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CURRENT BRITISH RANKINGS

POSITIONS		RANKING POINTS						
NOW	PROV			NOW	1996	1997	1998	prov 1999
1	3	Kevin Tunstall	Oxon	206.13	108.25	67.48	30.40	97.88
2	6	Keith Sheard	Oxon	169.00	97.40	57.60	14.00	71.60
3	1	Les Green	Kent	148.15	35.50	91.55	21.10	112.65
4	7	Paul Sainsbury	Berks	141.60	70.60	57.70	13.30	71.00
5	2	Mark Sawyer	Berks	140.50	33.75	81.85	24.90	106.75
6	11	Kevin Clark	Kent	133.60	97.50	26.00	10.10	36.10
7	9	Steve Mariner	Sussex	104.95	51.55	45.30	8.10	53.40
8	5	Jim Millward	Sussex	102.70	28.00	59.40	15.30	74.70
9	4	John Burrows	Bucks	99.00	16.90	59.20	22.90	82.10
10	8	Peter Farrelly	Northants	95.60	40.40	46.30	8.90	55.20
11	27	Tony Walsh	Berks	90.40	69.80	20.20	0.40	20.60
12	10	Paul Wing	Hants	80.30	30.60	47.50	2.20	49.70
13	13	Bernie McCluskey	Berks	63.90	30.20	30.90	2.80	33.70
14	14	Steve Biggs	Northants	55.25	22.25	23.10	9.90	33.00
15	67	Simon Tinto	Surrey	54.95	47.85	7.10	0.00	7.10
16	16	Tony Martin	Oxon	54.00	26.30	11.40	16.30	27.70
17	21	Terry Oakley	Surrey	46.70	24.50	22.20	0.00	22.20
18	18	Chris Saville	Kent	46.65	22.15	21.70	2.80	24.50
19	35	Dennis Atkins	Oxon	45.40	31.30	13.30	0.80	14.10
20	17	Jon Bamsey	Oxon	44.40	18.60	13.30	12.50	25.80
21	45	Tony Woolvin	Hants	43.28	31.65	11.43	0.20	11.63
22	51	Mick Lingham	Kent	41.50	31.90	9.60	0.00	9.60
23	12	Steve Ahier	Jersey	41.20	6.20	28.00	7.00	35.00
24	34	Max Dick	Oxon	40.80	26.00	14.80	0.00	14.80
25	22=	Mark James	Sussex	38.40	16.30	18.10	4.00	22.10
26	20	Eric Hill	Bucks	37.68	14.50	22.88	0.30	23.18
27	15	Mark Brewster	Kent	36.45	8.50	27.95	0.00	27.95
28	55	Geoff Jukes	Surrey	34.00	24.85	8.75	0.40	9.15
29	24	Ray Sturgess	Oxon	33.20	11.40	16.40	5.40	21.80
30	25=	Gareth Lloyd	Sussex	32.50	11.80	20.70	0.00	20.70
30	52	Geoff Pitt	Berks	32.50	23.10	6.30	3.10	9.40
32	28=	Gary Johnson	Oxon	31.60	13.40	14.60	3.60	18.20
33	43	Pete Lee	Oxon	29.30	17.40	11.80	0.10	11.90
34	25=	Mark Turner	Berks	29.20	8.50	20.70	0.00	20.70
35	19	Bill Trinder	Berks	28.90	5.50	16.10	7.30	23.40
36	31	Dennis Helleur	Jersey	28.50	11.90	12.10	4.50	16.60
37	58	Don Cadec	Jersey	27.40	18.80	2.10	6.50	8.60
38	39	Chris Tupper	Sussex	25.50	12.90	12.60	0.00	12.60
39	-	Ian Moquet	Oxon	24.90	19.30	5.60	0.00	5.60
40	28=	Pete Welch	Oxon	23.30	5.10	17.80	0.40	18.20

