	91	69	21
Pangbourne WMC B16	7	3	6	75	85	17	
Sonning C & P D	17	6	4	7	79	91	16
Polish B	16	5	4	7	75	85	14
Birch Copse A	17	5	3	9	83	87	13
OLOP D	16	4	4	8	75	85	12
Sonning Sports A	17	4	3	10	70	100	11
Kingfisher I	16	4	1	11	59	101	9
Tilehurst Meths B	17	3	2	12	62	108	8

They had better luck at Kingfisher 'I' by winning 4 – 6 with Nigel and Cath winning two each and Paul gaining a vital single. Nigel and Cath had a great doubles win over Jean-Noel and Joaquin. I believe that is the first time that Jean-Noel has lost a doubles set. In the derby with their 'B' team they smashed them 9 – 1 with Nigel, Cath and Phil Jones all winning three. At Polish they came away with both points by winning 2 – 8 with Nigel and Phil both winning three and Cath gaining a double. Against Birch Copse Nigel was in good form by winning all three and with Phil and Paul both winning two each this gave them a 7 – 3 win.

**Curzon 'B'** made a good start to the new year by beating Sonning Sports 'A' 7 – 3 with Geoff Johnson and Nick Lean both gaining hat tricks besides teaming up to win the doubles. I have to say that Nick worked his socks off by beating Bob W and Nigel 15-13 in the 5th end. Geoff this season is playing very well and is now showing the form of yesteryear. Sadly I lost all three of mine but did manage to take two games from Nigel Goodman. At Birch Copse Mike hit a three straight maximum besides teaming up with Nick to win the doubles. Nick also gained a double by beating Mike Williams and Roy Hull. At Sonning C&P we were 2 – 1 down and then at the doubles it was 3 – 3 but then won the remaining four sets to win 3 – 7. Mike gained a good hat trick and Geoff hit a double. Nick had a fine win over Alan Mollett besides teaming up with Mike to win the doubles. At this stage they have a 100% doubles record. At home to Pangbourne 'B' we gained our revenge for a defeat first time round by winning 8 – 2. Mike and Nick were the hat trick men besides teaming up to win the doubles. In that doubles set I thought that the lads were playing up to 21 when they won 21-19, then back to normal 11-8, 11-3. Jim had a great win over Clive Taylor. Without two of our big guns we then crashed to a 9 – 1 defeat at Kingfisher 'H' with Geoff beating Willis. This ended our run of 5 wins on the bounce.

Leroy Wilson was in good form for **Pangbourne 'B'** by winning all three to enable them to gain a draw at Tilehurst Meths 'B' and Clive Taylor gave him good backing by winning two. At one stage they were 5 – 3 down. They then got back to winning form by beating Polish 'B' 6 – 4. For once Roger Stevens was the star, winning two by beating Daniel and Ziko. Clive also won two and Leroy picked up a single. At Birch Copse they went down 7 – 3 with Clive winning two and Leroy one. At Curzon they led 0 -1 after Leroy beat Jim Brent but then lost the next 8 sets before Roger also beat Jim in their 8 – 2 defeat. Next they shared the

spoils with O.L.O.P. where Clive came back to form by winning two besides teaming up with Leroy to win the doubles. Leroy and Roger both gained a single. Leroy, with regard to the two matches you have to postpone because your hall is not available, please can you sort out the one against Kingfisher 'I' promptly please? It would please me if you can play it before the season's end even if it means playing two matches in one week.

**Sonning C&P 'D'** only just lost to Tilehurst Meths 'A' 4 – 6 with Alan Mollett gaining two wins by beating Nigel and Cath. Anthony Reeve managed a single by beating Paul. Anthony and Alan had a good doubles win over Paul and Cath. At Sonning Sports they came away with a 4 – 6 victory after being 3 - 0 down. Alan, Derek and Anthony all won two each. At home to Curzon they went down 3 – 7 with Anthony winning two by beating Geoff and Nick. Derek won one by also beating Nick. At home to Kingfisher 'H' they lost 3 – 7. Alan won two by beating Colin and Rick. Derek also beat Colin but sadly for Sonning Anthony lost all three. They then won 4 – 6 at Kingfisher 'I' mainly thanks to an Alan treble. Anthony played his part by winning two and Derek hit that vital single by beating Gabor. Alan then gained his second treble in a row which helped them gain a point against Tilehurst Meths 'B'. Derek and Anthony both won one to help the cause. I have to say that I am impressed that they have used the same three players in every match, so what commitment. Very well done to all three of you.

**Polish 'B'** entertained Birch Copse 'A' and just got home 6 – 4. Daniel Dzieciol and Luca Bianchi both obtained doubles while Krys Szczygiel won that important single. Krys also teamed up with Daniel to win the doubles. Krys would like me to thank the Birch Copse lads for agreeing to play the sets out of order. At Pangbourne they lost 6 – 4 with Daniel and Luca both winning twice. Next they beat



COLIN DYKE AND KRYS SZCZYGIEL



ZIKO JERZMANSKI OF POLISH 'B'

O.L.O.P. 7 – 3 with Ziko winning all three ably backed by Daniel and Luca who won two each. Against Tilehurst Meths 'A' Luca was the only singles winner by beating Cath 10-12, 13-11, 11-8, 11-4. Luca also teamed up with Daniel to win the doubles. By beating Sonning Sports 2 – 8 they moved well clear of the bottom two teams. Krys and Ziko were the hat trick men while Daniel managed a double.

Despite a Simon Clarke hat trick **Birch Copse 'A'** lost 6 – 4 at Polish 'B'. Roy Hull won the other set by beating Krys.

