

# BAR BILLIARDS QUARTERLY No.27 (OCT 1997)

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## THE LATEST BRITISH RANKINGS

POSITIONS			RANKING POINTS						
NOW	PROV		NOW	1995	1996	1997	1996+1997		
	98	99		only	only	only	(prov 1998)		
1	1	3	Kevin Tunstall	Oxon	251.53	87.40	108.25	55.88	164.13
2	2	5	Keith Sheard	Oxon	247.45	105.05	97.40	45.00	142.40
3	5	7	Paul Sainsbury	Berks	205.95	93.45	70.60	41.90	112.50
4	4	1	Les Green	Kent	178.15	62.60	35.50	80.05	115.55
5	7	15	Tony Walsh	Berks	153.20	64.20	69.80	19.20	89.00
6	3	16	Kevin Clark	Kent	149.70	33.30	97.50	18.90	116.40
7	8	4	Peter Farrelly	Northants	141.70	55.10	40.40	46.20	86.60
8	13	9	Jim Millward	Sussex	120.00	60.20	28.00	31.80	59.80
9	9	14	Steve Mariner	Sussex	118.15	44.80	51.55	21.80	73.35
10	6	2	Mark Sawyer	Berks	102.50	7.50	33.75	61.25	95.00
11	12	6	John Burrows	Bucks	94.75	34.35	16.90	43.50	60.40
12	14	45	Simon Tinto	Surrey	88.65	34.00	47.85	6.80	54.65
13	16	12	Steve Biggs	Northants	84.75	39.40	22.25	23.10	45.35
14	11	10	Bernie McCluskey	Berks	74.40	13.30	30.20	30.90	61.10
15	10	8	Paul Wing	Hants	70.90	6.30	30.60	34.00	64.60
16	21	25	Chris Saville	Kent	68.65	33.60	22.15	12.90	35.05
17	17	23	Dennis Atkins	Oxon	65.50	20.90	31.30	13.30	44.60
18	20	20	Max Dick	Oxon	64.60	23.80	26.00	14.80	40.80
19	24	37	Geoff Jukes	Surrey	63.50	29.90	24.85	8.75	33.60
20	19	34	Mick Lingham	Kent	62.70	21.20	31.90	9.60	41.50
21	22	11	Mark Brewster	Kent	62.25	27.80	8.50	25.95	34.45
22	15	13	Terry Oakley	Surrey	61.40	14.70	24.50	22.20	46.70
23	18	28	Tony Woolvin	Hants	59.08	16.00	31.65	11.43	43.08
24	29	18	Mark Turner	Berks	54.20	28.50	8.50	17.20	25.70
25	25	23	Jon Bamsey	Oxon	47.50	15.60	18.60	13.30	31.90
26	26	48	Geoff Pitt	Berks	43.10	13.70	23.10	6.30	29.40
27	23	40	Tony Martin	Oxon	38.60	4.20	26.30	8.10	34.40
28	27	33	Pete Lee	Oxon	38.30	11.20	17.40	9.70	27.10
29			Chris Grimmett	Kent	38.00	35.00	3.00		3.00
30	53	29	Vernon Festou	Jersey	35.30	23.50	0.40	11.40	11.80
31	31		Ian Moquet	Oxon	34.70	9.80	19.30	5.60	24.90
32			Alan Donovan	Bucks	33.40	27.40	6.00		6.00
33	64	35	Ray Hussey	Bucks	33.00	23.80	0.20	9.00	9.20
34	30	21	Ray Sturgess	Oxon	32.20	6.70	11.40	14.10	25.50
34	40	27	Phil Hawkins	Berks	32.20	14.00	6.00	12.20	18.20
36	33	42	Eric Hill	Bucks	31.28	9.50	14.50	7.28	21.78
37	28	22	Gary Johnson	Oxon	29.80	2.80	13.40	13.60	27.00
38	32	17	Pete Welch	Oxon	29.50	6.60	5.10	17.80	22.90
39	43	26	Nigel Ryall	Jersey	28.80	11.60	4.60	12.60	17.20
40	35		Mark James	Sussex	28.50	7.70	16.30	4.50	20.80

**DEADLINE DATE FOR THE NEXT B.B.Q: DEC 14th**

HEADLINES FOR THIS QUARTER:

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**PAGE 2** The first of my "AMAZING FACTS" quizzes. PLUS THE DIARY OF EVENTS.  
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POSITIONS			RANKING POINTS						
PROV				1995	1996	1997	1996+1997		
NOW	98	99	NOW	only	only	only	(prov 1998)		
1	1	1	Jan Taylor	Kent	152.25	40.00	56.65	55.60	112.25
2	2	5	Gail Woods	Surrey	150.38	53.35	67.93	29.10	97.03
3	3	7	Sue Mariner	Sussex	140.18	43.85	69.33	27.00	96.33
4	4	3	Pauline Withey	Oxon	112.50	28.60	50.70	33.20	83.90
5	5	4	Myra Hawkins	Berks	91.82	39.40	21.62	30.80	52.42
6	6	2	Penny Burch	Northants	57.27	10.05	13.17	34.05	47.22
7	7	11	Alison Norman	Surrey	54.82	23.50	19.22	12.10	31.32
8	17		Christine Toner	Hants	48.93	31.80	16.93	0.20	17.13
9	10	10	Sue Redmond	Berks	48.02	21.25	14.27	12.50	26.77
10	9	9	Sheila O'Brien	Sussex	47.75	20.75	13.55	13.45	27.00
11	12	27	Jill Josey	Berks	39.40	13.50	24.10	1.80	25.90
12	15		Jean Over	Sussex	35.95	18.25	17.70		17.70
13	8	6	Josie Hogan	Surrey	29.15	0.00	0.15	29.00	29.15
14	11	12	Denise Hoadley	Surrey	28.80	2.20	15.50	11.10	26.60
15	13	16	Diana Welburn	Kent	25.45	3.30	15.60	6.55	22.15
16	16	14	Sally Mortimer	Surrey	22.70	5.10	9.20	8.40	17.60
17	14	8	Kim Beeching	Sussex	22.00	2.20	0.10	19.70	19.80
18	20		Dani Relf	Surrey	20.23	9.30	10.93		10.93
19	18=		Janet Hawkeswood	Oxon	18.30	4.90	13.40		13.40
20	37	30	Jenny Abbott	Oxon	15.70	12.30	2.10	1.30	3.40
21	18=		Bella Stoner	Sussex	14.90	1.50	13.40		13.40
22	22	19=	Tina Murphy	Jersey	13.33	4.00	4.33	5.00	9.33
23	25=	15	Joyce Mannell	Hants	11.95	5.20	0.00	6.75	6.75
24	21	17	Josie Maughan	Jersey	11.05	1.00	4.05	6.00	10.05
25	25=	21	Sue Leach	Oxon	10.30	3.55	2.55	4.20	6.75

**DATES FOR THE REST OF THE 1997 EVENTS (and even some for 1998)**

Nov 8-9	BRITISH ISLES OPEN	De Normandie Hotel, St Helier
Nov 16	NATIONAL TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS	Post Office S & SC, Reading
Nov 23	GRAND PRIX MASTERS	Post Office S & SC, Reading
Nov 23	UNDER-22 and OVER-50 CHAMPIONSHIPS	Post Office S & SC, Reading

*Entries from people born before 1.1.47 or after 1.1.75 to Dave Barnes NOW,*

Nov 30	MIXED PAIRS	Alexandra Bowling Club, Hilsea
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*Paul Wing still awaits a few more entries. Maximum of 32, playing in a round-robin format so that every pair have at least three matches. Ring 01705-360169.*

Dec 14	ALL-ENGLAND A.G.M.	Proposals to D Barnes by Nov 8th.	TBA
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Jan 31 ('98)	OXFORDSHIRE OPEN		TBA
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Apr 26 ('98)	NORTHANTS OPEN	Diamond Centre, Irthlingborough
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**INTERNET & E-MAIL NEWS**

I cannot pretend to know what the hell I am writing about here, but Mark James asks: ARE YOU ON THE INTERNET? Are you interested in seeing BB on the net? If you wish to receive, or send, information about events (local and National), then please contact

either STEVE MARINER at [smariner@compuserve.com](mailto:smariner@compuserve.com)  
or MARK JAMES at [markmaz@compuserve.com](mailto:markmaz@compuserve.com)

Also, why not surf (?) past  
KEN HUSSEY, BAR BILLIARDS LTD at [bar-billiards@dial.pipex.com](mailto:bar-billiards@dial.pipex.com)  
or even "visit" his worldwide web: <http://www.bar-billiards.co.uk>

**JUST SPACE FOR MY FIRST AMAZING FACTS QUIZ, WINNERS HAVING THE CHANCE TO BUY ME A DRINK ANYTIME THEY LIKE. ANOTHER QUIZ IN JAN.**

All the questions involve results of ranking event matches from January 1991 to present day (i.e. lifetime of the BBQ) between the current top 14 players, + Saville & Lingham, as they were the top 16 at the time of calculating all these statistics. Marks out of 10.

- Who had never played Sheard until losing to him twice in recent weeks?
- Who had never played Green until beating him recently?
- Who has only beaten Tunstall once in nine attempts?
- Who is the only player who has beaten Tunstall more often than losing to him?
- Which four players have a higher number of wins than defeats against Sheard?
- How many times have Sheard and Farrelly clashed? Clue: a lot
- How many times have Burrows and Farrelly clashed? Clue: not many

**ANSWERS + MORE FACINATING QUESTIONS in B.B.Q. 28. YOU JUST CAN'T WAIT!**

# Fifth KENT CLASSIC

SAT/SUN SEPT 13th/14th 1997

at the SNOWDOWN WELFARE CLUB, AYLESHAM

## THE SECOND KENT MINNOWS (SATURDAY)

*(open to those outside the top 50 as at 1st JAN 97)*

PREVIOUS FINAL 1996 ALAN HOWES (KENT) beat RICHARD POWELL (KENT)

	CTY	PREV	First Round		Second Round		Third Round	
		96						
Chris Degray	Ken				180	400		
Chris Jarrett	Ken		710	1,600				
<b>MARK WOODS</b>	Ken	<b>96</b>	7,040	5,080	*16,100	13,640	4,230	6,620
*Sally Mortimer	Sur				2,430	2,880	3,730	1,680
*Ann Green	Ken		4,890	2,430	1,250	1,460		
Alan Messer	Sus		960	3,330				
<b>SIMON DEGRAY</b>	Ken	<b>88</b>	7,130	7,920	6,510	11,010	7,650	6,920
Steve Purkiss	Ken		2,350	3,230				
Tim Bourner	Ken				4,220	2,820		
Tony Lewis	Sus						1,300	3,890
Steve Minneham	Ber						2,400	450
*Anne Cope	Ken				2,350	1,840		
<b>*DENISE HOADLEY</b>	Sur				2,410	5,090	960	3,790
Alan Schubert	Ken	<b>63</b>			1,740	*12,640		
Gary Johnson	Oxf	<b>57</b>			14,600	3,480	7,720	5,380
Keith MacDonald	Cam	<b>92=</b>			1,720	4,560		
<b>ALAN HOWES</b>	Ken	<b>92=</b>			8,910	6,050	10,520	12,490
*Sue Leach	Oxf						2,760	1,070
Dicko Pembroke	Ber				2,110	1,120		
<b>*JANIE MACOY</b>	Ken				2,280	1,610	1,830	2,750
<b>*ANN KEEN</b>	Ken						2,050	5,270
Dave Snashfold	Sur				2,640	4,370	6,000	1,000
*Karen Keen	Ken				2,100	560		
*Audrey MacDonald	Cam				1,330	880		
Russell Milford	Ken				3,450	7,540	1,570	1,220
<b>*JOSIE HOGAN</b>	Sur				4,490	4,000	7,040	5,830
*Diana Welburn	Ken	<b>110=</b>			1,380	740		
Paul Trotman	Sur						1,360	740
Gary Speller	Ken				1,450	560		
<b>DAVE BEWEY</b>	Sur				2,800	4,870	6,550	7,090

BEST BREAKS DENOTED BY \* : *Mark Woods 13,500* *Alan Schubert 10,980*

**THE LAST NIGHT**

	Qtr-finals		Semi-finals		Final	
Mark Woods	1,200	1,470				
<b>SIMON DEGRAY</b>	11,890	9,900	9,570	10,120	6,230	9,030
Denise Hoadley	200	4,940				
Alan Howes	15,310	6,180	1,380	4,560		
Janie Macoy	2,400	4,400	4,000	4,560		
Ann Keen	2,310	2,090				
Josie Hogan	5,070	2,800				
<b>DAVE BEWEY</b>	3,290	8,990	5,120	4,970	810	3,080

**BEST BREAK DENOTED BY \* :** Alan Howes 13,770

The Final: Simon lost his initial 4,000 break, but Dave also fouled and, after five further visits each, Dave was 810 - 310 ahead, but then Simon made a 5,920. Dave made 2,510 at the start of the 2nd leg, but Simon made a winning 5,840 on his second visit. The game was over and the game severely degenerated, before Dave conceded.