DEADLINE DATE FOR NEXT B.B.Q: JULY 31st 1998

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BRITISH LADIES RANKINGS

POSITIONS		RANKING POINTS						
NOW	PROV			NOW	1996	1997	1998	prov 1999
1	1	Jan Taylor	Kent	112.25	56.65	55.60		55.60
2	5	Gail Woods	Surrey	97.03	67.93	29.10		29.10
3	7	Sue Mariner	Sussex	96.43	69.33	27.10		27.10
4	3	Pauline Withey	Oxon	83.95	50.70	33.20	0.05	33.25
5	4	Myra Hawkins	Berks	52.47	21.62	30.80	0.05	30.85
6	2	Penny Burch	Northants	48.22	13.17	34.05	1.00	35.05
7	11	Alison Norman	Surrey	31.32	19.22	12.10		12.10
8	9	Sheila O'Brien	Sussex	31.20	13.55	17.65		17.65
9	6	Josie Hogan	Surrey	29.15	0.15	29.00		29.00
10	10	Sue Redmond	Berks	26.77	14.27	12.50		12.50
11	12	Denise Hoadley	Surrey	26.60	15.50	11.10		11.10
12	28	Jill Josey	Berks	25.90	24.10	1.80		1.80
13	14	Diana Welburn	Kent	24.30	15.60	6.55	2.15	8.70
14	8	Kim Beeching	Sussex	19.80	0.10	19.70		19.70
15	35=	Jean Over	Sussex	18.80	17.70	1.10		1.10
16	32=	Christine Toner	Hants	18.13	16.93	0.20	1.00	1.20
17	15	Sally Mortimer	Surrey	17.60	9.20	8.40		8.40
18=		Janet Hawkeswood	Oxon	13.40	13.40			
18=		Bella Stoner	Sussex	13.40	13.40			
20		Dani Relf	Surrey	10.93	10.93			
21	18	Josie Maughan	Jersey	10.05	4.05	6.00		6.00
22	13	Janet Burns	Berks	9.35	0.60	8.75		8.75
23	20=	Tina Murphy	Jersey	9.33	4.33	5.00		5.00
24	38=	Ann Keen	Kent	7.30	6.30	1.00		1.00
25=	16	Joyce Mannell	Hants	6.75	0.00	6.75		6.75
25=	23	Sue Leach	Oxon	6.75	2.55	4.20		4.20
27	38=	Janie Macoy	Kent	6.40	5.40	1.00		1.00
28	26	Jackie Watson	Berks	6.20	3.10	3.10		3.10
29	17	Jenny Noel	Jersey	6.05	0.00	6.05		6.05
30	19	Anna Taylor	Sussex	5.80	0.10	5.70		5.70
31=	20=	Jan Bithell	Sussex	5.00	0.00	5.00		5.00
31=	32=	Jill O'Brien	Kent	5.00	3.80	1.20		1.20
33=	22	Karen Aubert	Jersey	4.50	0.00	4.50		4.50
33=	32=	Jane Wood	Oxon	4.50	3.30	1.20		1.20
35		Jane Carless	Berks	4.30	4.20	0.10		0.10
36	24	Enid Wain	Oxon	4.10	0.10	4.00		4.00
37	25	Jenny Gorvel	Jersey	3.50		3.50		3.50
38	31	Jenny Abbott	Oxon	3.40	2.10	1.30		1.30
39		Carolyn Richardson	Northants	3.00	3.00			
40	29=	Hilary Chatel	Jersey	2.83	1.33	1.50		1.50

EDITORIAL

Those of you who have retained confidence in POT BLACK were rewarded recently with a fullish report of everything that has happened since Jim Millward's Jersey triumph. They now say it WILL be included about every 2 months, and will include the "Major events". If we can get more event-sponsors, and they take out adverts in the magazine, this will encourage them to give us extra coverage. WE WILL SEE.

Meanwhile, I again seem to be losing subscribers. I have written to over 20 people who have not yet paid the annual fee. This is in YOUR hands. If the subscription list drops too much, I may have to consider the feasibility of continuing the BBQ.

SPREAD THE WORD BY TELLING OTHERS ABOUT THE BBQ, OR EVEN ASK THOSE 20 WHY THEY HAVE NOT CONTINUED THEIR SUPPORT. I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW.

I am handing over the position of Northants Secretary in May, but that does NOT mean I will have any more time on my hands, and finally, I have decided to give the QUIZ a rest for this quarter so that your brains stop hurting. More fiendish questions next time.

NEWS FROM THE A.G.M. 1997

Held at the Skinners Arms, High Wycombe, Sun 14th Dec 1997, too late for last BBQ.

The most interesting and important snippets from the MINUTES:

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Dave Barnes said that the rules of the Team Championships were still not being fully adhered to. Entries were not being submitted on time, and this had led to Surrey not entering a team for the second successive year. Dave felt that he was still not being regarded as the Secretary, with too many queries going through Eric or Pete.

Dave had previously asked for league tables and fixture lists from each league. He repeated that this would be appreciated.

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Pete expressed concern at players still trying to get around the qualification rules, especially in Team Championships. He said that the rules perhaps need a little more tightening so that each player knows he has just one chance of playing in the event. The entry forms **MUST** be sent to the Secretary by Aug 1st. each year or the county simply does not qualify at all.

He also asked county secretaries for more effort in providing entries for the Under-22 and Over-50 Championships, and ended by saying the Northants Open may include an Under-16 event if enough entries were received.

KEN HUSSEY ADDRESS: Ken said that, although he used to have an unofficial ranking list, he thought that the current system was taken a little too seriously by some.

Ken was sad to announce the death of Gordon Summerfield from the Searle's Club, venue for many events in the 1970's and 80's.

REMINDERS: "B" teams are now encouraged to enter the Ladies County Championships, but none had yet entered.

WHITE CHALK is being provided at most two-leg events now so that first leg scores can be entered on the blackboards to make it more interesting for spectators.

It was felt that we needed more "Minnows" events, and more publicity for them.

PROPOSALS

(a) **Qualification for the Grand Prix Finals.**

Only players who have played in at least **FOUR** opens may qualify for the top 16 places in the Grand Prix, with the exception of the finalists in Jersey who will qualify automatically.

Due to a few abstentions, the vote was 4-4 necessitating the chairman's casting vote. Keith supported the motion.

(b) **Rule change for "Alternative Rules Championships"**

The rule change made last year should go further in that the balls should be re-racked in the triangle-shape every time the table was cleared.

This was the essence of two proposals from Charlie Gildersleve (Bucks) and Oxford. After much discussion, the proposal was carried 7-5.

A further element, proposed by C Gildersleve, was that the black pin should not carry its normal penalty, simply become the same as any other foul. This should bring about a range of new shots.

The vote was 9-2 in favour, and Ken Hussey pledged continued sponsorship of £300.

Chris Saville was concerned about where balls would be placed after the bar had dropped if there were not six balls remaining. Committee standardisation to follow.

ALL-ENGLAND COMMITTEE

The full committee was returned with one exception. Kevin Tunstall declined, saying that his position of Asst Sec was not now required. He could no longer help with setting up tables as All-England events were now in Reading.

THE ENGLAND TEAM

Kevin Tunstall read his captaincy resignation letter, saying that he had achieved every ambition he had hoped for in 14 years, and wished to hand over to another captain to avoid over-staying his welcome.