At home to Curzon they were without Simon and as a result went down 4 – 6. Jes played well by winning two which included a fine win over Nick by beating him 7-11, 11-7, 14-12 (after being 4-10 down) and 11-8. Mike Williams and Roy both obtained singles. Simon then returned to the side and promptly won all three against Pangbourne and with Jes winning two and Mike gaining a single this helped towards a 7 – 3 victory. At O.L.O.P despite a Simon hat trick they went down 6 – 4. Mike won the other set by beating Alistair Richardson. At home to Tidmarsh they gained a fine draw with Simon and Roy both gaining doubles. Also Simon and Jes had a great doubles win over Dave and Mike by beating them 2-11, 7-11, 11-8, 11-3, 11-8. I have to say they could have gained both points because Simon only lost 9-11 in the 5th end against Dave and Jes lost by the same score also in the 5th end to Mike. At Tilehurst Meths 'A' where they lost 7 – 3, Simon beat Paul and Jes beat Phil. In the doubles Simon and Jes had a great win over Nigel and Cath.

**Sonning Sports 'A'** went down 7 – 3 at Curzon 'B' with Bob Woodmansee, Bob Snelgrove and Nigel Goodman all beating Derek Harrison. Yet again Nigel came up from Torquay to play. At home to Sonning C&P they went into a 3 – 0 lead, however after that they only had a doubles win

to show for their efforts. At Kingfisher Bob W and Dave Chard won one each by beating Rick Leachman. They also teamed up to win the doubles. At home to a weakened Kingfisher 'I' they strolled to a 7 – 3 victory with the two Bob's and Dave all winning two each. Bob W & Dave won the doubles and at the moment have won 6 out of 7 they have played. At Tilehurst Meths 'B' despite being 0 – 3 up (and it could have been 4 up because Bob had game point against Ian only to lose it 10-12) they lost 7 – 3. Bob W, Dave and Bob S all won one each. Sadly for Bob and Dave they lost the doubles. They then had another bad night at home to Polish when they went down 2 – 8. Bob W won the only singles set by beating Daniel in the opening set however he teamed up with Dave to win the doubles.

**O.L.O.P 'D'** had a great match with Kingfisher 'H' and only went down 6 – 4. Phil Saunders, Mark Bullion and Alistair Richardson all picked up singles. And for the first time this season they won the doubles with Alistair and Mark beating Dave and Willis. At Kingfisher 'I' they also lost 6 – 4 with Phil gaining a fine double. Alistair and Mark both picked up singles. At home to a weakened Tilehurst Meths 'B' they strolled to a 9 – 1 victory with Dave Godfrey and Alistair winning all three. Phil played his part by winning two. At Polish they went down 7 – 3. Alistair played well by winning two and also teamed up with Phil to win the doubles. In their next match it took a tenth set win by Mark which gave him a double to beat Birch Copse 6 – 4. Dave also won two and Alistair won one by beating Roy Hull. At Pangbourne Alistair put in his best performance of the season by winning all three by beating Clive 13-11, 8-11, 9-11, 11-13 Roger 9-11, 5-11, 9-11 and Leroy 15-13, 4-11, 5-11, 9-11. To help them gain a draw Dave and Phil both won one each.

**Kingfisher 'I'** lifted themselves off the bottom by beating O.L.O.P 'D' 6 – 4 with Jean-Noel Thepaut gaining a three straight maximum. Nils Wedi and Joaquin Sabater both gained singles. Against Tilehurst Meths 'A' they lost 4 – 6

### LEADING AVERAGES

Player	Team	P	W	%
Peter Galea	Tidmarsh D	21	21	100.0%
Jean-Noel Thepaut	Kingfisher I	27	26	96.3%
Mick Maynard	Curzon B	30	28	93.3%
David Reynolds (Jnr)	Tidmarsh D	39	33	84.6%
Phil Jones	Tilehurst Meths A	33	26	78.8%
Colin Dyke	Kingfisher H	41	31	75.6%
Nigel Rowland	Tilehurst Meths A	36	27	75.0%
Simon Clarke	Birch Copse A	42	31	73.8%
Geoff Johnson	Curzon B	30	22	73.3%
Willis Ma	Kingfisher H	39	28	71.8%
Mike Willmott	Tidmarsh D	42	30	71.4%
Dave Godfrey	OLOP D	27	18	66.7%
Alan Mollett	Sonning C & P D	51	33	64.7%
Catherine Venning	Tilehurst Meths A	36	22	61.1%
Nick Lean	Curzon B	33	20	60.6%

despite a hat trick from Jean-Noel. Joaquin won the other set by beating Paul Treadgold. At Sonning Sports they were without their best players and went down 7 – 3 however Joaquin was in brilliant form by beating Bob W 9-11, 11-8, 5-11, 7-11 then Bob S 8-11, 8-11,13-15 and Dave 2-11, 8-11, 6-11 so well done. They then dropped two vital points when they lost to Sonning C&P 'D' 4 – 6. Gabor, Nils and Joaquin all won one each. Jean-Noel came back into the side and won all three besides teaming up with Nils to win the doubles. Nils himself won two which enabled them to beat Kingfisher 'H' 4 – 6.

**Tilehurst Meths 'B'** were 5 – 3 up against Pangbourne 'B' but had to settle for a draw. Ian Cockling won two and John Virgo and Alex Zheng both gained singles. Ian and Alex also had a nice doubles win over Leroy and Clive.

At O.L.O.P without two key players they lost 9 – 1. John won the set by beating Phil. It was nice to see Nick Barnes

back to the table but alas the side lost 1 – 9 to Tidmarsh. Alex gained the only set by beating Mike Willmott 11-8, 11-6, 11-8. Against their 'A' team they only had a John and Nick doubles win in a 9 – 1 defeat. Against Sonning Sports they quickly went 0 – 3 down but then recovered to win the remaining sets therefore winning 7 – 3. Ian, John and Nick all won two each. During this match there were 23 games that were 11-9 or over. Although they next gained a point at Sonning C&P 'D' this was not enough to move them off the bottom. Ian played well by winning two and only just lost to Alan Mollett. Ian also teamed up to win the doubles with John. John and Alex both won one each.