**MINNOWS PLATE**

	First Round		Second Round		Semi-finals		Final	
C Jarrett	10,660	7,940	890	1,840				
A Messer	690	4,590						
S Purkiss	1,260	1,300						
T Bourner	5,310	12,240	3,700	5,630	130	130		
A Cope			590	1,080				
<b>A SHUBERT</b>	17,360	5,310	11,740	7,580	11,490	9,080	6,870	5,170
K MacDonald	0	1,910						
R Pembroke			2,340	1,070				
K Keen			840	3,000	1,990	760		
A MacDonald	1,470	550						
D Welburn	1,690	3,880	2,690	2,620				
<b>G SPELLER</b>			7,380	6,820	1,410	3,460	310	1,590

**BEST BREAK DENOTED BY \* :** Alan Shubert 14,880

**PRIZES LEFT**

Trophies presented by PHIL ELKIN, Secretary of the Snowdown Welfare Club

TROPHY, WINNER'S TROPHY, £100	SIMON DEGRAY (KENT)
TROPHY, RUNNER'S-UP CUP, £50	DAVE BEWEY (SURREY)
SEMI-FINALISTS, TROPHY, £20 each	JANIE MACOY (KENT) ALAN HOWES (KENT)
QUARTER-FINALISTS, TROPHY, £10 each	DENISE HOADLEY & JOSIE HOGAN (SURREY) ANN KEEN & MARK WOODS (KENT)
HIGHEST BREAK, TROPHY, £10	ALAN HOWES (KENT) 13,770
HIGHEST LADIES TOTAL, TROPHY, £10	JOSIE HOGAN (SURREY) 12,870
HIGHEST PLACED LADY, £10	JANIE MACOY (KENT)

**PLATE COMPETITION**

Winner, TROPHY and £20	ALAN SHUBERT (KENT)
Runner-up, TROPHY and £10	GARY SPELLER (KENT)
Semi-finalists, TROPHY	KAREN KEEN and TIM BOURNER (both KENT)
LUCKY PROGRAMME (BOTTLE OF WHISKEY)	679 ALAN HOWES (KENT)

**SPEED BREAK PRIZES**

Minnows Winner	GARY JOHNSON (OXFORD) 3,540
"Top 50" Winner	MARK SAWYER (BERKS) 4,500

THE FIFTH KENT CLASSIC (SUNDAY)

PREVIOUS FINALS 1993 MICK NICHOL (KENT) beat MARK WOODS (KENT)  
 1994 KEVIN CLARK (KENT) beat DENNIS ATKINS (OXFORD)  
 1995 ANDY HARCOURT (KENT) beat MAX DICK (OXFORD)  
 1996 STEVE MARINER (SUSSEX) beat MAX DICK (OXFORD)

	CTY	FR		First Round	Second Round	Third Round	
		Before	After				
Tim Bourner	Ken		0.3	120 10,150			
GARETH LLOYD	Sus	44	38	3.6	15,650 490	5,760 11,610	6,230 10,120
Alan Messer	Sus				4,330 1,180		
Geoff Jukes	Sur	21	21	0.1	6,370 10,970	7,260 3,630	
Mick Lingham	Ken	13	13	0.2		660 0	
KEITH SHEARD	Oxf	1	1	2.5	7,820 17,960	20,050 25,250	3,600 710
Chris Saville	Ken	13	13		150 0		
ALAN HOWES	Ken			5.8		600 17,810	12,760 9,790
Tony Woolvin	Han	22	22	0.7		14,560 130	
PETE LEE	Oxf			1.5		13,960 14,340	1,370 2,690
Dennis Atkins	Oxf	19	19	0.1	5,470 10,910	410 2,140	
Dicko Pembroke	Ber				2,580 470		
MARK TURNER	Ber	26	23	8.0	6,310 13,060	11,460 8,320	10,130 3,110
Steve Purkiss	Ken				3,430 710		
Tony Walsh	Ber	4	4	0.2	0 9,750		
Paul Wing	Han	23	24	0.5	19,200 9,100	1,580 7,760	
Steve Biggs	Nor	14	14	0.2	3,580 12,240	3,390 5,630	
Pete Farrelly	Nor	7	7		6,870 170		
JOHN SLEE	Sus			1.2	5,770 9,670	10,370 1,320	2,590 1,870
Mark Brewster	Ken	20	20	0.2	3,370 1,770		
KEVIN TUNSTALL	Oxf	2	2	4.2	9,260 17,560	12,680 7,960	0 20,090
Alan Shubert	Ken			0.1	580 20		
Steven Sheard	Oxf				1,270 1,790		
Alan Huntley	Oxf				3,090 3,240	130 2,360	
Les Green	Ken	8	4	1.8	15,020 20		
STEVE MARINER	Sus	8	8	1.6	1,960 13,130	w.o.	17,130 0
PAUL SAINSBURY	Ken	3	3	11.3	18,960 0	11,740 8,650	9,770 9,340
Simon Degray	Ken			0.6	0 16,250		
Ernie Jordan	Buc	36	37	0.3	8,900 12,430	0 1,820	
*Janie Macoy	Ken				450 680		
RAY STURGESS	Oxf			1.2		10,890 960	6,870 8,360
Steve Minneham	Ber				2,330 2,910	130 2,780	
*Sue Leach	Oxf				2,000 3,150		

BEST BREAKS DENOTED BY \* : Gareth Lloyd 15,550 & 10,990  
 Keith Sheard 10,460 20,050 & 25,250 Alan Howes 15,000 Tony Woolvin 13,120  
 Mark Turner 12,400 & 11,460 Paul Wing 19,200 John Slee 10,370  
 Kevin Tunstall 17,000 & 20,090 Les Green 14,540 Steve Mariner 13,130  
 Paul Sainsbury 18,960 & 11,740 Simon Degray 16,250 Ernie Jordan 12,430

CTY		300	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Before		After	First Round		Second Round		Third Round		
*Diana Welburn	Ken		0.1			9,780	290		
Keith MacDonald	Cam		0.2	3,060	7,040				
ERIC HILL	Buc	40	3.7	12,860	6,400	3,160	14,490	9,800	8,600
Pete Phillips	Oxf		1.2			4,870	11,140	4,180	5,340
*Pauline Withey	Oxf		0.2			5,070	3,700		
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*SUB MARINER	Sus		1.5	1,380	9,930	11,490	13,270	5,740	1,840
Dave Bewey	Sur			7,340	2,760				
*Josie Hogan	Sur			7,190	4,680	1,660	290		
*Sally Mortimer	Sur			1,050	1,690				
Dave Howarth	Ken					1,390	0		
Gary Johnson	Oxf		0.8	20	1,590				
MARK SAWYER	Ber	10 10	4.5	18,740	15,460	9,310	19,720	6,400	7,910
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*Ann Keen	Ken					5,210	2,240		
*Karen Keen	Ken			2,680	2,800				
*DENISE HOADLEY	Sur		1.0	570	5,570	1,480	6,870	1,410	450
Tony Lewis	Sus					2,200	730		
Dennis Hudson	Buc			1,350	1,250				
STEVE HUNTLEY	Oxf		5.5	6,250	9,740	4,170	7,540	6,370	8,150

BEST BREAKS DENOTED BY \* : Sue Mariner 10,020 & 13,130  
Mark Sawyer 13,140 & 19,720

#### THE LAST SIXTEEN

	Qtr-finals	Semi-finals	Final
Gareth Lloyd	1,350	2,830	
Alan Howes	8,830	7,810	4,820
MARK TURNER	11,400	8,580	6,550
Kevin Tunstall	850	0	8,220
			1,380
			0
PAUL SAINSBURY	10,550	10,040	7,100
Eric Hill	830	1,040	4,920
Mark Sawyer	750	14,820	10,400
Steve Huntley	14,880	1,720	3,970
			4,210
			8,180

BEST BREAKS DENOTED BY \* : Paul Sainsbury 10,550 & 10,250

#### MAX HILLIARDS "GYPSY ROVER" WILL ON THE WAY TO A MASTERS HAT-TRICK

PAUL SAINSBURY, aiming for his third successive GRAND PRIX MASTERS TITLE, has moved into second place in the list of 16 seeds who will receive the highly sought after invitations for the late November event by virtue of victory at the 5th KENT CLASSIC, staged at the Snowdown Welfare Club, Aylesham, near Canterbury.

Based solely on performances in Open tournaments, there are still two events to count in this year's series, the Mermaid Open in Portsmouth and the British Open in Jersey, but Sainsbury, constantly at the butt end of jokes for the number of miles he travels to play in "home" matches and the number of different leagues in which he has played over the years, is guaranteed a high-placing.

At No 3 in the current National Rankings, the 38-year-old is now living in Bexhill but has never played in Sussex. He started playing at 16 in his then local Tunbridge Wells league, and also turned out in Maidstone on his way to his first of 11 England caps.

When he moved to Andover, he played in that league and Redhill, but decided to

represent Reading in Area competitions. When he moved to the South Coast recently, he vowed to continue playing in (and for) Reading, and therefore has a round trip of 220 miles for a home match, although he occasionally stops at a team-mate's house and goes straight back to work the next morning, cutting his mileage to mere 140 miles.

His devotion to the game deserves the success he has achieved.

As other top-ranked players fell by the wayside regularly throughout the day, Sainsbury progressed steadily, but not without problems, to the final where he played fellow Berkshire county team player Mark Turner from Wokingham.

Sainsbury, runner-up in the Northants Open this year, won the toss, asked his opponent to take first shot, and had an early chance when Turner only opened with 1,040. But he knocked down a pin when looking good for a solid start. Turner also pinned and that gave Sainsbury the advantage of having the balls back in the optimum break position.

Despite the mobile phone belonging to one of the scorers starting to ring when he had reached 6,000, Sainsbury piled on the points to reach a 10,250 break.

After a final exchange, Sainsbury led 10,400 - 1,380 after the first leg, and then started the second with a calm 8,180 break forcing Turner to graciously concede defeat.

His semi-final with Oxford's Steve Huntley was very close until mid-way through the second leg when a late rally gave Sainsbury his place in the final. Huntley's performance moves him up from No.87 to No.59 in the rankings.

Sainsbury's first round match could have led to disaster. Chasing the eventual winner's 18,960, Simon Degray (Rochester) thundered to an impressive 16,250 in reply, causing one or two palpitations before the bar dropped to signal the end of the game.

His next opponent, reigning Over-50's champion Ernie Jordan (Watford), gave him no problem, but Ray Sturgess (Eynsham) scored 6,870 and 8,360 in the two legs, just losing out by 3,880 overall.

All-England president Eric Hill (Wycombe) did not trouble the free-flowing Sainsbury in the quarter-final.

By the time the event reached the last-16 stage, there had been many big-name exits, most notably joint No.4's Tony Walsh (Reading) and Les Green (recently-crowned All-England Champion from Rochester), beaten by Portsmouth's Paul Wing and No.8 Brighton's Steve Mariner respectively; and also No.7 Peter Farrelly (Rushden) who was beaten by his own pairs partner and Northants team-mate Steve Biggs.