Bernie McCluskey had been asked to be the non-playing captain, but, if he was called upon to play, Keith Lewendon would fulfil the captain's role.

A Ladies team was announced: P Withey (Oxon, capt) J Taylor (Kent) S Mariner S O'Brien (Sussex). It was noted that M Hawkins would be the 5th player if Jersey fielded five players, and the reserves would be P Burch (Berks) and G Woods (Surrey).

In the final outcome, Jersey did not send a ladies team at all.

The match was to be played off-the-spot with one point available per leg.

SELECTION COMMITTEE

The new committee is: E Hill, K Lewendon, P Farrelly, S Tinto, C Saville, S Mariner, P Wing, M Hawkins, D Barnes, K Tunstall plus captains P Withey and B McCluskey.

YOUR DATES FOR NINETY-EIGHT

Apr 26	NORTHANTS OPEN	Diamond Centre, Irthlingborough
	<i>Promoter P FARRELLY 01933-357023. Entry fee £7.50 by 31.3.98.</i>	
May 10	LADIES OPEN	Post Office S & SC, Reading
	<i>Promoter P HAWKINS 01734-477408 (only staged if at least 32 entries)</i>	
Jun 7	SUSSEX OPEN	Inland Revenue Club, Worthing
	<i>Promoter S MARINER 01273-880336. Entry fee £6.00 by 7.5.98.</i>	
Jun 21	CHARITY SINGLES	TBA
	<i>Promoter G PITT 01189-693798</i>	
Jul 19	ALL-ENGLAND INDIVIDUALS	Post Office S & SC, Reading
Jul 26	LADIES OPEN PAIRS	Frenches Club, Redhill
	<i>Promoter GAIL WOODS 01737-225711 (daytime) £6 per pair by 1st July</i>	
Aug 9	BERKSHIRE OPEN and OPEN PLUS	Post Office S & SC, Reading
	Postponed from March due to clash with the "Reading Marathon".	
Sep 12-13	KENT MINNOWS & KENT CLASSIC	Snowdown Colliery Welfare Club
	<i>Promoter C SAVILLE 01304-372867 Entry fee £6 each or £10 for both</i>	
	Chris insists that if at least 60 entries are not received by 28.6.98, the tournament will be cancelled, so don't leave it too late.	
Sep 27	COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS	Post Office S & SC, Reading
Oct 4	LADIES COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS	Post Office S & SC, Reading
Oct 11	ALTERNATIVE RULES CHAMPIONSHIP	Post Office S & SC, Reading
	<i>Three qualifiers from each county, but watch "STRANGE" RULE-CHANGE.</i>	
Oct 17-18	MERMAID OPEN & MERMAID MINNOWS	Moneyfields Club, Copnor
Nov 7-8	BRITISH ISLES OPEN	De Normandie Hotel, St Helier
Nov 15	NATIONAL TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS	Post Office S & SC, Reading
	<i>Team KO Champions qualify from each county.</i>	
Nov 22	GRAND PRIX MASTERS	Post Office S & SC, Reading
Nov 22	UNDER-22 and OVER-50 CHAMPIONSHIPS	Post Office S & SC, Reading
	<i>Born after 1.1.76 or before 1.1.48 and you can have a go.</i>	
Nov 29	MIXED PAIRS	Alexandra Bowling Club, Hilsea, Portsmouth
Dec 13	ALL-ENGLAND A.G.M.	Skinners Arms, High Wycombe

The SIXTH OXFORDSHIRE OPEN 1998

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SAT 31st JAN 1998

at the COWLEY CONSERVATIVE CLUB, OXFORD

PREVIOUS FINALS	1993	LES GREEN (KENT) beat BERNIE McCLUSKEY (BERKS)
	1994	KEVIN CLARK (KENT) beat PETE PHILLIPS (OXON)
	1995	KEITH SHEARD (OXON) beat KEVIN TUNSTALL (OXON)
	1996	KEVIN TUNSTALL (OXON) beat IAN MOQUET (OXON)
	1997	JOHN BURROWS (BUCKS) beat STUART GILES (OXON)

CTY	RP	First Round	Second Round	Third Round
Years after				
*Penny Burch	Nor		390 820	
Geoff Jukes	Sur	27 28 0.4	12,460 §11,950	4,460 7,500
KEVIN TUNSTALL	Oxf	1 1 4.3	10,870 13,260	12,580 11,300
Wayne Steere	Han		910 1,440	
PETE PHILLIPS	Oxf	1.6	7,620 14,060	walkover
*Jenny Parsons	Oxf		3,450 2,170	
Adam Stocker	Ber		3,550 2,130	
Alan Chaloner	Ber	30 30	4,880 7,280	3,510 1,340
Dave Barnes	Oxf		0 2,300	
TONY MARTIN	Oxf	22 22 1.4	§16,240 7,230	4,390 10,300
Stuart Florey	Oxf		3,820 1,640	
Andy Haines	Buc		4,020 9,510	1,110 1,660
PAUL SAINSBURY	Ber	3 3 9.1	§13,420 12,530	§18,030 17,540
Eric Hill	Buc	23 24	2,290 2,780	
LES GREEN	Ken	4 4 6.5	9,990 8,010	13,580 9,500
Barry Saunders	Han		960 1,010	
Derek Payne	Oxf		2,880 1,820	
Leon Beer	Oxf		5,360 4,900	1,150 2,330
ALLAN LACEY	Oxf	1.3	§13,890 390	3,940 7,850
Tony Webster	Han		100 8,450	
Pete Lee	Oxf	32 31 0.1	2,070 10,650	3,180 3,240
*Janie Macoy	Ken		1,660 980	
MARK JAMES	Sus	25 23 4.0	§16,470 350	11,710 13,270
Gary Coupar	Oxf		100 1,860	
Steve Denny	Oxf		3,030 4,130	
Mark Turner	Ber	31 32	7,760 7,840	100 1,670
JASON CAT'MOLE	Oxf	1.4	7,350 10,400	§13,520 8,470
*Sue Leach	Oxf		580 1,210	
*Donna Harding	Oxf		140 320	
Ernie Jordan	Buc	41 41	2,600 2,220	1,240 1,770
Paul Wing	Han	11 12 0.2	13,230 6,050	0 5,040
Pete Burton	Oxf		310 §13,040	
BERN McCLUSKEY	Ber	13 13 1.7	§14,110 9,680	11,760 10,400
*Janet Burns	Ber		2,080 4,240	
Steve Minihane	Ber		1,980 2,430	
JOHN BURROWS	Buc	12 10 12.1	7,320 §14,620	§19,620 300
John Burch	Nor		2,470 2,320	
Paul Laithwaite	Oxf		2,450 3,280	670 180
John Smith	Buc		1,170 1,350	
Dave Evans	Oxf		5,470 5,140	2,750 7,230
Keith Lewendon	Ber		5,840 2,090	
Pete Farrelly	Nor	10 11 0.5	7,610 1,160	10,240 2,740
				0 17,180