Finally enjoy the rest of the season.

Cheers

Derek

## ***DIVISION FOUR*** by Nigel Rowland

**C**ongratulations go to OLOP 'E' for continuing to lead the table. Since the holiday break they are no longer simply getting their own way, having lost two matches. They remain a force to be reckoned with but have lost a key player Djordje Milovanovic to a higher division. Congratulations go to Springfield 'B' and Pangbourne 'C' for ending OLOP 'E's 100% record. Pangbourne 'C', Milestone 'B' and Kingfisher 'J' are continuing to play their part in the promotion places and will have had to work hard to maintain their positions as teams below them continue to nick points off them. Kingfisher 'J' have worked hard to climb up the table and are now within striking distance of a promotion spot. Well done to John Creighton, John Upham, Melvyn Lovegrove and Derek Crombie



Tilehurst Meths 'D' are becoming isolated from the rest of the pack. At last I can say well done to Tilehurst Meths 'D' in finally securing their first point against SC&P 'E'. I can no longer say they are pointless!

In the averages Djordje Milovanovic of OLOP 'E' sits at the top of the table with 96% followed by Harry Munro also of OLOP 'E' with 93%. A special mention goes to Ray Webb of Pangbourne 'C' on playing 51 and won 45 sets. Only Mick Grantham has also played 51 sets.

In the doubles stakes Linda King and Terry Spice head the table with 70% closely followed by Mick Grantham and Ray Webb with 63%. I bet Linda and Terry would like to play all their sets as doubles!

**OLOP 'E'** Trebles from both Giuliano Ghidini and Harry Monro with a hard fought single from Chris Bunn gave them an 2 – 8 win over basement club Tilehurst Meths 'D'. Giuliano had a close five game win over Patrick O'Sullivan, and Chris Bunn a five game win over Sam Will. A brilliant treble and set ten win over Oli Lister for Giuliano saved their unbeaten record with a draw against Curzon 'C'. Singles from Chris and Jan Polnik were in support. Jan lost a close five game against Terry Spice. A double from Harry and single from Jan could not stop them losing their 100% record with a 3 – 7 loss to promotion rivals Pangbourne 'C'. Chris just lost in five to Eddy Cripps and Jan lost in five to Mick Grantham. The loss of their top player Djordje Milovanovic and the unavailability of Giuliano Ghidini is starting to have an effect on their promotion hopes. Harry scored a hard earned treble in their second 7 – 3 loss to Springfield 'B'. Jan just lost in five to Ludo Coulliard and Chris took a game off Paul Donovan. Harry got a brilliant treble with singles from Chris and Jan to win 6 – 4 against SC&P 'E' to get their promotion challenge back on track. Trebles from Harry and Giuliano gave them a hard earned



DJORDJE MILOVANOVIC

3 – 7 win over Tidmarsh 'E'. Giuliano had a hard five-game win over Dave Edwards and Chris took one game off Jon Liddle.

**Pangbourne 'C'** Trebles from Mick Grantham and Ray Webb with a single from Ted Cripps as they defeated basement club Tilehurst Meths 'D' 8 – 2. Doubles from Mick and



MELVYN LOVEGROVE CHATS WITH JAN POLNIK

Ray along with a doubles win gave them a hard fought draw at SC&P 'F'. Ted won isolated games only and Ray had a hard fought five game against Walter Allanson. In their top of the table clash a Mick treble, double from Ray and Ted single resulted in a 3 – 7 win over promotion rivals OLOP 'E' to take their 100% record. Ted recorded a good five game win over Chris Bunn and Mick a close five game win over Jan Polnik. Trebles from Mick and Ted with a double from Ray to inflict a 1 – 9 win over Curzon 'C' to continue their promotion push. Ray was the hero with a hard fought treble with support from Mick and Ted to grind out a 6 – 4 win over Springfield 'B'. Ted had two five-game wins over Paul Jenkins and Ludovic Couillard. Ray had a hard earned treble with a single from Mick but could not prevent them going down 6 – 4 to SC&P 'E'. Ray had a close five game win over Thomas Perkins and Mick just lost two sets in five. Ted had a bad day at the office with nothing to show for his efforts.

**Milestone 'B'** Doubles from Arun Rajagopal and Chris Collins with a single from Villiam Andrascik gave them a close 6 – 4 win over Tidmarsh 'E' to remain with the promotion contenders. Villiam just lost in five to Dave Smith. Arun, Chris and Villiam all scored maximums to inflict a 0 – 10 trouncing on Tilehurst Meths 'C'. This win moves them into the promotion spots. Chris had a hard five set win over Martin Wetherell and Arun two five-set wins over Chris Taylor and Masoud Ghabachi. Ian Scheidler, Arun and Chris further enhanced their promotion credentials by thumping Curzon 'C' 10 – 0. A double from Arun and single from Ian resulted in a 7 – 3 loss to promotion rivals Kingfisher 'J'. Guest Sachin Mundra managed to take a game off John Creighton. Arun, Villiam and Ian all recorded

maximums in their 10 – 0 win over Springfield 'C'. Arun had to work hard for his treble, winning in five against Aidan Simmons. A Chris double with singles from Arun and Villiam could not stop them slipping to a 4 – 6 loss to a determined SC&P 'F'. Villiam just lost in five to Angus Jones; had he won, a point would have been saved.