Current No.1 Keith Sheard (Oxford) found the going tough after an amazing start to the day. He scored 7,820 and 17,960 against No.13 Chris Saville (Deal) and then phenomenal breaks of 20,050 and 25,250 against No.15 Mick Lingham (Rochester), but, such are the peaks and troughs of the game at this level, he then lost in the third round to up-and-coming Sussex star Gareth Lloyd, scoring only 4,310 over two legs.

Lloyd went on to lose a quarter-final with Alan Howes (Rochester), a replay of the National Under-22 final of 1994...with the same result. Howes lost his semi-final to Turner due to losing an important 5,000 break, but the day saw him move from No.92 to No.60 in the latest lists.

No.2 Kevin Tunstall (Abingdon) moved slightly closer to regaining his No.1 status by reaching the quarter-finals before losing out to Turner, but can possibly blame being more interested in the football results on his personal radio during the match for his demise.

Sheard's effort was, as expected, the highest break of the tournament. Sue Mariner (Brighton) won the prize for Highest Ladies score and shared the prize for the Best Lady with Redhill's Denise Hoadley.

The Plate Competition for First Round losers was captured by Les Green who beat Oxford's Gary Johnson in the final, with Portsmouth's Tony Woolvin and England Ladies captain Pauline Withey (Oxford) being the losing semi-finalists.

During the day prior to the main event, the Kent committee organised a "Minnows Event", a curtain raiser for players outside the top 50.

It was won by Simon Degray (Rochester) who beat London's Dave Bewey in the final. Notable achievements by Alan Howes (Rochester) and Janie Macoy (Maidstone) who reached the semi's, Redhill's Josie Hogan the Best Lady, and Alan Shubert who beat Gary Speller (both from the Medway League) in the Plate final.

## PLATE COMPETITION

	First Round (one leg)	Second Round	Third Round	Semi-finals
Tim Bourner	12,460	4,190	3,960	
Alan Messer	2,410			
Mick Lingham	11,770	4,450	4,610	940 4,590
Chris Saville	4,670			
<b>TONY WOOLVIN</b>		6,130	4,650	15,580 4,840 2,550 9,270
Dicko Pembroke		1,100	2,300	
Steve Purkiss	0			
Tony Walsh	6,800	6,760	6,250	0 9,150
Pete Farrelly	2,690			
Mark Brewster	<sup>2</sup> 12,310	1,250	4,210	
Alan Shubert	5,920	10,270	970	
Steven Sheard	860			
<b>LES GREEN</b>		1,320	12,350	<sup>2</sup> 20,170 950 18,420 5,050
Simon Degray	15,550	1,780	480	
Janie Macoy	280			
Sue Leach		6,310	5,070	2,260 5,500
Diana Welburn	960			
Keith MacDonald	12,880	6,880	510	
<b>PAULINE WITHEY</b>		2,120	<sup>2</sup> 12,300	7,890 200 3,010 1,580
Dave Bewey	3,620	220	100	
Sally Mortimer	2,300			
Dave Howarth	1,620			
<b>GARY JOHNSON</b>	5,710	<sup>1</sup> 13,350	10,420	<sup>2</sup> 21,450 0 5,430 810
Ann Keen	2,110			
Karen Keen	2,210	540	1,660	
Tony Lewis	2,840			
Dennis Hudson	3,580	5,640	700	0 6,050

## THE FINAL

Les Green <sup>2</sup>17,350 & 1,400 Gary Johnson 4,110 & 1,070

The first leg was one break each, with Les playing to the end. The 2nd leg was poor, but Les did not need to worry despite only scoring 680 with his opener, and Gary conceded half-way through after SEVEN visits.

## PRIZE LIST

TROPHY, WINNER'S TROPHY, £250	PAUL SAINSBURY (BERKS)
TROPHY, RUNNER'S-UP TROPHY, £100	MARK TURNER (BERKS)
SEMI-FINALISTS, TROPHY, £40 each	STEVE HUNTLEY (OXON) ALAN HOWES (KENT)
QUARTER-FINALISTS, TROPHY, £20 each	GARETH LLOYD (SUSSEX)
	KEVIN TUNSTALL (OXON) ERIC HILL (BUCKS) MARK SAWYER (BERKS)
HIGHEST BREAK, TROPHY, £20	KEITH SHEARD (OXON) 25,250
HIGHEST LADIES TOTAL, TROPHY, £20	SUE MARINER (SUSSEX) 24,760
HIGHEST PLACED LADY, £20 shared	Sue Mariner (Sussex) Denise Hoadley (Surrey)
PLATE COMPETITION Winner, TROPHY and £40	LES GREEN (KENT)
Runner-up, TROPHY and £20	GARY JOHNSON (OXON)
Semi-finalists, TROPHY	PAULINE WITHEY (OXON) & TONY WOOLVIN (HANTS)
SPEED BREAK Open Winner	MARK SAWYER (BERKS) 4,350
Ladies Winner	DIANA WELBURN (KENT) 2,160
LUCKY PROGRAMME No.	678 DIANA WELBURN (KENT)



**COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS 1997**

SUN SEPT 28th 1997

at the POST OFFICE 5 &amp; SC, READING

**DIVISION ONE**

Previous Winners:

1978 Bucks	1979 Kent	1980 Bucks	1981 Sussex
1982 Kent	1983 Oxford	1984 Berks	1985 Berks
1986 Bucks	1987 Bucks	1988 Bucks	1989 Berks
1990 Berks	1991 Berks	1992 Kent	1993 Berks
1994 Bucks	1995 Berks	1996 Berks	

KENT		2 BERKS		5 OXON		6 BUCKS		1
T Heaseman	5,530*	M Turner	1,600	K Sheard	4,840*	E Hill	1,150	
M Heaseman	2,890	P Hawkins	8,600*	D Atkins	7,650*	D Mahoney	4,050	
M Lingham	2,830	T Walsh	5,400*	J Bamsey	8,430*	E Jordan	2,310	
M Brewster	1,810	R Josey	6,450*	K Tunstall	9,090*	T Isard	5,570	
S Degray	2,200	B McCluskey	11,770*	P Welch	6,570*	R Hussey	1,590	
L Green	10,950*	M Sawyer	1,480	R Sturgess	10,170*	A Stevens	2,900	
A Howes	1,390	P Sainsbury	10,600*	K Godfrey	2,510	J Burrows	14,300*	
	27,600		45,900		49,260		31,870	

BREAKS: Green 10,270 Sainsbury 10,040

BREAKS: Sturgess 10,120 Burrows 14,300

SUSSEX		4 KENT		3 BERKS		3 OXON		4
C Tupper	4,680*	T Heaseman	4,070	T Walsh	2,880	K Sheard	8,910*	
M James	8,640*	M Heaseman	2,150	R Josey	7,200	D Atkins	7,220*	
S Mariner	3,510	M Lingham	9,650*	B McCluskey	10,810*	J Bamsey	5,340	
J Slee	450	M Brewster	20,410*	M Sawyer	1,080	K Tunstall	12,000*	
B Holt	7,580*	S Degray	1,920	P Sainsbury	11,230*	P Welch	2,330	
G Lloyd	2,660	L Green	11,550*	P Hawkins	0	R Sturgess	12,620*	
J Millward	10,320*	A Howes	1,180	M Turner	9,330*	K Godfrey	1,190	
	37,840		50,930		42,530		49,610	

BREAKS: Brewster 11,730 Green 11,180

BREAKS: McCluskey 10,710 Sainsbury 10,380

BUCKS		2 BERKS		5 OXON		4 SUSSEX		3
R Hussey	4,790	P Sainsbury	8,260*	K Sheard	2,360	S Mariner	7,340*	
T Isard	9,350*	M Sawyer	0	D Atkins	8,790*	J Slee	1,850	
E Jordan	450	B McCluskey	5,700*	J Bamsey	11,450*	B Holt	2,110	
A Stevens	4,510	P Hawkins	9,710*	K Tunstall	12,820*	G Lloyd	640	
J Burrows	18,950*	M Turner	0	P Welch	3,000	J Millward	9,130*	
D Mahoney	1,940	R Josey	10,070*	R Sturgess	4,450	M James	8,050*	
E Hill	3,930	T Walsh	4,630*	K Godfrey	6,350*	C Tupper	5,550	
	43,920		38,370		49,220		34,670	

BREAKS: Burrows 18,950 Josey 10,000

BREAKS: Bamsey 10,800

SUSSEX		6 BUCKS		1 KENT		0 OXON		7
B Holt	10,000*	E Jordan	2,670	M Lingham	5,300	K Sheard	10,170*	
G Lloyd	11,830*	T Isard	1,480	M Brewster	450	D Atkins	10,980*	
J Millward	680	R Hussey	16,060*	S Degray	930	J Bamsey	11,460*	
M James	5,260*	A Stevens	1,360	L Green	3,120	K Tunstall	12,320*	
C Tupper	7,670*	J Burrows	3,810	A Howes	2,410	P Welch	6,760*	
J Slee	6,420*	D Mahoney	3,590	M Heaseman	640	R Sturgess	5,390*	
S Mariner	14,700*	E Hill	580	T Heaseman	3,730	K Godfrey	8,550*	
	56,560		29,550		16,580		65,630	

BREAKS: Hussey 10,460

BREAKS: Tunstall 12,070

BUCKS		5 KENT		2 BERKS		5 SUSSEX		2
R Hussey	2,270	A Howes	3,310*	A Chaloner(res)	6,730*	B Holt	3,380	
A Stevens	8,550*	M Heaseman	200	M Sawyer	20,600*	G Lloyd	0	
J Burrows	10,050*	T Heaseman	4,140	P Sainsbury	5,480	J Millward	9,490*	
D Mahoney	15,180*	M Brewster	0	P Hawkins	6,340*	M James	580	
E Hill	10,300*	M Lingham	1,510	M Turner	9,120*	C Tupper	5,270	
T Isard	0	L Green	19,900*	G Pitt(res)	2,710	J Slee	7,580*	
E Jordan	11,490*	S Degray	1,480	T Walsh	17,950*	S Mariner	0	
	57,840		30,540		68,930		26,300	

BREAKS: Mahoney 10,090 Green 19,900

BREAKS: Sawyer 20,600 Walsh 17,950

## DIVISION TWO

Previous Winners:

1988 Surrey	1989 Northants	1990 Surrey	1991 Sussex
1992 Hants	1993 Surrey	1994 Kent	1995 Hants
1996 Sussex			

<b>NORTHANTS</b>	<b>5 CAMBS</b>	<b>2 SURREY</b>	<b>4 HANTS</b>	<b>3</b>
S Biggs 15,970*	K MacDonald 1,170	D Bewey 7,240*	T Woolvin 1,800	
J Lawman 280	E Dugan 4,490*	G Hughan 5,160	P Wing 9,600*	
P Burch 4,180*	D Franklin 3,170	G Jukes 70	B Radford 9,050*	
S Coleman 5,100	P Buckle 8,730*	S Tinto 7,530*	C Gregory 1,180	
C Lawman 6,230*	P Doherty 2,270	D Gray 1,660	C Newson 5,040*	
P Farrelly 5,920*	A Dennis 3,450	D Snashfold 5,020*	J Gubbs 4,070	
A Chambers 10,340*	N Elmer 1,120	P Trotman 7,700*	T Doswell 630	
48,020	24,400	34,380	31,370	

BREAKS: Biggs 15,550

<b>NORTHANTS</b>	<b>5 SURREY</b>	<b>2 CAMBS</b>	<b>2 HANTS</b>	<b>5</b>
C Lawman 10,930*	D Gray 2,510	P Doherty 910	C Newson 7,490*	
S Coleman 4,430	S Tinto 6,080*	P Buckle 5,750*	C Gregory 4,540	
A Chambers 10,880*	P Trotman 2,490	N Elmer 1,390	T Doswell 3,760*	
P Farrelly 11,210*	D Snashfold 830	A Dennis 5,400*	J Gubbs 4,570	
P Burch 10,190*	G Jukes 700	D Franklin 1,420	B Radford 11,970*	
J Lawman 1,190	G Hughan 8,220*	E Dugan 1,210	P Wing 13,960*	
S Biggs 9,880*	D Bewey 3,470	K MacDonald 6,830	T Woolvin 6,900*	
58,710	24,300	22,910	53,190	