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JUKES 11,950 MARTIN 16,240 SAINSBURY 13,150 & 18,030
 LACEY 12,070 JAMES 16,470 CATTERMOLE 12,080
 BURTON 13,040 McCLUSKEY 13,100 BURROWS 11,280 & 19,620

	CTY	RR		RP	First	Round	Second Round		Third Round	
		Before	After							
Max Dick	Oxf	21	21		5,280	7,860	6,860	6,930	270	6,280
Chris Saville	Ken	18	18	0.1	5,150	2,670				
Phil Spencer	Oxf			0.2	§11,670	3,740	2,920	210		
Stuart Giles	Oxf				280	3,000				
MARK SAWYER	Ber	6	6	5.1	§19,380	16,780	0	§18,210	§16,840	30
Graham Crosbie	Han				0	2,300				
Jim Millward	Sus	9	9	1.0	§12,340	§21,570	§15,910	0		
Lorin Clough	Oxf				500	600				
Ray Sturgess	Oxf	34	34	0.3	200	10,550				
Kent Murray	Buc			0.3	§14,860	4,790	1,600	4,080		
STEVE HUNTLEY	Oxf			1.3	3,640	§11,340	2,140	7,350	5,030	8,460
Kevin Godfrey	Oxf			0.1	8,490	580				
Tony Willis	Oxf				2,730	2,340	3,010	340		
Steven Sheard	Oxf				1,030	1,600				
Brian Daniels	Han			0.2	6,310	7,110	6,990	11,270	1,460	1,120
Frank Cox	Oxf				6,140	940				
JON BAMSEY	Oxf	29	29	2.4	§12,420	9,840	8,710	§20,560	§17,090	9,480
Phil Rice	Ber				640	1,620				
*Myra Hawkins	Ber			0.1	walkover		1,190	260		
*Diana Welburn	Ken				2,520	980				
*Jenny Abbott	Oxf				720	3,220	3,290	900		
*Ann Green	Ken				2,080	4,120	1,470	2,980	0	1,430
Fred Large	Han				630	1,300				
Brian Smyth	Buc				2,180	4,060				
GEOFF PITT	Ber	30	30	3.1	10,480	3,670	7,140	3,380	6,150	7,260
Roger Bowen	Oxf				50	4,080				
Dennis Atkins	Oxf	17	17	0.4	§13,990	9,180	0	8,880		
Maxi McDonnell	Oxf			0.7	13,260	10,970	§17,660	280	4,020	7,510
Terry Cook	Oxf			0.1	1,020	1,910				
Robin Godfrey	Oxf			0.5	§12,700	6,450	0	16,440		
Alan Messer	Sus				680	4,980				
Gary Johnson	Oxf	33	33	0.7	720	3,440				
Mick Jones	Oxf				3,200	4,560	0	920		
KEITH SHEARD	Oxf	2	2	8.1	§13,190	§24,200	17,510	§16,790	16,440	18,170
Gareth Lloyd	Sus	28	28		6,590	0				
Chris Townsend	Oxf				4,910	1,000				
Martin Friend	Oxf				10	7,300	7,910	1,650	2,510	1,430
*Pauline Withey	Oxf			0.1	330	5,190				
Thomas Ellis-Rees	Oxf				3,090	5,210	590	4,560		
Bob Toye	Sus			0.1	3,440	7,540	§10,800	2,170		
Pete Welch	Oxf	38	38	0.4	3,470	6,130				
JOHN SLEE	Sus	44	44	2.0	11,400	11,610	2,480	§12,640	10,770	10,240
Bob Allsworth	Oxf				0	720				
Phil Hawkins	Ber	45	45	0.1	6,980	8,420	2,530	2,980	1,100	450
Brian Rose	Oxf			0.1	1,250	8,110				
Dennis Claydon	Ber				1,500	4,530				
Syl Murphy	Buc				5,870	4,520	2,350	1,820		

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SPENCER 11,040 SAWYER 19,380 18,210 & 16,820 MILLWARD 12,340 21,570 & 15,910
MURRAY 14,410 HUNTLEY 10,840 BAMSEY 12,420 20,560 & 17,090
ATKINS 13,890 McDONNELL 17,660 R GODFREY 12,330
SHEARD 13,190 24,200 & 16,770 TOYE 10,800 SLEE 12,640