**Kingfisher 'J'** A hard fought treble from John Creighton with doubles from John Upham and Melvyn Lovegrove resulted in a good 8 – 2 win over Springfield 'B'. Melvyn lost a five game to Adam Sheen. Melvyn was in top form with a treble along with doubles from John C and John U as they defeated promotion hopefuls SC&P 'E'. John U had a good five game win over Mike Casserley. Man of the match Melvyn along with a treble from John U gave them a good win over Tidmarsh 'E'. Melvyn had two close five game wins over Terry Hardie and Dave Edwards. Derek Crombie had a rare outing without success. Melvyn led the way with a treble with support from John C and John U as they continued their quest for promotion defeating Tilehurst Meths 'C' 3 – 7. John C started with a treble, with doubles from Melvin and John U as they defeated promotion rivals Milestone 'B' 7 – 3. Melvyn just lost in five to Ian Schiedler. John U, Melvyn and John C cruised to a 0 – 10 win over Springfield 'C'. Melvyn had a hard five game win against John Burke.

**SC&P 'E'** A Thomas Perkins treble, a double from Joe Barraclough and the all important single from Mike Casserley gave them a close 4 - 6 win over Springfield 'C'. Thomas Perkins had to battle for his treble with two five game wins over John Burke and Colin Jones. Mike's five game win over Colin Jones won the points. Two sets from Thomas were the only sets won as their promotion challenge took a knock, losing 2 – 8 to an in-form Kingfisher 'J'. Mike lost two sets in five to both Melvyn Lovegrove and John Upham. Gerry Bacon managed to take a game off



WALTER ALLANSON

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
OLOP E	17	12	3	2	108	62	27
Pangbourne C	17	11	3	3	113	57	25
Milestone B	17	12	0	5	108	62	24
Kingfisher J	17	11	1	5	106	64	23
Sonning C&P E	17	7	5	5	84	86	19
Tidmarsh E	17	8	2	7	95	75	18
Sonning C&P F	17	8	1	8	86	84	17
Tilehurst Meths C	17	6	4	7	85	85	16
Springfield B	16	6	3	7	77	83	15
Curzon Club C	16	4	3	9	66	94	11
Springfield C	17	3	0	14	46	124	6
Tilehurst Meths D	17	0	1	16	36	134	1

John Creighton. Joe and Tomas managed singles in their 3 – 7 loss to rivals SC&P 'F'. Joe just lost in five to Angus Jones and Gerry lost in five to both Angus and Eric Walker. Doubles from Mike and Joe with a single from Gerry managed a point against basement club Tilehurst Meths 'D'. Mike had an important five game win over Sam Will. Doubles from Joe and Thomas resulted in a close 6 – 4 loss to promotion hopefuls OLOP 'E'. Mike managed a game win over Jan Polnik. A great team effort from Gerry, Thomas and Mike gave them a superb 6 – 4 win over Pangbourne 'C' to blow the promotion race wide open. Thomas and Mike had close five game wins over Mick Grantham and Gerry got the all important set ten win over Ted Cripps to seal the victory.

**Tidmarsh 'E'** A Terry Hardie treble with a single from Dave Smith could not prevent them from going down 6 – 4 to Milestone 'B'. Dave won a hard fought five gamer against Villiam Andrascik and John Liddle took a game off Chris Collins. Dave Edwards, Dave S and Terry all hit top form to defeat Springfield 'C' 10 – 0. John, Terry and Dave E all won one set apiece in their loss to promotion hopefuls Kingfisher 'J'. Both Terry and Dave E lost five gamers to Melvyn Lovegrove. A solid team performance with doubles from John Liddle, Dave E and Dave S gave them a good 7 – 3 win over SC&P 'F'. Dave S had a close five game win over Scarlett Jones. John, Terry and Dave S all hit trebles in their 0 – 10 demolition of basement club Tilehurst 'D'. John had a hard fought five game win over Patrick O'Sullivan. Dave E, Dave S and Jon all got singles in their 3 – 7 loss to OLOP 'E'. Dave just lost a five gamer to Giuliano Ghidini.

**SC&P 'F'** Angus Jones, Walter Allanson and Scarlett Jones teamed up to grind out a point against promotion contenders Pangbourne 'C'. Angus scored a brilliant five

game win over Ray Webb and Walter came so close to a win over Ray, but lost 10-12 in five. A double from Matt Tarrant and single from Eric Walker resulted in a 4 – 6 loss to Springfield 'B'. Eric just lost in five to Paul Donovan. Matt and Angus trebles plus a single from Eric gave them bragging rights in their 7 – 3 win over rivals SC&P 'E'. Eric had a good five game win over Gerry Bacon. Angus fought hard for his treble in their 7 – 3 loss to Tidmarsh 'E'. Scarlett battled away losing two four- and one five-gamers. Julian James took a game off Dave Smith. An Eric double with a single from Matt resulted in a 3 – 7 loss to Tilehurst Meths 'C'. Eric lost a five gamer to Martin Wetherell and Julian a five gamer to Masoud Ghabachi. Two each from Angus and Walter plus a single from

Scarlett along with the all important doubles win gave them a brilliant 4 – 6 win over promotion contenders Milestone 'B'. Had they converted any of their three five game losses the score-line winning margin might have been greater.

**Tilehurst Meths 'C'** A double from Richard Lownsborough and singles from Martin Wetherell and Masoud Ghabachi could not prevent them from going down 6 – 4 to Curzon 'C'. Martin lost two five gamers to Terry Spice and Linda King and Masoud just lost in five to Terry Spice. Martin, Chris and Masoud were on the wrong side of a 0 – 10 thrashing against promotion contenders Milestone 'B'. After three straight losses, two apiece from Martin, Chris and Masoud gave them a 3 – 7 win over relegation threatened Springfield 'C'. Martin had a close five



JOE BARRACLOUGH PLAYS WITH GIULIANO GHIDINI

game win over Aiden Simmonds. Richard managed a double and Martin a single as they lost to Kingfisher 'J' 3 – 7. Richard had two five game wins over John Creighton and John Upham. Masoud lost all his sets three straight. A hard fought treble from Martin with a double from Chris and single from Masoud gave them a good 3 – 7 win over SC&P 'F'. Martin grafted a five game win over Eric Walker and Masoud a five game win over Julian James. Martin and Richard managed trebles and Chris a double Chris as they defeated rivals Tilehurst Meths 'D' 9 – 1. Martin had a close five game win over Patrick O'Sullivan.