BREAKS: Chambers 9,000+ Farrelly 9,700  
Burch 8,130 Biggs 9,000+

BREAKS: Wing 11,710

<b>SURREY</b>	<b>2 CAMBS</b>	<b>5 HANTS</b>	<b>3 NORTHANTS</b>	<b>4</b>
P Trotman 6,220*	N Elmer 1,310	C Newson 1,400	C Lawman 2,890*	
D Snashfold 2,290	A Dennis 3,260*	C Gregory 4,840	S Coleman 7,210*	
G Jukes 13,190*	D Franklin 0	T Doswell 6,270*	A Chambers 4,160	
G Hughan 3,030	E Dugan 5,750*	J Gubbs 1,790	P Farrelly 13,150*	
D Bewey 2,370	K MacDonald 5,080*	B Radford 7,370*	P Burch 460	
S Tinto 5,300	P Buckle 6,990*	P Wing 5,040*	J Lawman 4,270	
D Gray 670	P Doherty 10,420*	T Woolvin 4,030	S Biggs 9,410*	
33,070	32,810	30,740	41,550	

BREAKS: Doherty 9,000+

BREAKS: Farrelly 8,000+

### DIVISION ONE

	P	W	L	Aggreg	Pts
OXON	4	4	0	213,720	21
BERKS	4	3	1	195,730	18
SUSSEX	4	2	2	155,370	15
BUCKS	4	1	3	163,180	9
KENT	4	0	4	125,650	7

HIGHEST BREAK:  
MARK SAWYER 20,600

### DIVISION TWO

	P	W	L	Aggreg	Pts
NORTHANTS	3	3	0	148,280	14
HANTS	3	1	2	115,300	11
CAMBS	3	1	2	80,120	9
SURREY	3	1	2	91,750	8

HIGHEST BREAK:  
STEVE BIGGS 15,550

## AVERAGES

(# denotes National Ranking as at 27.9.97)

Pos	#	Cty	RP	W	L	Aver	Pos	#	Cty	RP	W	L	Aver		
1	J Burrows	12	Buc	17.8	3	1	11778	11	D Atkins	19	Oxf	9.2	4	0	8660
2	S Biggs	16	Nor	15.5	3	0	11753	12	S Mariner	8	Sus	4.3	2	2	8517
3	K Tunstall	2	Oxf	17.7	4	0	11558	13	A Chambers		Nor	2.2	2	1	8460
4	L Green	6	Ken	14.7	3	1	11380	14	R Sturgess	69	Oxf	4.3	3	1	8158
5	P Farrelly	7	Nor	12.4	3	0	10093	15	R Josey	92	Ber	2.1	2	1	7907
6	P Wing	26	Han	11.3	3	0	9533	16	T Walsh	6	Ber	2.4	3	1	7715
7	B Radford		Han	10.3	3	0	9463	17	M Brewster	20	Ken	0.5	1	3	7557
8	B McCluskey	18	Ber	11.3	3	0	9427	18	J Millward	9	Sus	2.3	3	1	7405
9	J Barnsey	28	Oxf	9.5	3	1	9170	19	P Buckle	68	Cam	3.1	3	0	7157
10	P Sainsbury	3	Ber	8.4	3	1	8893	20	A Chaloner	22	Ber	1.0	1	0	6730

Pos	#	Cty	RP	W	L	Aver	Pos	#	Cty	RP	W	L	Aver				
21	C	Lawman	Nor	3.1	3	0	6683	43	D	Bewey	Sur	1	2	4360			
22	K	Sheard	1	Oxf	2.2	3	1	6570	43	K	MacDonald	33	Cam	1	2	4360	
23	S	Tinto	11	Sur	1.0	2	1	6303	45	A	Stevens	Buc	0.1	1	3	4330	
24	D	Mahoney	Buc	0.3	1	3	6190	46	T	Woolvin	22	Han	1	2	4243		
25	R	Hussey	23	Buc	0.3	1	3	6178	47	E	Jordan	27	Buc	0.2	1	3	4230
26	P	Hawkins	40	Ber	2.2	3	1	6163	48	T	Isard	27	Buc	0.1	1	3	4100
27	C	Tupper	44	Sus		2	2	5793	49	J	Slee	30	Sus	2	2	4075	
28	M	Sawyer	10	Ber	0.5	1	3	5790	50	A	Dennis	Cam	1.0	2	1	4037	
29	B	Holt		Sus	0.1	2	2	5768	51	E	Hill	33	Buc	0.1	1	3	3990
30	M	James	40	Sus	2.2	3	1	5633	52	E	Dugan	Cam	1.0	2	1	3817	
31	S	Coleman		Nor		1	2	5580	53	G	Lloyd	30	Sus	0.2	1	3	3783
32	G	Hughan	32	Sur	1.1	2	1	5470	54	T	Doswell	Han	1.0	2	1	3553	
32	P	Trottman		Sur		1	2	5470	55	C	Gregory	Han	0	3	3520		
34	M	Turner	23	Ber	0.2	2	2	5013	56	J	Gubbs	Han	0	3	3477		
35	P	Burch		Nor	1.1	2	1	4943	57	D	Snashfold	Sur	1	2	2713		
36	M	Lingham	13	Ken	0.1	1	3	4823	58	G	Pitt	25	Ber	0	1	2710	
37	P	Welch	34	Oxf		2	2	4665	59	A	Howes	50	Ken	1	3	2073	
38	G	Jukes	21	Sur	0.2	1	2	4653	60	J	Lawman		Nor	0	3	1913	
39	K	Godfrey		Oxf	0.1	2	2	4650	61	S	Degray	38	Ken	0	4	1633	
40	C	Newson	36	Han	1.0	2	1	4643	62	D	Gray		Sur	0	3	1613	
41	P	Doherty		Cam	0.1	1	2	4533	63	D	Franklin		Cam	0	3	1530	
42	T	Heaseman		Ken		1	3	4368	64	M	Heaseman		Ken	0	4	1470	
									65	N	Elmer		Cam	0	3	1273	

## FOURTEEN YEAR WAIT ENDS FOR OXFORD

Oxfordshire have won the County Championship for only the second time in their history.

The team which has regularly contained some of the top players in the country over recent years have finally regained the trophy after a long, long 14-year gap.

Led by Abington's Kevin Tunstall, they beat Bucks 6-1 at the start of the tournament, and thrashed Kent 7-0 in their last match. Although they had to fight hard for narrow 4-3 victories over Berks and Sussex in between, by the time they had finished their programme, all their opposing teams had one match to play but none could possibly catch Oxford's 21pts.

It was consistent but not extravagant scoring which gave them their initial win over Bucks, for whom ex-All-England Champion John Burrows stopped the rot in the 7th leg. Burrows' 14,300 break set him on the way for the best average throughout the day, his four wins averaging 11,780.

Dennis Atkins (Didcot) was Oxford's hero as they beat Berkshire, beating Ron Josey 7,220 - 7,200 on the last ball of the game.

After further success against Sussex, it was the total annihilation of three-times champions Kent which clinched the trophy. They scored 65,630 in their seven legs with Kent finding no response.

It was Berkshire, holders for the last two years and eight times in all, who registered the biggest team score of event, 68,930, in their 5-2 win over Sussex which confirmed their runners-up position. That massive score included two of the best four breaks of the day, 20,600 by Mark Sawyer and 17,950 by Tony Walsh.

Without players of the class of Kevin Clark (who topped the averages last year), Chris Saville, Chris Grimmett, Curt Driver and Andy Harcourt, Kent struggled all day and entered the last match against Bucks one point ahead of their opponents, but with the knowledge that defeat would send them dropping into Division Two.

It was strange to see them sink to a 4-1 deficit before Les Green (Rochester) made a consolation 19,900 break.

NORTHANTS will replace Kent in the top flight next season after winning Division Two for only the second time in their history. They won all three of their matches to win the race for promotion by three clear points.

Steve Biggs was the king-pin, starting off their 5-2 victory over Cambridge with a 15,550 break, and remaining unbeaten whilst averaging 11,760. The team so dominated the high scoring in the division that five of their seven players were in the top twelve of the averages, and two of their other players, captain Chris Lawman (Desborough) and Peter Farrelly (Rushden), also won all three matches, a feat only matched by Paul Wing and

Barry Radford (Hants) and Phil Buckle (Cambs). Lawman jumps 19 places to No.86 in the rankings.

After Northants had surprised Surrey with another 5-2 result, they only needed three legs against Hampshire, who had been relegated last year. As it happened three of the first four legs went to Northants, and Biggs clinched another victory with 9,410 against Tony Woolvin.

Surrey were shocked to lose their final match 5-2 to Cambridge and finish bottom of the table for the first time.

## LADIES COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS 1997

SUN OCT 5th 1997

at the POST OFFICE S & S C, READING

### DIVISION ONE

1973 Sussex  
1977 Sussex  
1981 Kent  
1985 Oxford  
1989 Kent  
1993 Kent

Previous Winners:

1974 Kent	1975 Sussex	1976 Hants
1978 Sussex	1979 Sussex	1980 Sussex
1982 Oxford	1983 Kent	1984 Sussex
1986 Kent	1987 Oxford	1988 Sussex
1990 Berks	1991 Kent	1992 Berks
1994 Sussex	1995 Berks	1996 Surrey

### DIVISION TWO

1988 Hants  
1992 Oxford  
1996 Sussex

Previous Winners:

1989 Berks	1990 Surrey	1991 Sussex
1993 Surrey	1994 Oxford	1995 Surrey

Played in two divisions but all teams play all other teams in both divisions. Where teams are short in number, the players with the walkover are awarded the average winning score of all the other legs in the match. These count for team totals and are added in brackets, but do NOT of course count towards a player's individual average.

<b>KENT</b>	<b>SUSSEX</b>	<b>OXON</b>	<b>SURREY</b>
A Keen 2,370	S O'Brien 3,560*	J Wood 3,740	G Mackie 3,880*
J Peckham 2,150	A Taylor 6,140*	E Wain 3,660*	A Norman 3,130
J Taylor 8,330*	R Ridge 50	J Parsons 2,870	G Woods 5,960*
A Green 1,580	S Mariner 5,160*	J Abbott 5,430*	D Hoadley 430
J Macoy 2,890	K Beeching 4,670*	S Leach 820	S Mortimer 1,560*
D Welburn 5,840*	C Willis 780	P Withey 5,330	J Hogan 5,910*
K Keen 1,030	J Bithell 3,620*	R Collett 2,230	S Batty 2,990*
24,190	23,980	24,080	23,860

BREAKS: J Taylor 5,140 A Taylor 4,600

BREAKS: Abbott 5,160 Hogan 5,010

<b>BERKS</b>	<b>NORTHANTS</b>
S Redmond 11,540*	A Dunne 370
J Josey w.o.	
M Hawkins w.o.	
J Carless 3,250*	C Richardson 2,550
E Britton 2,480*	E Mackmin 1,320
J Burns 2,880	P Burch 6,100*
J Watson w.o.	
(17,520+)	10,340

BREAKS: Redmond 7,160

<b>SURREY</b>	<b>KENT</b>
G Woods 6,720*	A Keen 1,160
D Hoadley 8,280*	J Peckham 1,260
S Mortimer 2,140	J Taylor 8,240*
J Hogan 5,710*	A Green 930
S Batty 2,780*	J Macoy 1,580
A Norman 3,720*	D Welburn 660
G Mackie 4,890*	K Keen 2,270
34,240	16,100

BREAKS: Hoadley 4,020 Taylor 7,540

<b>NORTHANTS</b>	<b>OXON</b>
C Richardson 1,630	J Wood w.o.
E Mackmin 1,090	E Wain 3,580*
P Burch 1,390	J Parsons 4,700*
	J Abbott 4,810*
	S Leach w.o.
	P Withey w.o.
A Dunne 2,060	R Collett 3,190*
6,170	(12,210+)