THE LAST SIXTEEN

	Fourth Round		Quarter-finals		Semi-finals		Final	
Kevin Tunstall	1,460	\$19,010	11,260	2,570				
Pete Phillips	15,660	0						
Tony Martin	4,630	50						
PAUL SAINSBURY	8,990	9,440	1,900	13,880	\$20,950	5,040	250	0
LES GREEN	5,220	\$14,050	\$18,690	7,790	0	\$14,210		
Allan Lacey	9,710	1,670						
Mark James	12,870	9,950	0	1,080				
Jason Cattermole	330	6,020						
Bernie McCluskey	7,330	730						
JOHN BURROWS	8,690	12,330	\$17,250	\$10,300	\$16,220	7,760	\$16,790	3,870
Mark Sawyer	13,900	19,330	660	\$10,760				
Steve Huntley	1,220	620						
Jon Barnsey	2,000	7,660						
Geoff Pitt	6,260	4,700	4,830	3,430				
KEITH SHEARD	\$20,600	6,100	11,830	11,970	1,150	870		
John Slee	0	11,860						

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TUNSTALL 19,010 SAINSBURY 20,950 GREEN 14,050 18,690 & 12,390
BURROWS 17,250 10,300 16,220 & 16,580 SAWYER 10,660 SHEARD 20,600

JOHN BURROWS HOLDS ON TO THE "EMPIRE"

The top players on the bar billiards circuit are now hoping John Burrows finds work commitments during 1998 are as demanding as they were in 1997.

The 42-year-old High Wycombe car parts manager only entered three major Open events last year, won two of them, and then could not find time to play at all until taking part in the Invitational Grand Prix Masters.

His only defeat during the year in a ranking event was in the first round of the Charity Singles, beaten by Oxford's No.2 Keith Sheard.

Due to his success in the Oxfordshire and the Berkshire Opens, Burrows was seeded No.1, and duly captured the major prize against Bexhill's Paul Sainsbury who had been going for a hat-trick of Masters titles.

Now 1998 has started in similar style, with Burrows beating Sainsbury again and retaining his Oxfordshire Open title, again generously sponsored by "Empire Homes".

Burrows was riding his luck in the first leg of the final, enjoying the "Life of Riley" until he settled into his normal smooth rhythm halfway through the leg. By the close, he had made a break of 16,580, and then made another 210 with the last few balls.

Sainsbury had made a token gesture of 250, but started the second leg with determination etched on his furrowed brow, understandably hoping to avenge that costly defeat in the Masters final. Alas, he suffered a "kick" on only his third shot and, after scratching around for a few more shots, gave way to Burrows who clinched the match with a further 3,870.

Sainsburys are said to be famous for "chicken", and Paul stepped forward waving his white handkerchief from the end of his cue.

Burrows had produced a big break in every round. After an early bye, he beat Eynsham's Paul Laithwaite with an 11,280 break, Rushden's Peter Farrelly with a 19,620 break, new England captain Bernie McCluskey (Reading) with a 9,980 break, Mark Sawyer (Wokingham) with breaks of 17,250 and 10,300, and a 16,220 against Sheard in the semi-final.

Sainsbury had been on top form all day, registering a succession of big breaks, peaking with a 20,950 in the semi-final against Les Green (Rochester).

The biggest break of the tournament was a top-class 24,200, made by Sheard, but his progress to the last four eliminated him from the possibility of winning the Highest

Break award, which was therefore claimed by England team-mate Jim Millward (Brighton) for his magnificent 21,570 against Wallingford's tip for top honours in the future, Lorin Clough, in round one.

The best lady was Ann Green (Rochester) who reached round three of an event for the first-ever time.

The Plate Competition was won by Gary Johnson who beat Oxfordshire team-mate Pete Welch in a closely-fought final.

PLATE COMPETITION

		Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Qtr-finals	Semi-finals (two legs)	
*Penny Burch	Nor		5,820				
Wayne Steere	Han		6,210	2,400			
*Jenny Parsons	Oxf			3,040	3,780	600	4,420
Adam Stocker	Ber		1,450				
Dave Barnes	Oxf		4,420	4,010			
*Donna Harding	Oxf		600				
Eric Hill	Buc		3,200	6,680	3,240		
Barry Saunders	Han		820				
Derek Payne	Oxf		2,070	7,700	460		
Tony Webster	Han		4,290	1,660			
*Janie Macoy	Ken		1,850				
Steve Denny	Oxf			4,630			
*Sue Leach	Oxf		2,080				
PETE WELCH	Oxf		2,340	6,570	11,140	12,940	6,960
Pete Burton	Oxf		5,930	7,940	5,630	4,090	3,480
Steve Minihane	Ber		1,450				
John Burch	Nor		1,200				
John Smith	Buc	1,450					
Keith Lewendon	Ber	7,560	5,770	4,180			
Chris Saville	Ken	8,810	7,270	1,950			
Stuart Giles	Oxf	2,910					
Graham Crosbie	Han	1,140					
Lorin Clough	Oxf	3,980	0				
Ray Sturgess	Oxf	10,420	7,780	9,880	4,280		
Kevin Godfrey	Oxf	140					
Steven Sheard	Oxf	4,030					
Frank Cox	Oxf	6,080	3,990				
Phil Rice	Ber	2,410					
*Myra Hawkins	Ber	10,700	1,630				
*Diana Welburn	Ken	5,880	3,160	3,580			
Fred Large	Han	1,910					
Brian Smyth	Buc		560				
Terry Cook	Oxf	7,780	8,020	7,990	7,900		
Alan Messer	Sus	4,790					
GARY JOHNSON	Oxf	10,390	8,510	8,860	9,650	6,420	13,560
Gareth Lloyd	Sus	1,770					
Chris Townsend	Oxf	2,530					
*Pauline Withey	Oxf	9,000	7,380				
Stuart Florey	Oxf	4,770					
Bob Allsworth	Oxf	5,870	7,290	550			
Brian Rose	Oxf	3,780					
Dennis Claydon	Ber	4,260	3,540				