**Springfield 'B'** Adam Sheen managed a double in their 2 – 8 loss to Kingfisher 'J' with wins over John Upham and a close five game win over John Creighton. Paul Jenkins just lost out in a five gamer to John Creighton. A well earned treble from Ludovic Couillard, double from Paul Donovan and single from Paul J gave them a 6 – 4 win over SC&P 'F'. Paul had a good five game win over Eric Walker. Ludo won a hard fought treble with a double from Dan and single from Adam as they defeated basement club Tilehurst Meths 'D'. This gives them breathing space from the relegation places. Doubles from Adam, Paul and Ludo gave them a fabulous win over promotion contenders OLOP 'E'. Ludo had a close five game win over Jan Polnik. Dan and Ludo recorded wins in their close 4 – 6 loss to promotion contenders Pangbourne 'C'. Paul just lost in five to Ted Cripps.

**Curzon 'C'** A brilliant treble for Terry Spice and single from Linda King brought them a welcome win over Tilehurst Meths 'C' to give them precious points at the bottom of the division 4 ½ table! (Linda must be a Harry Potter follower). Terry had two five-game wins over Martin Wetherell and Masoud Ghabach. Linda recorded a hard five game win over Martin Wetherell but lost a five gamer to Richard Lownsborough. Oli Lister took a game off Martin Wetherell. A double from Terry and Linda along with partnering a doubles win gave them a brilliant point against table toppers OLOP 'E'. Oli just lost out in a five gamer against Jan Polnik, so close to giving them a famous win! A Linda treble along with doubles from Terry and Oli gave them a good 2 – 8 win over Springfield 'C'. Linda had a brilliant win over John Burke and Oli two close wins over Rob Attack and Aiden Simmonds. Oliver, Mike and Linda were blown away by promotion contenders Milestone 'B'. Terry managed a single in their loss to promotion hopefuls Pangbourne 'C'.

**Springfield 'C'** Despite a battling performance a John Burke double and Alan Goold single resulted in a 4 – 6 loss to SC&P 'E'. John just lost a five gamer to Thomas Perkins and Colin Jones lost two five gamers to Mike Casserley and Thomas Perkins; had they turned over any of these sets they could have come away with a point. Once again Alan, Colin and Rob Attack gave their all but walked away with pride empty handed going down 10 – 0 to Tidmarsh 'E'. Two from John Burke were the only wins in their 2 – 8 loss to Curzon 'C' putting them firmly in the perilous second relegation spot. Aidan just lost in five to Oli Lister and Rob just lost in three to Oli. A John Burke treble resulted in a 3 – 7

## DIV 4 LEADING AVERAGES

Player	Team	P	W	%
Djordje Milovanovic	OLOP E	29	28	96.55 %
Harry Munro	OLOP E	15	14	93.33 %
Ian Scheidler	Milestone B	12	11	91.67 %
Ray Webb	Pangbourne C	51	45	88.24 %
Giuliano Ghidini	OLOP E	30	26	86.67 %
Melvyn Lovegrove	Kingfisher J	42	36	85.71 %
Christopher Collins	Milestone B	39	33	84.62 %
Terry Hardie	Tidmarsh E	36	28	77.78 %
Thomas Perkins	Sonning C&P E	39	30	76.92 %
Richard Lownsborough	Tilehurst Meths C	29	21	72.41 %
Angus Jones	Sonning C&P F	30	21	70.00 %

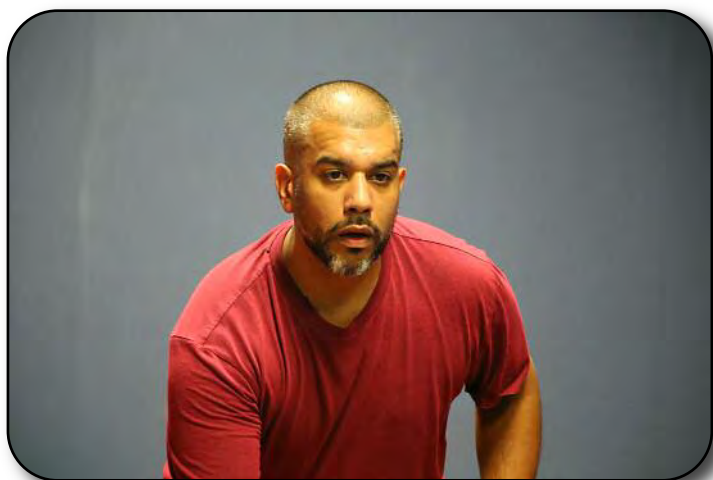
loss to Tilehurst Meths 'C'. Aidan just lost in five to Martin Wetherell. Alan, Colin and Aidan came away empty handed in their 10 – 0 loss to Milestone 'B'. Aidan almost took a set off Arun Rajagopal. John, Alan and Colin fought hard to prevent a whitewash but still went down 0 – 10 against Kingfisher 'J'. John just lost in a five gamer against Melvyn Lovegrove.

**Tilehurst Meths 'D'** There were singles from Patrick O'Sullivan and Mal Collis as they lost to table toppers OLOP 'E' 2 – 8. Patrick just lost in five to Giuliano Ghidini and Sam Will just lost in five to Chris Bunn. Patrick and Sam got good wins over Ted Cripps but still went down 8 – 2 to promotion contenders Pangbourne 'C'. Paul Cook took odd games off Ray Webb and Ted. Singles from Patrick, David Jones and Mal resulted in a 3 – 7 loss to Springfield 'B'. There were singles from Dave, Mal and Patrick as they lost 3 – 7 to relegation rivals Springfield 'D'. Patrick, Paul and Dave were unable to win a set in their 0 – 10 loss to Tidmarsh 'C'. Patrick led the way with a hard fought treble, there was an important single from Sam Will and they teamed up to win the doubles to secure their first point of the season against SC&P 'E'. Had Sam beaten Mike Casserley their first win would have been on the cards. Rookie Paul is starting to get closer to a win managing to take one game off Gerry Bacon. In their local derby Mal starred in a close five gamer, getting their only win over Chris Taylor but still went down 9 – 1 to Tilehurst Meths 'C'. Sam took a game off Richard Lownsborough and Patrick just lost in five to Martin Wetherell.