BREAKS:

<b>BUCKS</b>	<b>BERKS</b>
R Higham 1,310	S Redmond w.o.
C Shaw 200	J Josey 7,680*
C Burgess 330	M Hawkins 13,780*
	J Carless 5,050*
	E Britton w.o.
S Haberman 1,160	J Burns 4,270*
C Sedgwick 1,300	J Watson 1,940*
4,300	(13,080+)

BREAKS: Hawkins 9,210

<b>KENT</b> <sup>D</sup>	<b>6 NORTHANTS</b> <sup>1</sup>	<b>OXON</b>	<b>6 BUCKS</b> <sup>1 p</sup>
A Keen 3,700*	E Mackmin 580	J Wood 3,420*	C Shaw 710
J Peckham 1,580	P Burch 5,320*	E Wain 2,060*	C Burgess 990
J Taylor w.o.		J Parsons w.o.	
A Green w.o.		J Abbott 1,380	S Haberman 2,110*
J Macoy 3,580*	A Dunne 2,930	S Leach 3,540*	C Sedgwick 1,520
D Welburn 5,500*	C Richardson 580	P Withey 4,830*	R Higham 2,970
K Keen w.o.		R Collett w.o.	
(13,590+) 14,360	9,410	(6,380+) 15,230	8,300
<b>BREAKS:</b>		<b>BREAKS:</b>	
<b>SUSSEX</b>	<b>4 SURREY</b> <sup>3</sup>	<b>BUCKS</b>	<b>2 KENT</b> <sup>5 D</sup>
K Beeching 5,170*	S Batty 2,280	S Haberman 1,520	A Keen w.o.
S Mariner 1,700	J Hogan 4,350*	C Sedgwick 1,560	J Peckham 2,820*
J Bithell 3,900*	G Mackie 2,120	R Higham 4,160*	J Taylor 4,800*
C Willis 1,460	A Norman 2,230*		A Green 1,740
S O'Brien 6,230*	G Woods 6,630*	C Burgess 1,940	J Macoy w.o.
A Taylor 5,230*	D Hoadley 4,210	C Shaw 2,030*	D Welburn 2,050*
R Ridge 5,050*	S Mortimer 2,990		K Keen 1,390
28,740	24,810	11,210	(6,340+) 12,800
<b>BREAKS:</b> Woods 6,630		<b>BREAKS:</b>	
<b>BERKS</b>	<b>5 OXON</b> <sup>2</sup>	<b>NORTHANTS</b>	<b>2 SUSSEX</b> <sup>5 X</sup>
M Hawkins 3,040*	J Wood 2,830	A Dunne 1,140	K Beeching 4,240*
J Carless 340	E Wain 2,900*		S Mariner w.o.
E Britton 2,000*	J Parsons 1,870	C Richardson 1,790*	J Bithell w.o.
J Burns 5,260*	J Abbott 4,280	E Mackmin 1,480	C Willis 1,570
J Watson 5,240*	S Leach 1,030	P Burch 7,960*	S O'Brien 6,650*
J Josey 1,030	P Withey 6,240*		A Taylor 1,170
S Redmond 1,590*	R Collett 890		R Ridge w.o.
18,500	20,040	12,370	(15,480+) 13,630
<b>BREAKS:</b>		<b>BREAKS:</b> Burch 4,500	
<b>KENT</b>	<b>4 BERKS</b> <sup>3</sup>	<b>SURREY</b>	<b>6 NORTHANTS</b> <sup>1 X</sup>
A Keen 4,590*	E Britton 2,210	G Mackie w.o.	C Richardson 910
J Peckham 5,250*	J Burns 4,610	A Norman 4,450*	E Mackmin 1,040
J Taylor 8,850*	J Watson 990	G Woods 7,860*	P Burch 1,490
A Green 1,680	J Josey 2,660*	D Hoadley 5,090*	
J Macoy 4,240	S Redmond 5,570*	S Mortimer w.o.	
D Welburn 3,620*	J Carless 2,910	J Hogan w.o.	
K Keen 1,840	M Hawkins 2,560*	S Batty 1,690	A Dunne 2,200*
30,070	21,510	(14,310+) 19,090	5,640
<b>BREAKS:</b>		<b>BREAKS:</b> Woods 6,170	
<b>SUSSEX</b>	<b>5 BUCKS</b> <sup>2</sup>	<b>OXON</b>	<b>3 KENT</b> <sup>4 e</sup>
K Beeching w.o.	R Higham 1,960	J Parsons 4,900	A Keen 4,920*
S Mariner 5,230*	C Shaw 1,500	J Abbott 2,210	J Peckham 3,420*
J Bithell 1,610*	C Burgess 2,080*	S Leach 3,570	J Taylor 6,230*
C Willis 1,430	S Haberman 1,510	P Withey 8,090*	A Green 920
S O'Brien w.o.	C Sedgwick 3,390*	R Collett 2,410*	J Macoy 1,740
A Taylor 2,510*		E Wain 1,340	D Welburn 2,540*
R Ridge 3,160		J Wood 5,260*	K Keen 3,960
(5,920+) 13,940	10,440	27,780	23,730
<b>BREAKS:</b>		<b>BREAKS:</b> Taylor 4,150	
<b>BUCKS</b>	<b>1 SURREY</b> <sup>6</sup>	<b>BERKS</b>	<b>3 SUSSEX</b> <sup>4</sup>
C Shaw 4,130*	G Mackie 2,060	S Redmond 1,740	K Beeching 5,560*
C Burgess 1,200	A Norman 4,240*	J Josey 3,050	S Mariner 9,070*
	G Woods w.o.	M Hawkins 3,910	J Bithell 4,180*
S Haberman 480	D Hoadley 3,690*	J Carless 4,040*	C Willis 1,380
C Sedgwick 1,470	S Mortimer 4,560*	E Britton 2,860	S O'Brien 4,150*
R Higham 1,130	J Hogan 7,120*	J Burns 4,050*	A Taylor 3,560
	S Batty w.o.	J Watson 4,440*	R Ridge 2,160
8,410	(9,500+) 21,670	24,090	30,060
<b>BREAKS:</b>		<b>BREAKS:</b>	

<b>NORTHANTS</b>	1	<b>3 BUCKS</b>	4	<b>SURREY</b>	3	<b>BERKS</b>	4
E Mackmin	810	C Sedgwick	3,260*	G Mackie	1,470	M Hawkins	12,140*
P Burch	2,570*	S Haberman	1,090	A Norman	4,760*	J Carless	790
		R Higham	w.o.	G Woods	8,660*	E Britton	930
A Dunne	2,600	C Shaw	2,830*	D Hoadley	6,590*	J Burns	2,980
C Richardson	1,330*	C Burgess	1,130	S Mortimer	1,050	J Watson	1,800*
				J Hogan	2,630	J Josey	3,190*
		(plus one walkover each)		S Batty	180	S Redmond	5,780*
					25,340		27,610
	7,310	(2,500+)	8,310				

**BREAKS:**

<b>SUSSEX</b>	6	<b>OXON</b>	1
K Beeching	1,590*	R Collett	1,300
S Mariner	8,400*	P Withey	6,040
J Bithell	4,790*	J Wood	2,760
C Willis	1,090	E Wain	1,980*
S O'Brien	6,580*	J Parsons	3,320
A Taylor	4,910*	J Abbott	4,050
R Ridge	3,510*	S Leach	3,050
	30,870		22,500
<b>BREAKS:</b>	Mariner 8,220	O'Brien 5,280	

<b>SURREY</b>	3	<b>BERKS</b>	4
G Mackie	1,470	M Hawkins	12,140*
A Norman	4,760*	J Carless	790
G Woods	8,660*	E Britton	930
D Hoadley	6,590*	J Burns	2,980
S Mortimer	1,050	J Watson	1,800*
J Hogan	2,630	J Josey	3,190*
S Batty	180	S Redmond	5,780*
	25,340		27,610

**BREAKS:** Hawkins 6,960

**DIVISION ONE**

	P	W	L	Aggreg	Pts
<b>SUSSEX</b>	6	6	0	162,620	29
<b>SURREY</b>	6	4	2	172,820	29
<b>BERKS</b>	6	4	2	175,180	28
<b>OXON</b>	6	2	4	144,500	21

**HIGHEST BREAK:**  
MYRA HAWKINS 9,210

**DIVISION TWO**

	P	W	L	Aggreg	Pts
<b>KENT</b>	6	4	2	141,180	22
<b>BUCKS</b>	6	1	5	53,470	10
<b>NORTHANTS</b>	6	0	6	51,240	8

**HIGHEST BREAK:**  
JAN TAYLOR 7,540

**AVERAGES**

# denotes National Ladies Ranking as at 4.10.97

Pos	#	Cty	R	P	W	L	Aver	Pos	#	Cty	R	P	W	L	Aver
1	J Taylor	1	Ken	20.7	5	0	7290	23	J Watson	Ber	3.1	4	1	2882	
2	G Woods	2	Sur	19.6	5	0	7166	24	J Macoy	Ken		1	4	2806	
3	M Hawkins	3	Ber	16.6	4	1	7086	25	R Ridge	Sus	0.1	2	3	2786	
4	P Withey	4	Oxf	13.5	3	2	6106	26	J Peckham	Ken	0.1	3	3	2747	
5	S Mariner	5	Sus	14.6	4	1	5912	27	J Carless	Ber	0.1	3	3	2730	
6	S O'Brien	12	Sus	13.3	4	1	5434	28	E Wain	Oxf	4.0	5	1	2587	
7	S Redmond	11	Ber	12.5	4	1	5244	29	S Mortimer	13	Sur		2	3	2460
8	J Hogan	10	Sur	11.3	4	1	5144	30	S Leach	25	Oxf		1	4	2402
9	D Hoadley	16	Sur	9.4	4	2	4715	31	R Higham	Buc		1	4	2306	
10	K Beeching	24	Sus	11.2	5	0	4246	32	K Keen	Ken		0	5	2098	
11	P Burch	6	Nor	7.3	4	2	4138	33	E Britton	Ber		2	3	2096	
12	J Burns		Ber	4.1	3	3	4008	34	C Sedgwick	Buc		2	4	2083	
13	A Taylor		Sus	5.2	4	2	3920	35	R Collett	Oxf		2	3	2004	
14	A Norman	8	Sur	6.0	5	1	3755	36	S Batty	✓	Sur		2	3	1984
15	J Abbott	20	Oxf	1.1	2	4	3693	37	C Shaw	Buc		3	3	1900	
16	J Bithell		Sus	5.0	5	0	3620	38	A Dunne	Nor		1	5	1883	
17	J Wood		Oxf	0.1	2	3	3602	39	C Richardson	Nor		2	4	1465	
18	J Parsons		Oxf		1	4	3532	40	A Green	Ken		0	5	1370	
19	J Josey	9	Ber	1.1	3	2	3522	41	S Haberman	Buc		1	5	1312	
20	D Welburn	14	Ken	4.2	5	1	3368	42	C Willis	Sus		0	6	1285	
21	A Keen		Ken	1.0	3	2	3348	43	C Burgess	Buc		1	5	1278	

**UNBEATEN SUSSEX LADIES SQUEEZE HOME**

The Ladies County Championship has been won by a runaway team far too often in recent years, but this season's tournament at the Post Office Club in Reading provided excitement

and uncertainty right up to the end of the day, with last year's second division champions Sussex taking the major prize by virtue of winning all six of their matches.

Holders Surrey can count themselves unlucky to miss out despite getting the same number of legs, 29, but only won four of their games, and therefore had required just one more win from their last match with Berkshire.

The final series of games started with Sussex on 26 and Surrey 29, but when Josie Hogan (2,630) and Sarah Batty (180) lost the final legs against Jill Josey (3,190) and Sue Redmond (5,780) respectively, Surrey's greatest fears were realised as they found Sussex winning all three of their final legs against Oxfordshire.

Captain Sheila O'Brien (6,580) Anna Taylor (4,910) and Roz Ridge (3,510) were the real heroines of the team.