BEST BREAKS IN THE PLATE COMPETITION:

PETE WELCH 11,000 MYRA HAWKINS 10,580

PLATE FINAL:

Pete Welch 7,320 & 2,910 lost to Gary Johnson 3,270 & 8,010

PRIZE LIST

WINNER, £300

RUNNER-UP, £100

SEMI-FINALISTS, £50 each

QUARTER-FINALISTS, £20 each

LAST 16, £10 each

HIGHEST BREAKS (LAST 8 COULD NOT QUALIFY)

HIGHEST PLACED LADY

HIGHEST LADIES' BREAKS

HIGHEST LOSING SCORES:

PLATE WINNER, £25

PLATE RUNNER-UP, £10

JOHN BURROWS (BUCKS)

PAUL SAINSBURY (BERKS)

LES GREEN (KENT) & KEITH SHEARD (OXON)

KEVIN TUNSTALL (OXON) MARK JAMES (SUSSEX)

MARK SAWYER (BERKS) GEOFF PITT (BERKS)

Pete Phillips (Oxon) Tony Martin (Oxon) Allan Lacey (Oxon)

Jason Cattermole (Oxon) Bernie McCluskey (Berks) Steve Huntley (Oxon)

Jon Bamsey (Oxon) John Slee (Sussex)

JIM MILLWARD (Sussex) 21,570

ANN GREEN (KENT)

PAULINE WITHEY (OXON) 4,200

Robin Godfrey (Oxon) 16,440 ROUND TWO

Pete Farrelly (Nor) 17,180 ROUND THREE

Pete Phillips (Oxon) 15,660 ROUND FOUR

GARY JOHNSON (OXON)

PETE WELCH (OXON)

The 17th ENGLAND v JERSEY International

SATURDAY 7th FEBRUARY 1998 at the WINTERBOURNE HOTEL, BOURNEMOUTH

PREVIOUS RESULTS in ENGLAND

1982	ENG	8	JER	3
1984	ENG	11	JER	0
1986	ENG	7	JER	4
1988	ENG	11	JER	0
1990	ENG	8	JER	3
1992	ENG	11	JER	0
1994	ENG	9	JER	2
1996	ENG	10	JER	1
TOTALS		8		0

PREVIOUS RESULTS in JERSEY

1983	JER	6	ENG	5
1985	JER	4	ENG	7
1987	JER	6	ENG	5
1989	JER	7	ENG	4
1991	JER	7	ENG	4
1993	JER	7	ENG	4
1995	JER	4	ENG	7
1997	JER	5	ENG	6
TOTALS		5		3

ENGLAND

17 JERSEY

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	RP	1st leg	2nd leg	totals		RP	1st leg	2nd leg	totals
K Clark	10.1	5,920	10,650	16,570	E Wilson	2.0	870	2,270	3,140
		(Brks 5,240 & 7,840)							
S Mariner	8.1	250	9,950	10,200	G Le Monnier	2.0	2,460	660	3,120
K Sheard	3.0	1,240	2,050	3,290	D Cadec	6.5	590	6,380	6,970
							(Brk 4,300)		
P Farrelly	7.5	1,740	6,480	8,220	S Ahier	7.0	7,180	370	7,550
			(Brk 6,270)				(Brk 4,770)		
J Burrows	10.8	15,070	5,370	20,440	N Barnett	4.0	120	4,380	4,500
		(Brk 14,580)							
S Biggs	9.0	7,450	2,860	10,310	B King	3.5	2,590	1,430	4,020
P Sainsbury	1.0	1,100	360	1,460	G Bisson	6.0	2,170	2,420	4,590
M Sawyer	12.5	8,830	19,880	28,710	H Barbet	0.5	1,080	300	1,380
			(Brk 19,880)						
J Millward	9.5	7,540	7,200	14,740	R Rebours	3.0	2,320	1,510	3,830
		(Brk 5,120)							
K Tunstall	11.2	9,560	10,910	20,470	D Helleur	4.5	3,570	980	4,550
L Green	11.9	11,160	11,010	22,170	P Noel	5.5	3,000	3,670	6,670
		(Brk 6,850)							

RESERVE GAMES:

P Wing	920	13,260	14,180	J Vandervliet	4,510	480	4,990
B McCluskey	5,260	10,050	15,310	N Bisson	410	0	410

(Brk 9,760)