# ***DIVISION FIVE*** by *Duncan Abbott*

**B**efore I commence my report I would like to convey my sincere condolences to the family, friends and team mates of Springfield player Nigel Outhwaite, who passed away on Sunday 28th December at the age of 47 after suffering a heart attack. Nigel had been suffering from a severe form of Parkinson's disease, but having played against him just a few weeks before his death I was amazed by his strength of character, perseverance and cheerful persona in the most daunting of personal health struggles.

As we approach the final run-in, the top two teams now



JAZZ DHILLON

appear to be pulling away.

**OLOP 'F'** have won all six matches since the turn of the year. 10 - 0 wins have come against Springfield 'D' and two-player Birch Copse 'B', 9 - 1 against Sonning Sports 'B' and SC&P 'H', 8 - 2 in the crunch match with Tidmarsh 'F' and 7 - 3 against Kingfisher 'K'. Jazz Dhillon played in all fixtures and was beaten only once, captain Herbert Tang also lost just once in his five matches. Tony Alleyne scored a treble against Springfield 'D', was unbeaten against Birch Copse 'B', hit doubles against Sonning Sports 'B' and Kingfisher 'K' and a single against Tidmarsh 'F'. Mihajlo Ralic hit a treble against Springfield 'D' and a double against SC&P 'H'.

They are four points clear of **Tidmarsh 'F'** who won all their fixtures except the OLOP 'F' clash. In the opening match Kingfisher 'L' were beaten 7 - 3 with a full score from top man Simon Barter and doubles from Steve Andrews and Thereasa Watson. Next on the chopping block were Sonning Sports 'B' (9 - 1) with Simon and Steve unbeaten and captain Bob Sunerton scoring two. Other wins were against Birch Copse 'B' (6 - 4) where Steve and Mike Bundy both scored twice, and Kingfisher 'K' (8 - 2) where Thereasa starred with a treble and Steve and Simon both scored doubles. In the middle however was that 2 - 8 defeat to OLOP 'F', Simon and Bob both scoring singles.

Since Gwynne Penny was forced out of action with injury, the fortunes of **Kingfisher 'K'** have nosedived and after four matches without a win they are now effectively out of the pro-



motion race. Draws have come against Kingfisher 'L' and Sonning Sports 'B', with doubles from captain Gill Bennett and David Wells in each match. In the former Gwynne's replacement Bill Hundley scored his first win. However the individual performance of the round in Division 5 has to be David's fantastic maximum against OLOP 'F', beating both Herbert Tang and Jazz Dhillon - well done David! In the final match David's double was the team's only score in the 2 - 8 defeat.

**Kingfisher 'L'** closed the gap on their club rivals from 6 points to just one. Wins came against Springfield 'D' (6 - 4), SC&P 'H' (7 - 3) and SC&P 'G' (7 - 3). In the first Adam McTiernan hit a treble, Ruben Hernandez two and Ania Pytka one, in the second the same three players scored two apiece, and in the final one Ruben and Adam both hit maximums. Adam also hit a treble in the draw with club rivals Kingfisher 'K', and Ruben scored doubles in defeats against Tidmarsh 'F' (3 - 7) and Milestone 'D' (4 - 6). Colin Mercer played in three matches but failed to score.

Next come the two Milestone teams. **Milestone 'D'** are currently shading it in fifth place. Wins came against SC&P 'H' (9 - 1), John Evans and George Strong hitting trebles and Ian Strong a double; 8 - 2 against BBC Club, John and Ian three apiece and captain Tony Hayden a single; 6 - 4 against Springfield 'D' thanks to doubles from Ian, George and Darren Vass; and the same scoreline against Kingfisher 'L' with John scoring a treble, Tony two and Darren one. Defeats came against Birch Copse 'B' (2 - 8) with Ian and Bill Hayden scoring one apiece, and club rivals Milestone 'C' (4 - 6) despite a maximum from John.

**Milestone 'C'** have won four out of four since the last report. Vanquished teams were SC&P 'H' (8 - 2), SC&P 'G' (7 - 3), club rivals Milestone 'D' (6 - 4) and BBC Club (8 - 2). Captain Monty Berzon has really hit form with two trebles and two doubles, with the same haul coming from Sachin Mundra. Ashok Thingore hit two against SC&P 'H' and one against SC&P 'G' and BBC Club; and Vivek Pandey's only appearance was



HERBERT TANG



TONY HAYDEN

against Milestone 'D' where he hit a single.

**Birch Copse 'B'** remain in mid-table after some very mid-table performances. Two wins, two defeats and a draw since the turn of the year have set the tone for things. Wins came against Milestone (8 - 2) and Springfield 'D' (6 - 4). In the former both Duncan Abbott and Melanie Griffiths hit trebles and captain Chris Dummett a single, whilst in the latter it was a real team effort with Duncan and Elizabeth Hull winning two apiece and combining to win the doubles, and a vital win from Trevor Davis securing the points. A treble from Duncan and single from Melanie earned a second draw of the season against BBC, whilst another maximum from Duncan was not enough to prevent a 4 - 6 defeat against Tidmarsh 'F'. Only Chris and Trevor turned out against top side OLOP 'F' as yours truly was suffering a combination of illness and injury, a pity because I'm sure Jazz was looking to avenge his early season defeat against me, and based on the season's results would have been favourite to do so.