What became a three-way fight for the title started when Sussex beat Kent 5-2 and Sussex recorded a similar score against Oxford. Berkshire took an early lead with a 6-1 result against Northants.

When Sussex sat out the next bout, Surrey thrashed Kent 6-1 and Berkshire whitewashed neighbours Buckinghamshire with the Berks captain Myra Hawkins achieving the highest break of the day, 9,210.

The real crunch came when Sussex and Surrey were 2-2, and, although Redhill star Gail Woods made a 6,630 break to beat O'Brien by 400, Anna Taylor (5,230) and Ridge (5,050) completed the vital victory for Sussex.

Berks were back in the lead when they beat Oxford 5-2 and Sussex dropped two crucial points with a 5-2 win against a weakened Northants side, for whom Penny Burch (7,960) and Carolyn Richardson (1,790) were the outstanding players.

A 5-2 win for Sussex over Bucks and a 6-1 win for Surrey over Northants left Berkshire only fractionally ahead but, surprisingly, they lost 4-3 to Kent.

That reversal was a major setback, and Berkshire quickly found themselves 3-0 down to Sussex, but clawed three back to only lose 4-3.

Surrey, meanwhile, beat Bucks 6-1 and were now favourites to retain the title, but were devastated to lose their final match to Berks, allowing Sussex to squeeze home with that unlikely 6-1 win over Oxford.

Second division teams played alongside their higher-ranked opponents and Kent, relegated last season, easily sauntered to the championship with 22 points, a clear 12 ahead of runners-up Bucks.

Ladies No.1 Jan Taylor (Kent) won the highest break award with 7,540.

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## 14th ALTERNATIVE RULES V Individuals

SUN OCT 12th 1997

at the POST OFFICE S & S C, READING

### PREVIOUS WINNERS

1984 John Burrows (Bucks)  
 1986 John Burrows (Bucks)  
 1988 Paul Yeo (Berks)  
 1990 Chas Jones (Kent)  
 1992 John Burrows (Bucks)  
 1994 Kevin Tunstall (Oxon)  
 1996 Kevin Clark (Kent)

1983 Peter Rich (Cambs)  
 1985 John Burrows (Bucks)  
 1987 Bernie McCluskey (Berks)  
 1989 Andy Harcourt (Kent)  
 1991 Kevin Tunstall (Oxon)  
 1993 Bernie McCluskey (Berks)  
 1995 Mark Turner (Berks)

### GROUP A

					MS	MB	DW	AR	TW
A Rowley	1,350	1,810	M Brewster	2,290	1,140			2	
M Brewster	4,420	11,190	T Woolvin	4,590	3,730		3		2
	(Break 11,190)								
T Woolvin	6,570	8,100	M Sawyer	4,390	1,030	0			5
	(Break 6,920)								

**GROUP A (contd)**

D Welburn	920	1,460	A Rowley	1,370	1,580	MS	MB	DW	AR	TW
M Sawyer	3,200	3,990	A Rowley	1,580	2,990	5			0	5
M Brewster	1,950	2,380	D Welburn	940	820		5	0		0
A Rowley	3,270	250	T Woolvin	2,690	2,480				2	3
D Welburn	1,260	1,840	M Sawyer	1,510	6,280	5		0		
M Sawyer	1,810	200	M Brewster	1,620	6,080	2	3			
T Woolvin	2,020	4,280	D Welburn	1,970	550			0		5
					points totals	12	14	0	9	15
					ranking points	4.6	5.65	0	3.38	7.03

**GROUP B**

S Mepham	2,080	2,480	C Lawman	3,230	1,150	SM	PWg	PWy	PH	KS	CL
P Hawkins	2,010	3,560	P Wing	0	7,930	3			2		2
					(Break 7,610)		3				
P Wing	1,390	1,070	K Sheard	2,250	2,270		0			5	
C Lawman	1,270	1,510	P Withey	1,020	1,800			3			2
P Withey	1,600	1,850	P Hawkins	2,050	1,650			2	3		
K Sheard	2,010	5,130	S Mepham	1,050	130	0				5	
S Mepham	1,560	2,020	P Hawkins	1,890	1,550	3			2		
P Wing	3,560	3,180	C Lawman	1,380	1,370		5				0
P Wing	6,870	1,820	P Withey	3,780	5,750		2	3			
P Hawkins	1,390	1,800	K Sheard	1,480	990				3	2	
C Lawman	1,320	2,310	K Sheard	1,790	2,520					5	0
P Withey	940	2,680	S Mepham	2,380	5,460	5		0			
S Mepham	1,120	10,240	P Wing	5,650	2,170	3	2				
K Sheard	1,560	6,300	P Withey	50	1,640			0		5	
C Lawman	6,200	6,860	P Hawkins	1,360	5,640				0		5
					points totals	14	12	8	10	22	9
					ranking points	4.5	3.9	2.5	3.1	10.3	2.9

**GROUP C**

E Hill	1,730	1,680	G Jukes	1,370	8,090	LG	GJ	KT	EH	SC
G Jukes	3,840	0	S Coleman	1,340	920		3		2	
K Tunstall	4,980	9,770	E Hill	660	3,080			5	0	2
					(Break 8,810)					
S Coleman	1,740	850	L Green	3,860	9,990		5			0
					(Break 8,600)					
L Green	4,690	3,700	E Hill	1,050	1,210		5		0	
G Jukes	470	5,830	K Tunstall	7,090	5,410			2	3	
E Hill	2,360	1,830	S Coleman	3,510	300					3
K Tunstall	810	840	L Green	1,260	9,370	5			0	2
L Green	11,420	1,090	G Jukes	590	6,440	3	2			
					(Break 11,420)					
S Coleman	860	610	K Tunstall	8,910	17,120				5	0
					(Break 15,420)					
					points totals	18	10	13	5	4
					ranking points	8.55	4.15	5.98	1.88	1.5

**GROUP D**

J Millward	3,200	3,160	T Isard	4,450	5,730	JM	MM	PF	SM	BM	TI
S Mariner	5,390	5,800	M May	2,610	1,050	0			5		5
M May	410	1,290	B McCluskey	6,010	8,250		0			5	
					(Breaks 5,210 & 7,450)						
T Isard	1,530	2,810	P Farrelly	5,460	1,460			3			2
P Farrelly	830	470	S Mariner	11,000	2,060			0	5		
					(Break 5,000+)						
B McCluskey	5,010	120	J Millward	5,120	10,880	5					0
					(Break 7,490)						



GROUP D (Contd)				JM	MM	PF	SM	BM	TI	
J Millward	6,280	4,010	S Mariner	1,700	1,070	5	0			
M May	2,610	400	T Isard	1,360	8,420				3	
(Break 6,570)										
M May	1,420	2,730	P Farrelly	12,220	7,250		0	5		
(Breaks 11,970 & 4,180)										
S Mariner	6,210	2,000	B McCluskey	4,310	6,290			2	3	
T Isard	3,080	9,580	B McCluskey	5,190	740				2 3	
P Farrelly	2,650	6,530	J Millward	4,210	690	2		3		
J Millward	1,160	12,190	M May	350	550	5	0			
B McCluskey	1,090	3,110	P Farrelly	1,000	3,870			3	2	
T Isard	6,840	1,720	S Mariner	1,110	2,640			2	3	
<b>points totals</b>						17	2	14	14	12 16
<b>ranking points</b>				12.2	0.6	4.8	4.8	4.2	5.4	

## SEMI-FINALS

Tony Woovin	5,830	670	Keith Sheard	660	9,160
Les Green	8,510	980	Jim Millward	3,070	7,390

## FINAL

Jim Millward	1,570	12,910	Keith Sheard	11,750	320
		(Break 10,760)			(Break 10,750)

**BEST BREAK: KEVIN TUNSTALL 15,420**

## BROKER JIM RIGHT ON THE SPOT

The All-England Association has staged an "Alternative Rules" Championship each year since 1983, but the only alternative rule was in fact that EVERY shot was played from a spot in the middle of the "D", instead of the cue-ball being placed anywhere on the "D".

The idea was to use the competition as practice for the British Isles Open which takes place in Jersey a few weeks later, as these rules are specifically used in matches in Jersey.

But, this year, the committee decided to go a very large step further towards making the game more difficult, by taking away the enormous advantage of having first break.

Six balls were to be placed on the table at the start of each leg in a triangular shape, and so players would need to earn the chance of making a large break by clearing the table first, and happily most of the 22 players qualifying from localised play-offs agreed that the experiment had been a wonderful success, and the new rules had been not only very enjoyable for those taking part, but also exciting for spectators.

The players were drawn into four groups, with all playing two consecutive legs against all others in the group; two points awarded for each leg won and an extra bonus for the best aggregate over the two consecutive legs.

Brighton insurance broker Jim Millward was the most delighted with the innovative rule change, as it was he who captured the £125 prize donated by the table manufacturers, Bar Billiards Ltd (Ascot).

Millward fought through the strongest group of six players, four of which were regular England players, and also including three former All-England Champions.

He had seemed to have no chance when he lost both legs to 1982 National Champion Terry Isard (Watford) at the start of the gruelling eight-hour event, but he set about the next three matches with confidence that he could still qualify for the semi-finals.

All three were against current England team-mates. Firstly, he scored 5,120 and 10,880 (including a break of 7,490) against Reading's Bernie McCluskey, the only player to have ever won the All-England Championship FOUR times.

He immediately followed up with both legs against fellow Brighton star Steve Mariner, scoring 6,280 and 4,010, and then won the first leg against Rushden's Peter Farrelly, the 1983 All-England Champion.

Although Farrelly won the 2nd, AND the aggregate bonus, the positions in the group table read: Isard 13, Mariner and Millward 12, Farrelly 11 and McCluskey 10, with

outsider Martin May (Bucks) on just 2, every player having one match to play.

The possibilities were endless, and any one of five still enjoyed hopes of reaching the last four. Millward eased past May without any problem but had one eye on the table over the other side of the room.

Mariner was struggling against Isard and had lost the first leg 6,840 - 1,110. He was also trailing in the second and Isard seemed set for success, but Mariner did his team-mate a big favour and just eased himself into the lead 2,640 - 1,720 before the bar dropped.

Millward played reigning All-England Champion Les Green (Rochester) in the semi-final, coming back from 8,510 - 3,070 down on the first leg to win 10,460 - 9,490 overall, and then faced England No.2 Keith Sheard (Oxford) in an excellent final.

Sheard, who had ousted Portsmouth's Tony Woolvin in his semi, made a 10,000 break in the first leg and won 11,750 - 1,570, but could only score 320 in the second. Millward made an early 2,150 break but then summoned up all his concentration to score a winning 10,760, and take the title.

Sheard had qualified with an unusually low set of scores in his group games. He only scored over 3,000 twice in ten legs, and yet only lost once, winning the group by eight points, the greatest margin of the four groups.

No. 1 Kevin Tunstall (Abingdon) won the highest break award with 15,420 in his last match against Simon Coleman (Corby), but, by then, he was too far behind the winner of his group, Green.