BEST ENGLAND AVERAGES	P	W	L	Legs		AGGREGATE	LEG AVG
				W	L		
MARK SAWYER (Ber)	1	1	0	2	0	28,710	14,355
Alan Donovan (Buc)	2	2	0	4	0	46,510	11,628
KEVIN CLARK (Ken)	3	2	1	5	1	58,150	9,692
Darrell Johnson (Buc)	2	2	0	3	1	38,620	9,655
KEITH SHEARD (Oxf)	11	§8	3	18	4	205,800	9,355
Kent Murray (Buc)	4	3	1	6	2	70,700	8,838
Mick Lingham (Ken)	2	2	0	4	0	35,220	8,805
KEVIN TUNSTALL (Oxf)	17	14	3	24	1	293,410	8,630
JIM MILLWARD (Sus)	5	5	0	9	1	85,180	8,518
JOHN BURROWS (Buc)	12	10	2	17	1	201,180	8,383
PETE FARRELLY (Nor)	10	9	§1	16	4	162,750	8,138
Tony Walsh (Ber)	4	2	2	4	4	63,830	7,979
Dave Plumstead (Oxf)	1	1	0	1	1	15,920	7,960
Tony Martin (Oxf)	1	1	0	2	0	15,840	7,920
Will Leary (Ber)	2	2	0	4	0	31,430	7,858
Paul Highstead (Ken)	2	1	1	3	1	30,420	7,605
Tony Franks (Sus)	8	7	1	14	1	120,390	7,524
Chas Jones (Ken)	10	6	4	13	7	148,620	7,431
Keith MacDonald (Han)	1	1	0	1	1	14,790	7,395
Simon Tinto (Sur)	8	5	3	9	1	116,940	7,309
PAUL SAINSBURY (Ken+Ber)	12	7	5	16	8	169,590	7,066
STEVE BIGGS (Nor)	2	2	0	3	1	27,070	6,768
LES GREEN (Ken)	5	3	2	5	5	67,410	6,741
BERNIE McCLUSKEY (Ber)	13	7	6	17	9	173,870	6,687
Ron Josey (Ber)	5	3	2	6	4	64,400	6,440
Terry Oakley (Sur)	1	1	0	2	0	12,070	6,035
Brian Wood (Ken)	3	3	0	4	1	35,420	5,903
STEVE MARINER (Sus)	5	3	§2	4	6	58,310	5,831

BEST JERSEY AVERAGES	P	W	L	Legs		AGGREGATE	LEG AVG
				W	L		
Mick Euzan	1	1	0	1	1	14,160	7,080
Graham Pallot	1	1	0	2	0	13,300	6,650
Vernon Festou	4	4	0	7	1	52,880	6,610
STEVE AHIER	12	§6	6	13	11	125,780	5,241
Cyril Vibert	5	3	2	4	6	47,860	4,786
Fred Jeanne	1	0	1	0	2	9,290	4,645
HARRY BARBET	11	7	4	9	1	88,550	4,025
Alan Le Blond	2	1	1	2	2	15,600	3,900
Micky Daw	3	1	2	3	3	23,080	3,847
John Le Queleneq	3	1	2	2	1	22,670	3,778
Nigel Ryall	10	4	6	8	12	69,890	3,495
GRAHAM BISSON	15	6	9	15	1	103,110	3,437
Tony Williams	3	2	1	2	1	20,430	3,405
PETER NOEL	15	4	11	9	1	100,450	3,348
NIGEL BISSON	8	2	6	5	11	51,860	3,241
DENNIS HELLEUR	16	5	11	10	1	102,150	3,192
DON CADEC	5	3	§2	4	1	30,150	3,015
RON REBOURS	10	3	7	4	1	58,770	2,939
GRAHAM LE MONNIER	4	§0	3	2	6	23,120	2,890
NICK BARNETT	1	0	1	0	2	4,500	2,250
JOHN VANDERVLIT	2	0	2	0	4	6,960	1,740
BOB KING	2	0	2	0	4	6,790	1,698
ERNIE WILSON	1	0	1	0	2	3,140	1,570

*Note: the LEG records for the 1983 match are incomplete as only aggregates are available.

§ in the averages above denotes that the player took part in the 1998 match where points were awarded for each LEG won. If the symbol is in the "W" column, the player WON ONE leg but LOST overall on aggregate. If it is in the "L" column, the player WON one leg but WON overall on aggregate. For the purposes of the table, the W/L record of each player is calculated on aggregate results only.

PLAYER PROFILES

As they appeared in the Programme for the International with British Rankings as at 1.1.98

ENGLAND

BERNIE McCLUSKEY (Ranked 13, from Reading) Second reserve tonight, but recently very proud to be appointed non-playing captain; but not so proud of his England playing career having lost 6 of his 13 matches. His record WILL improve now he has been given the ultimate accolade: WON'T IT. SKIP? He was the only player to have won the All-England Individuals more than once, until Tunstall won for the second time in 1994. McCluskey had by then won it FOUR TIMES. He was the first mainland player to win the BIOC, has won the Alternative Rules (Off-the-Spot) twice, was the first Grand Prix Masters Champion in 1993, but surprisingly has won only ONE major Open title in England. Hopefully will decide to keep away from the bar until after the match as rumour has it that he started his celebration of the new Millennium in 1992. But can he can make it to the year.... 3000?

KEVIN TUNSTALL (1, Abingdon) He has been there, done that, so he gave up the captaincy magnanimously "to let someone else have a go." Now just an ordinary player, but not too ordinary....he is back at number one after several spells at No. 2 last year. The only one to have won MORE major events than the new skipper, TWENTY at the last count: three All-Englands, four Pairs, two BIOC's, two Alternative Rules, one Grand Prix final and eight Opens. If all his trophies were laid down end to end on the A415 road between his home town of Abingdon and Oxford, it would.....be very, very silly as the A415 does not go to Oxford.

KEITH SHEARD (2, Oxford) Holds records galore, including best-ever International break of 25,870 against Harry Barbet in 1996. Won the 1992 All-England, and then NEARLY became the only man to win it twice in a row when he lost a 19,000 break in the 1993 final against a very grateful Farrelly (tee, hee!) who had set him a 21,000 target. Winner of three Opens. Seems destined to perpetually miss out on the Pairs title, and the hotel have been asked to pull the plug on their slot machines in case he loses tonight. Worryingly eats squid before flying, and even more worryingly tends to kiss England teammates. Appeared with Roy Castle in *Record Breakers* many, many years ago when he was only middle-aged, yet still insists it is NOT a wig. A.k.a. "Ernie, the fastest milkman in the West..... of Oxford", and has started a stud farm where he now breeds young bar billiards players, as well as magicians.