Two draws and three defeats have dropped **BBC Club** three places to eighth. Interestingly no BBC player managed a full score in these five matches. Draws have come against SC&P 'H' thanks to a brace from John Scott and singles from Dave Pearson and Jack Mitchell, whilst braces from Jack and captain Phil Peat plus another single from Dave gained the same result against Birch Copse 'B'. Jack and Dave contributed singles in the 2 - 8 defeats against SC&P 'G' and Milestone 'C', whilst in another 2 - 8 defeat against Milestone 'D', Phil and Dave contributed one win apiece. John Lancashire failed to score in the two fixtures he played in.

Next come the two teams from Sonning Common & Peppard. The higher ranked **SC&P 'G'** have managed two

wins and two losses over this period. Wins came against Springfield 'D' (6 - 4) and BBC (8 - 2). New signing Dave Aust hit trebles in both fixtures, whilst captain Peter Harman and Derek Maltby hit singles and doubles respectively. Both defeats were by a 3 - 7 scoreline against Milestone 'C' and Kingfisher 'L'. In the former Dave scored a brace and Peter a single, whilst in the latter Dave, Peter and Derek all scored one apiece. The same three players played in all four fixtures, I'm not sure whether Peter has adopted the policy of always picking his strongest team or whether no other players have been available. The team have had problems with their home venue which has accounted for three of the four postponements to date, which means that Peter's team has to play nine matches between now and the end of the season.

**SC&P 'H'** have not had the same fixture problems as their club rivals but their results have not been the best, gaining only a win and a draw in their last six matches. They defeated Sonning Sports 'B' 7 - 3 thanks to trebles from captain Phil Turton and Oliver Sayer and a single from Jamie Legg, whilst another treble from Phil and brace from Oliver earned a share of the spoils with BBC. Oliver has been a much improved

player since the turn of the year and his brace in the 3 - 7 loss against Kingfisher 'L' was particularly impressive. Marko Madzar was in superb form prior to Christmas but has sadly suffered a loss of form, winning just 2 sets out of 9 in the three fixtures he played in. John Sayer played against Milestone 'D' but failed to score.

A win and a draw was also the return from the five matches **Sonning Sports 'B'** have played in since the turn of the year.

After an extremely tough start to the year and 1 - 9 defeats against the top two teams, a crucial 7 - 3 win was gained against Springfield 'D', Cris Reynolds, Mike Gautrey and Mo Cole scoring two wins apiece. Cris went one better with a full score against Kingfisher 'K', with Mo and Meriel Low hitting

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
OLOP F	17	15	1	1	130	40	31
Tidmarsh F	16	13	1	2	108	52	27
Kingfisher K	16	10	2	4	105	55	22
Kingfisher L	17	9	1	7	92	78	19
Milestone D	16	8	0	8	89	71	16
Milestone C	14	7	1	6	64	76	15
Birch Copse B	16	5	4	7	72	88	14
BBC Club	16	5	3	8	62	97	13
Sonning C&P G	13	5	2	6	64	66	12
Sonning C&P H	16	5	1	10	61	99	11
Sonning Sports B	16	2	2	12	49	110	6
Springfield D	15	1	0	14	43	107	2



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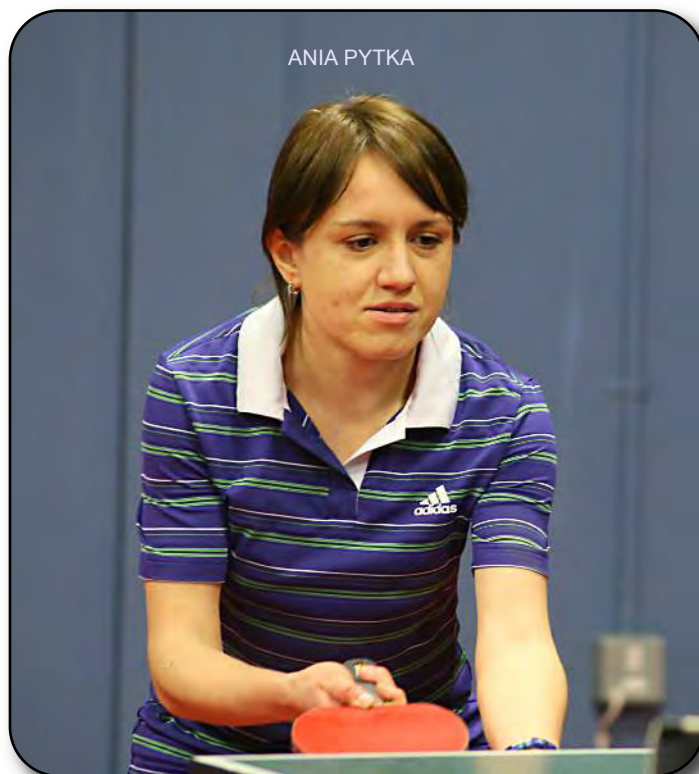


## LEADING AVERAGES

Player	Team	P	W	%
Jazz Dhillon	OLOP F	35	33	94.29 %
Herbert Tang	OLOP F	36	33	91.67 %
Gwynne Penny	Kingfisher K	24	22	91.67 %
John Evans	Milestone D	33	30	90.91 %
Duncan Abbott	Birch Copse B	38	34	89.47 %
Chris Speight	Springfield D	27	24	88.89 %
George Strong	Milestone D	18	16	88.89 %
David Wells	Kingfisher K	38	33	86.84 %
Sachin Mundra	Milestone C	21	18	85.71 %
Simon Barter	Tidmarsh F	24	20	83.33 %
John Scott	BBC Club	20	15	75.00 %

vital singles to earn a share of the spoils. Cris and captain Sue Brownhill scored one apiece in the 3 - 7 loss to SC&P 'H'.