#### RANKING POINTS:

*It was decided that, due to the degree of difficulty in achieving high scores during this tournament, the threshold for ranking points would kick-in at 5,000 instead of the usual 8,000 as it is for other events in England.*

*It has also been pointed out that the ranking points gained in GROUP A of last year's Alternative Rules were over-stated, and therefore this has now had to be corrected. The points for K Tunstall, S Mariner, M Sawyer, S Tinto, C Saville, T Woolvin & E Jordan have been reduced accordingly. SORRY to all those concerned! ...and Mr Sheard.*

## 9th MERMAID (WESSEX) OPEN

SAT 18th OCT 1997

at the MONEYFIELDS SPORTS & SOC CLUB, PORTSMOUTH

#### PREVIOUS FINALS

1989 Keith Salt (Hants)	beat	Mark Goodyear (Hants)
1990 Kevin Tunstall (Oxon)	beat	Tony Martin (Oxon)
1991 Pete Farrelly (Northants)	beat	Tony Martin (Oxon)
1992 John Burrows (Bucks)	beat	Tony Walsh (Berks)
1993 Kevin Tunstall (Oxon)	beat	Keith Sheard (Oxon)
1994 Les Green (Kent)	beat	Steve Mariner (Sussex)
1995 Keith Sheard (Oxon)	beat	Les Green (Kent)
1996 Dennis Atkins (Oxon)	beat	Tony Woolvin (Hants)

	CTY	BE	RP	First Round	Second Round	Third Round
	Before After					
*Diane Thorpe	Han				1,140 4,880	1,510 3,550
Steven Sheard	Oxf				2,650 820	
PAUL WING	Han	17	15	5.6	11,360 2,050	8,150 7,330
*Linda Wing	Han				830 1,910	
Bill Messenbird	Han				1,230 2,090	
*ANN GREEN	Ken		1.0		4,030 2,600	3,880 1,560
Graham Crosbie	Han				3,520 2,890	1,660 1,460
*Sue Leach	Oxf				2,200 3,340	

	CTY	FR	RP	First Round	Second Round	Third Round		
	Before After							
<b>DICK HOUSE</b>	Han		1.0		2,730	4,770	4,930	5,000
John Cornish	Han				4,080	1,300		
Dave Barnes	Oxf				1,680	3,090	2,970	3,670
Dave Tallack	Han				780	1,600		
<b>*Pauline Gregory</b>	Han				1,380	640		
<b>*JANET BURNS</b>	Ber		3.0		1,740	6,960	6,250	2,880
Dave Collins	Han				710	0		
Pat O'Shea	Han				2,240	1,230	530	440
Brian Daniels	Han				6,320	4,460	1,330	970
<b>*Pauline Withey</b>	Oxf				4,020	6,740		
Wayne Steere	Han				1,890	1,870		
<b>JOHN MILLER</b>	Buc		1.0		3,940	5,030	2,360	2,480
<b>GARY JOHNSON</b>	Oxf	23	27	11.5	3,540	2,650	5,430	7,050
Mel Jackson	Han				820	4,010		
Alan Peters	Han						2,100	1,460
Graham Newson	Han						1,630	1,290
<b>ERNIE JORDAN</b>	Buc	44	44	1.1			7,860	9,520
Lorin Clough	Oxf		0.4		3,800	2,680		
<b>ALAN MESSER</b>	Sus		3.0		5,550	2,600	6,960	4,510
Don Cook	Buc				1,460	1,940		
Len Harton	Han				5,460	1,770	1,930	1,320
Dave Pratt	Han				1,330	3,010		
Tony Woolvin	Han	23	23	0.4	1,100	7,940		
<b>RAY STURGESS</b>	Oxf	48	34	7.7	7,970	7,160	10,850	2,750
Geoff Pitt	Ber	25	25		5,030	760		
Steve Huntley	Oxf		0.3	3,160	11,000	6,220	10,430	640
Steve Minihane	Ber					2,190	1,470	6,070
Chris Newson	Han			3,880	2,850			
<b>BILL TRINDER</b>	Ber	66	66	1.1	4,540	3,830	2,450	5,150
Dennis Hudson	Buc			1,610	720			
<b>*Myra Hawkins</b>	Ber		0.1	5,950	8,940	3,830	2,320	
Fred Large	Han			1,720	1,030			
<b>*Sue Mariner</b>	Sus		0.1	5,890	5,250	4,570	8,880	1,160
<b>*Dee House</b>	Han			990	2,060			1,210
Pete Witney	Oxf			3,220	2,940	5,010	4,960	
Keith Sheard	Oxf	2	2	0.4	18,550	170	1,730	200
Neil Higgins	Sus			100	920			
Pete Farrelly	Nor	7	7	0.4	16,900	0		
<b>LES GREEN</b>	Ken	4	4	4.1	0	18,890	6,380	700
Dennis Claydon	Ber			3,770	470			12,690
Chris Tupper	Sus	46	67	0.2	9,150	8,900	6,070	2,980
Mark James	Sus	38	40	0.1	5,410	10,130	7,330	7,720
Jim Millward	Sus	8	8		4,860	120		360
Steve Mariner	Sus	9	9	0.3			7,730	6,290
Paul Sainsbury	Ber	3	3				950	4,610
<b>MARK TURNER</b>	Ber	24	24	1.5	11,990	7,350		3,710
Paul Barnett	Sus		0.1	410	3,220			14,300

BEST BREAKS DENOTED BY \*: Keith Sheard 18,550 Pete Farrelly 16,900  
 Les Green 18,630 Steve Mariner 14,190 Mark Turner 14,020

	CTY	FCR	RP	First Round		Second Round		Third Round	
Shots After									
Mark Sawyer	Ber	10	10	0.2		370	11,080		
<b>GEOFF JUKES</b>	Sur	21	19	3.7		11,980	650	11,420	7,380
Phil Hawkins	Ber	36	24	0.7	11,120	2,360	8,350	18,000	800
Barry Radford	Han			0.6	350	4,870			
Dennis Atkins	Oxf	16	17				2,710	100	
Pete Welch	Oxf	26	28		6,350	1,500			
Chris Gregory	Han				4,510	3,660	2,950	490	
Pete Lee	Oxf	28	28				5,060	5,880	1,620
<b>TONY LEWIS</b>	Sus			1.1			1,000	5,380	2,020
Daniel Newson	Han						830	120	4,810
<b>MAX DICK</b>	Oxf	22	18	5.5			2,150	7,540	12,680
Bob Wing	Han						1,480	2,220	8,880
D Woolvin	Han						710	1,080	
Alan Stocker	Ber						1,990	2,340	780
Art Collins	Han								2,240
Dave Rowley	Han						3,330	1,310	1,920
<b>PETE PHILLIPS</b>	Oxf			1.0			7,930	7,700	5,950

BEST BREAK DENOTED BY \*: Phil Hawkins 18,000

**THE LAST SIXTEEN**

	Fourth Round	Round	Qtr-finals		Semi-finals		Final	
<b>PAUL WING</b>	2,580	10,430	11,680	5,090	3,620	4,160		
Ann Green	3,870	540						
Dick House	1,240	2,260						
Janet Burns	2,910	2,650	1,100	1,570				
John Miller	2,300	390						
<b>GARY JOHNSON</b>	7,560	15,300	17,140	8,910	10,170	9,930	22,050	1,450
Ernie Jordan	2,790	1,550						
Alan Messer	940	5,130	190	7,430				
<b>RAY STURGESS</b>	3,880	8,270	7,730	13,240	10,680	980	130	6,110
Bill Trinder	3,620	6,200						
Les Green	15,020	11,470	1,930	1,120				
Mark Turner	500	1,260						
Geoff Jukes	2,400	15,130	1,410	6,340				
Tony Lewis	9,340	160						
<b>MAX DICK</b>	6,960	7,300	6,400	9,210	600	10,350		
Pete Phillips	4,210	7,690						

BEST BREAKS DENOTED BY \*: Gary Johnson 15,300 15,340 21,950  
Ray Sturgess 10,440 Geoff Jukes 15,040

**PLATE COMPETITION**

	CTY	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Qtr-finals (two-legs)		Semi-finals	
Steven Sheard	Oxf		550					
*Linda Wing	Han		1,340	1,540				
<b>B MESSINGBIRD</b>	Han		1,210	2,880	1,140	3,720	810	3,750
*Sue Leach	Oxf		1,160					
John Cornish	Han		2,550	0				
Dave Tallack	Han		2,200					
*Pauline Gregory	Han			2,040	2,630	740		

	CTY	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Qtr-finals		Semi-finals	
*Pauline Withey	Oxf		2,300	3,780	320	6,020		
Wayne Steere	Han		1,520					
Alan Peters	Han			3,720				
Graham Newson	Han			730				
LORIN CLOUGH	Oxf		13,120	13,980	2,710	6,420	4,830	4,010
Don Cook	Buc		200					
Dave Pratt	Han	3,550						
TONY WOOLVIN	Han	5,610	4,090	6,680	3,050	9,660	5,580	10,950
Steve Minihane	Ber		870					
Chris Newson	Han	0						
Dennis Hudson	Buc	3,810	2,390					
Fred Large	Han	1,640	4,740	2,880				
Dee House	Han	1,490						
Neil Higgins	Sus	1,480						
Pete Farrelly	Nor	10,120	2,480	1,250				
Jim Millward	Sus		80					
Paul Barnett	Sus			9,500	5,640	2,460		
Mark Sawyer	Ber		1,300					
BARRY RADFORD	Han		8,570	12,140	10,670	8,540	8,250	2,870
Pete Welch	Oxf		2,130	570				
Daniel Newson	Han		900					
D Woolvin	Han			980				
Dave Rowley	Han			2,170	400	1,550		

FINAL: Lorin Clough 5,290 + 2,850 Tony Woolvin 8,260 + 9,670

Lorin got the best of the early exchanges but, once Tony settled into the table's eccentricities, he finished off the first leg with a 7,940 break and started the 2nd with another 9,060, the latter being the best in the competition.

#### PRIZES LIST

Winner: Championship Shield, Trophy and £125

Runner-up: Trophy and £50

Semi-finalists: Trophy and £25

Qtr-finalists: Trophy and £10

Highest Break: Trophy and £20

Ladies Highest Break: Trophy and £20

PLATE Winner: Trophy and £25

Runner-up: Trophy and £10

Highest Break: Trophy and £5

(No limit to number of prizes to any player)

GARY JOHNSON (OXON)

RAY STURGESS (OXON)

MAX DICK (OXON) & PAUL WING (HANTS)

JANET BURNS (BERKS) ALAN MESSER (SUSSEX)

LES GREEN (KENT) & GEOFF JUKES (SURREY)

GARY JOHNSON (OXON) 21,950 in the final

SUE MARINER (SUSSEX) 8,730

TONY WOOLVIN (HANTS)

LORIN CLOUGH (OXON)

TONY WOOLVIN (HANTS) 9,060 in the final

## AN ALL-WALLINGFORD FINAL WITHOUT THE STARS

When a bar billiards aficionado hears about any major final between two Wallingford league players, he or she would expect to see the names of Kevin Tunstall and Keith Sheard figuring prominently.

Not in the case of the Mermaid Open Championship, staged at the Moneyfields Social Club in Portsmouth!

No. 1 Tunstall has won the event, formally known as the Wessex Open, twice and No. 2 Sheard captured the title in 1995. Another Wallingford star, Dennis Atkins, was the holder, but all these were missing by the third round this year.

Tunstall's absence was due to a family bereavement, but Sheard and Atkins had both made second round exits, and it was left to Gary Johnson and Ray Sturgess to make their mark.

The two are regular team-mates at the Tandem at Kennington, and went into the tournament at numbers 55 and 45 in the rankings respectively, but both are now well ensconced inside the top 40 after competing in a major ranking final for the first time.

Johnson did not allow friendship to impede his concentration, virtually playing out the whole of the first leg in the mode of Tunstall or Sheard at their best with a top-notch break of 21,950.

Sturgess probably realised that was always going to be too big a task for him, and his attempt only lasted two minutes of the second leg when he played a vital shot far too softly, and the game was over.

Johnson did not hit form until the fourth round of the competition when he made a 15,300 break to oust John Miller from High Wycombe. Miller was unconcerned as he had just captured his first ever ranking point for reaching the last 16.

Johnson made another 15,340 break to beat Alan Messer (Sussex) in the quarter-final, and then finally ended the hopes of tournament organiser Paul Wing (Portsmouth) in the semi-finals.

Wing had enjoyed the attention of four ladies up to that point. After beating his own wife Linda in his first match, he faced Diane Thorpe (also Portsmouth) and then Ann Green (Rochester) before seeing off Reading's Janet Burns who had played exceptionally well to reach the last eight.

Wing's half of the draw was almost completely barren of top-ranked players. Wing, at No.17 before the event, and Watford's Ernie Jordan (No.44) were the only players from the top fifty, but the bottom half was completely strewn with stars.

This obviously results in some early exits for top-ranked players. Les Green (Rochester) is the All-England Individual Champion, but he had to face two previous incumbents of that honour in the first two rounds.

1993 winner Peter Farrelly (Rushden) played out the first leg of the day for 16,900, only for Green to reply with 18,630, a break which always seemed likely to be the best of the event until the final.

1992 winner Keith Sheard (Oxford) was next, but that was a very different game. Green finally settled into the strange quirks of the table for a 6,380 - 1,730 lead. And although he lost his opening 8,000 break in the second leg, it had taken sufficient time to prevent Sheard staging a comeback.

In the same section of the draw, No.8 Jim Millward (Brighton) and Paul Sainsbury (Bexhill) also floundered, the latter going out to Steve Mariner on the same table as Sheard.

Mariner (No.9, Brighton) then fell to Wokingham's Mark Turner in another thriller.

But the Mariner household did manage one prize. Wife Sue made the best ladies break, 8,730 in the second round against Oxford's Pete Witney.

Despite the presence of so many top players, the Plate Competition for first round losers was won by Portsmouth's Tony Woolvin who made breaks of 7,940 and 9,060 in the final against Oxford starlet Lorin Clough.

## GRAND PRIX STANDINGS

			Ox	Be	No	Su	Ch	Ke	We	Je	Total
1	John Burrows	Bucks	15	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	30
2	Paul Sainsbury	Berks	-	1	10	-	-	15	-	-	26
3	Keith Sheard	Oxon	1	-	6	15	-	1	-	-	23
4	Kevin Tunstall	Oxon	3	-	-	1	15	3	-	-	22
5	Kevin Clark	Kent	6	-	15	-	-	-	-	-	21
6	Mark Sawyer	Berks	-	1	3	3	10	3	-	-	20
7	Mark Turner	Berks	-	-	1	3	1	10	1	-	16
8	Gary Johnson	Oxon	-	-	-	-	-	-	15	-	15
9	Les Green	Kent	-	10	-	-	-	-	3	-	13
10	Mark Brewster	Kent	-	1	-	10	1	-	-	-	12
	Paul Wing	Hants	-	3	-	-	3	-	6	-	12
12	Ray Sturgess	Oxon	-	-	-	-	-	1	10	-	11
13	Tony Walsh	Berks	-	3	1	-	6	-	-	-	10
14	Stuart Giles	Oxon	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10
15	Peter Farrelly	Northants	-	6	-	3	-	-	-	-	9
	Max Dick	Oxon	-	-	3	-	-	-	6	-	9

			Ox	Be	No	Su	Ch	Ke	We	Je	Total
17	Pete Lee	Oxon	3	3	-	-	-	1	-	-	7
18	Steve Huntley	Oxon	-	-	1	-	-	6	-	-	7
	Steve Mariner	Sussex	-	-	-	6	-	1	-	-	7
20	Alan Chaloner	Berks	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	6
	Phil Hawkins	Berks	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
	Alan Howes	Kent	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	6
	Maxi McDonnell	Oxon	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
	Geoff Pitt	Berks	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	6
	Ian Street	Sussex	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	6
26	Steve Biggs	Northants	-	1	3	1	-	-	-	-	5
	Gareth Lloyd	Sussex	1	1	-	-	-	3	-	-	5
	Pete Phillips	Oxon	-	-	-	-	3	1	1	-	5
29	Gary Coupar	Oxon	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
	Eric Hill	Bucks	-	-	-	1	-	3	-	-	4
	Ray Hussey	Bucks	-	-	-	1	3	-	-	-	4
32	Phil Buckle	Cambs	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	3
	Janet Burns	Berks	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	3
	Micky Jones	Oxon	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	3
	Geoff Jukes	Surrey	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	3
	Martin Leach	Hants	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	3
	Bernie McCluskey	Berks	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
	Alan Messer	Sussex	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	3
	Pete Welch	Oxon	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
40	Jon Bamsey	Oxon	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	2
	John Slee	Sussex	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	2
	Ernie Jordan	Bucks	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	2

plus ONE POINT each to:

J J Addley (Kent) Dennis Atkins (Oxon) Paul Barnett (Sussex) Roger Bowen (Oxon) Paul Caistor (Oxon) Lorin Clough (Oxon) Terry Cook (Oxon) Ann Green (Kent) Denise Hoadley (Surrey) Barry Holt (Sussex) Dick House (Hants) Alan Huntley (Oxon) Terry Isard (Bucks) Mark James (Sussex) Tony Lewis (Sussex) Keith MacDonald (Cambs) Sue Mariner (Sussex) John Miller (Bucks) Ian Moquet (Oxon) Jason Neal (Northants) Chris Newson (Hants) Graham Newson (Hants) Brian Smyth (Bucks) Bill Trinder (Berks) Diana Welburn (Kent) Tony Willis (Oxon)

The top 16 after Jersey will be invited to play in the GRAND PRIX FINALS.

## IT'S TIME FOR DESPATCHES

### PORTSMOUTH:

	WINNERS	RUNNERS-UP
Div 1	Trophy Club A	Phoenix A
Div 2	Mermaid A	Mermaid B
Div 3	Avenue A	LHFA
Automatic Bowl	Trophy Club A	Avenue B
Blind Cup	Trophy Club A	Avenue B
Spastics Cup	Mermaid A	Avenue B
Individuals	Tony Woolvin	Chris Newson
Pairs	Tony Woolvin/Graham Newson	Paul Wing/Geoff Jukes
Triples	Woolvin/Callaway/Radford	Lowden/House/Cornish
St Johns	Paul Wing	Joyce Mannell
Harry Harris	S Salvage	J Cole
	HIGHEST HOME SCORE	HIGHEST AWAY BREAK
Div 1	P Wing 17,800	T Woolvin 18,350
Div 2	A Webster 10,050	J Haddon 5,520
Div 3	J Baker 7,880	J Callaway 3,280

**SUSSEX LEAGUES:**

Info courtesy of Anne Nourac and B B O'Cur, allegedly.

		WINNERS
Billingshurst	Div 1	Limeburners
	Div 2	Cricketers
Brighton	Prem	Stadium C
	Div 1	Stadium B
	Div 2	Sudeley
Eastbourne	Div 3	Queen Victoria B
	Div 1	Black Horse
	Div 1	Manor A
Hastings	Div 2	Bulverhythe
	Div 1	Limeburners
Horsham	Div 2	The Plough
	Div 1	Kings Head
Lewes	Div 1	Rustington Club
Littlehampton	Div 1	Windmill Z
	Prem	Horn's Lodge
West-Sussex	Div 1	Bulls Head A
	Div 2	Wick Swan
	Div 3	Coach & Horses
Worthing	Div 1	Romans C
	Div 2	Broadwater WMC A
	Div 3	Broadwater WMC B

**Champion of Champions 94/95**

Team	Romans C (Worthing)
Indiv	Jim Millward (Brighton)
Ladies	Kim Beeching (Hastings)

**Under-22's**

Inter-League (1-day)	Brighton	
Ladies Inter-League (1-day)	Brighton A	
Inter-League	Div 1	Brighton A
	Div 2	Hastings
	Div 3	Brighton B

**HIGHEST BREAK**

Men	Chris Tupper (Brighton) 17,900
Ladies	Sheila O'Brien (Worthing) 10,050

**SUSSEX FINALS NIGHT**

Singles	Sean Taylor (Hastings)
Ladies	Jean Over (Brighton)
Pairs	P Oakley/B Holt (Worthing)
Ladies Pairs	S O'Brien/C Willis (Worthing)
Mixed Pairs	P Oakley/S Bateman (Worthing)
Seniors	Tony Francis (Mid-Sussex)
Captains	Phil Oakley (Worthing)

**RUNNERS-UP**

Foresters
Alford SC
Albion D
Dover Castle A
Bell A
Windmill
Buccaneer
Oddfellows
Manor B
Horsham YMCA
Crawley Club B
Black Horse
Marine
Windmill A
St Francis Hosp SC
Marine
Royal Oak
Captain Morgan B
London & Edinburgh
Broadwater WMC B
Elms A

Dyke Tavern (Brighton)
Barry Timson (Mid-Sussex)
Jan Bithell (Lewes)
Steve Legg (Brighton)

Littlehampton

Redhill

Worthing A

West Sussex

Lewes

**HIGHEST SCORE**

Chris Tupper (Brighton) 17,900
Kim Beeching (Hastings) 10,750

Chris Tupper (Brighton)
Anna Taylor (Hastings)
J Millward/B Toye (Brighton)
B Stoner/R Ridge (Brighton)
P O'Brien/S O'Brien (Worthing)
Dave Hampton (Littlehampton)
Jim Broderick (Mid-Sussex)

According to Ivor Pegg, "imitation in the sincerest form of flattery" and then states "Brighton's 3BQ was the first. Even Break is the best and now there's View from the D". (Have I missed something here?..... says **THE BBQ** editor).

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**ANYONE NOTICED THE DELIBERATE MISTAKES IN THIS B.B.Q?**  
E.g. Exactly how many Alternative Rules competitions have there been?

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**EYNSHAM & DISTRICT BAR BILLIARDS LEAGUE**



## Sussex County Bar Billiards Association

## The Masters

Round 1		Round 2		Q-Final	Semi Final	Final
(1) J.Millward	17,490	J.Millward				
(32) B.Timson	4,700		14,890			
(17) C.Preston	8,900		5,190	J.Millward		
(16) M.Fairs	4,880	C.Preston			19,030	
(9) S.O'Brien ♀	7,740	S.O'Brien ♀			2,170	
(24) C.Noakes	6,600		7,760	M.James		
(25) N.Edwards	1,670		14,410			
(8) M.James	13,090	M.James				J.Millward
(5) S.Mariner	14,500	S.Mariner				13,480
(28) G.Lewis	7,600		6,790		G.Lloyd	11,770
(21) A.Taylor ♀	3,000		16,220	G.Lloyd		
(12) G.Lloyd	19,350	G.Lloyd				
(13) P.O'Brien	7,400	P.O'Brien			16,600	
(20) G.Tully	6,010		7,240	S.Mepham	5,220	
(29) S.Mepham	9,480		11,860			J.Millward
(4) J.Over ♀	6,240	S.Mepham				15,200
(3) S.Taylor	13,190	S.Taylor				
(30) T.Lewis	8,730		3,060			13,230
(19) M.Johnson	3,740		14,240	D.Hampton		C.Tupper
(14) D.Hampton	10,340	D.Hampton			13,370	
(11) P.Gibbs	10,360	B.Holt			5,760	
(22) B.Holt	16,820		16,490	B.Holt		
(27) M.Leach	9,240		2,560			D.Hampton
(6) P.Oakley	12,360	P.Oakley				4,220
(7) P.Barnett	7,990	P.Barnett				10,990
(26) J.Childs	4,660		4,910			C.Tupper
(23) N.Oakley ♀	1,550		15,000	R.Taylor		
(10) R.Taylor	19,780	R.Taylor				
(15) J.Stee	12,680	J.Stee			2,360	
(18) R.Wheeler	6,920		6,560	C.Tupper	23,820	
(31) I.Graves	4,790		8,880			
(2) C.Tupper	13,310	C.Tupper				

High Break = 15,320 – Jim Millward

THE FINAL: This years final saw the N°1 seed (Jim Millward) and the N°2 seed (Chris Tupper) locking horns. Chris lost the toss and was invited to take the opening break. Jim had not missed in his last two break games, so Chris knew he was up against it. Chris started slowly, while he unlocked the twists and turns of yet another lets say, not quite level Tarratt Table. The tables on the day had not been as good as expected. However Chris set about the task of putting up a score to put some pressure on Jim. Chris all but ran out the first leg with 13,000. First Leg Scores – Chris Tupper 13,320. Jim Millwards 150.

The Second Leg saw Jim step up, seemingly unconcerned with the task he faces. He pulled the handle and set about chasing the score which had been set. After a few visits down the back of the table while seating in, he then took the game by the scruff of the neck and finally touched up the balls on 14,900 with seconds to go in the game. Victory was nigh. Jim now holds Worthing, Brighton & Sussex Masters titles. Just call him Mr Master.

Please note that the BBQ editor is NOT responsible for the spelling mistakes above.