**Springfield 'D'** were clearly hit hard by the death of Nigel Outhwaite, who played just prior to Christmas in the 4 - 6 defeat to SC&P 'G', Tom Berryman and Tim Carr both scoring braces. Into the new year and another 4 - 6 defeat to Kingfisher 'L', Chris Speight winning two and Tom one. The zero return over six matches was particularly harsh for Bob Sibun's team. Four defeats including the above two were by a 4 - 6 margin, the other two were against Milestone 'D' and Birch Copse 'B'. Chris hit trebles in both and Andrew Attack notched a single in the latter. Chris was also on form with a



maximum against Sonning Sports 'B', but as in so many other matches he lacked support from his colleagues and the team went down 3 - 7. Chris did not play against OLOP 'F' so the outcome was rather predictable.

## 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

**Group A**  
**Tidmarsh F 17**  
**Springfield C 16**  
 Curzon C 15  
 Birch Copse B 6

**Group B**  
**Springfield B 25**  
 Milestone C 14  
 Tile Meths D 10  
 Kingfisher L 3

**Group C**  
**Tidmarsh E 24**  
 OLOP F 14  
 Milestone D 12  
 Kingfisher K 6

### W/C 15 December 2014

Curzon C **5** Springfield C **4**  
 Birch Copse B **0** v Tidmarsh F **9**  
 Kingfisher L **0** v Milestone C **9**  
 Springfield B **9** Tile Meths D **0**  
 Tidmarsh E **8** OLOP F **1**  
 Milestone D **9** Kingfisher K **0**

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Springfield B **5** v Tidmarsh F **4**  
 Tidmarsh E **7** v Springfield C **2**

### Tuesday 7 April 2015

Final  
 Springfield B v Tidmarsh E

## John Cunningham Youth Division by Emma Barraclough

The ten teams returned in January and divided into two divisions of five each, based on the results from September – December. The first division has the Tigers, Spartans, Knights, Trojans and Panthers and the second Strikers, Raiders, Avengers Attackers and Jaguars. There was a little rearrangement of players to ensure everyone was playing at the right level and the league wel-

comed two new players Yonatan and Tamir Slobodskoy. We have seen some great play since the beginning of the year. In **Division One** the **Tigers** have continued to dominate with 10-0 victories against the Trojans, Knights and Panthers. **Spartans** have also turned in several good performances with good wins against the Knights and Panthers and a close fought draw against the Trojans.



WENDY PORTER, WITH LAURENCE de STE CROIX, JAMES RENNIE, LUKAS DAHMANN AND THOMAS PERKINS.

**Division Two** has seen a number of very closely fought matches with three wins for the Strikers against the Raiders, Attackers and Jaguars.

On the evening of the half term week February 20th Adam McTiernan organised the 4th Annual handicap tournament for the Youth Division held in memory of its long term organiser Alan Dines. Twenty two players took part in the evening. The tournament began with a group stage with the players playing in six groups of either four or three. The top two players in each group went on into the finals stage of the main event while the remainder went into the consolation event. The handicap system meant that there were great opportunities for players at all levels to grab some great results.

The six groups were won by **Rory Walder, Bill Hayden, Dylan Cook, Yonatan Slobodskoy, Camran Nesari and Daniel Knott**. They and the second placed players went into the final stages of the main event and all the other players went into the consolation events. In the main event the two semi-finals were between **Alex Duggan and Thomas Perkins** and **Harry Munro and Camran Nesari** with wins for Alex Duggan and Harry Munro. In the consolation event the two semi-finals were between **Joe Barraclough and Charles Yang** and **Leo Thomis and Joe Brooks** with wins for Charles Yang and Leo Thomis.

The players and the parents were then treated to two great finals played in a great spirit. The consolation final was played first and was an exciting and close game with great play by both players. It ended with a victory for **Charles Yang** 13-11, 13-11. The final in the main event was between **Harry Munro and Alex Duggan** and was an exciting match with some wonderful shots by both players. It ended in a win for **Alex Duggan** 8-

11, 11-9, 11-8. The award for sportsmanship was given to

Stefan Chessell. It was a great evening and many thanks to Adam McTiernan for organising the evening and to Wendy for all her efforts every week.

### AVERAGES (Div 1)

Player	P	W	%
Thomas Perkins	9	9	100.00 %
Harry Munro	12	12	100.00 %
Joseph Barraclough	9	9	100.00 %
Charles Yang	9	8	88.89 %
Alex Duggan	9	6	66.67 %
Leo Thomis	9	6	66.67 %
Adam Winterbottom	6	3	50.00 %
Rory Walder	6	3	50.00 %

### AVERAGES (Div 2)

Player	P	W	%
James Rennie	6	6	100.00 %
Nathan Munns	12	11	91.67 %
Chris Brant	6	5	83.33 %
Saif Maher	5	4	80.00 %
John Sampson	8	6	75.00 %
Daniel Follant	3	2	66.67 %
Joseph Brooks	9	5	55.56 %
Haasin Khan	6	3	50.00 %

### Alan Dines Memorial Handicap Competition



In the photo: **Harry Munro** - Runner Up of the Main Cup  
**Charles Yang** - Winner of the Consolation Cup  
**Alex Duggan** - Winner of the Main Cup  
**Adam McTiernan** - Organiser  
**Stefan Chessell** - Sportsman award  
**Leo Thomis** - Runner Up of the Consolation Cup

#### Div One Table

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Tigers	3	3	0	0	30	0	30
2 Spartans	3	2	1	0	20	10	20
3 Knights	4	1	1	2	15	25	15
4 Trojans	3	0	1	2	8	22	8
5 Panthers	3	0	1	2	7	23	7

#### Div Two Table

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Strikers	3	3	0	0	21	8	21
2 Raiders	3	2	0	1	17	13	17
3 Avengers	3	1	1	1	16	14	16
4 Attackers	4	0	0	4	13	26	13
5 Jaguars	3	1	1	1	12	18	12