PAUL SAINSBURY (3, Bexhill) Dubbed the "Gypsy Rover", because he has scoured the country to try to get a decent game of bar billiards, or is it because he sits in a car plant in Derby selling pegs. Almost left out of the team a few years ago, but fought back to retain his place and now one of the first names on the team-sheet. Has won the All-England, the Pairs with Viv Wright and two Opens, but most renowned for winning the prestigious Grand Prix in 1995 and 1996. Just missed out on being allowed to keep the trophy last year. He said at the time "f\$@#*ψδ", but he was not too upset.

LES GREEN (4, Rochester) Once so distraught about being left out of the England XI, he won his reserve game. Fifth and possibly last England match before beginning a lengthy qualification period for the Greek National team, that will be as easy as αβθδε for him. Joined the "hall of fame" by winning the 1997 All-England, but reached the top echelons of the ranking lists five years ago by winning two Opens every year between 1993 and 1995 inclusive. His style may not be text-book in the body movement department, but he gets his balls in the hole very quickly.....Ann asked to have the next line cut.

KEVIN CLARK (5, Rochester) Breezed on to the scene by winning the 1991 National Under-22 title, but has since won the Alternative Rules and four Opens. Being a man of Kent, or is it a Kentish man, and having a name like "Clark", he has got to maintain a "Superman" image. Only his third England outing, but first since becoming a daddy. He says his wife must not know. Another leading member of the Rochester mafia. To his

credit, he is the only top player with a better-than-even record in ranking event matches against Tunstall. Did his parents name him after the No.1?

MARK SAWYER (6, Wokingham) Sussex Open champion in 1996 and reigning Pairs champion with "Old Bill" Trinder, but still needed to beat the World Record break in December to disprove the rumours that he had only been chosen for the team to boost the "gate" for this event by 500%. He is the only player on the circuit to bring his own "rent-a-crowd" and they seem to actually enjoy his games... amazing. His biggest claim to fame, though, is that he says he knows the "Jersey Spoons Champion" personally. Oh yes, that World Record was only 31,350, made in 18 mins 48 secs. That followed an earlier attempt to reach 30,000 which failed miserably at only 29,850. Watch him tonight, if you can get anywhere near the table! First England cap, future big star, but we still say he should be qualified for the Over-50's by now.

PETE FARRELLY (10, Rushden) The grandad of the team, not just because he may be the current England player nearest to being eligible for the Over-50's, but he was recently made "grandad" for the SEVENTH time (Carolyn produced a baby boy *Joshua James* three weeks ago), so now, with Pete and his three daughters, the clan could possibly make up the entire England XI in twenty years time. Peggy would have to be reserve, (heaven help us!!!) Pete is especially gutted not to see Micky Daw in the team this year as he still awaits the chance to avenge his only England defeat (in 1985). Winner of five majors, three pairs, the 1991 Wessex, but nothing since the All-England in 1993 (see Keith Sheard above). Is he getting too old, or does he put far too much time into his reporting, photography and statistics? Answers..... Yes and yes.

JIM MILLWARD (9, Worthing) Whereas, statistics are obviously important for Farrelly, they are absolutely VITAL to Jim. Somewhere around 36-26-34 usually does nicely. Deepest voice in the team, helping to attract the girls (well it must be something), sounds much like Arnold Schwarzenegger, especially when not wearing his corset. The current "Spot" Champion, but has been using Clearasil which has helped enormously. Only current England player with a full FPC qualification. HE knows what that means, but the one who gives the funniest suggestion before midnight could win a free drink from Eric. What about "Frankly Pathetic Cue-man". No, that's not fair, he captured the BIOC in proud style last November, and was even a semi-finalist in the very first year. Won one other Open title.

STEVE MARINER (7, Portslade) Winner of two Open events, including the 1995 Sussex Open when he was also organising the admin desk, a remarkable achievement. Would win more if only he could get out more. Not true that the only reason he married Sue was to see his name at the top of the rankings. The idea is to produce the perfect bar billiards player. Samuel Taylor Coleridge wrote about his great-great-great-great-great grandfather *The Ancient Mariner* in 1798. Isn't it amazing what you find out reading a bar billiards programme? Won vital leg for England last year. Has led the Sussex challenge in the Team Championships for the last sixty-seven years, or more.

JOHN BURROWS (12, High Wycombe) Emotionally-charged player who has won 12 majors, the last of which was the 1997 Grand Prix final which stopped Mr Sainsbury walking away with the Gold Cup. When he won the 1995 All-England, he reduced Eric Hill to tears.....as Eric wanted his ball back. Has also won four Alternative Rules and 6 Opens including a tight 1996 Northants Open. The solitary Bucks player, whereas five other counties have produced two each for this year's team. Well-known for his motor parts; you should see what he can do with his dip-stick and ball-bearings.

STEVE BIGGS (16, Wymington) Three pairs titles with Farrelly, and the Charity Singles in 1995.....just give him a cue and point him in the right direction....he would play for your life. Surprisingly, only one previous International, but he did beat Steve Ahier in 1996. Garage owner, but an all round sportsman, especially with balls. Currently his team is top of the Ten-pin League and second in the Snooker league, but it is a great pity that his Bar Billiards team is struggling so much without his expertise.

PAUL WING (11, Portsmouth) First reserve for this match, earning recognition with an amazing year, climbing to No.11 in the rankings. Once got the better of four women in one day, and did the same in the Mermaid Open a few days later, an event which he and Linda ran virtually single-handed. Unlucky to miss out on the chosen eleven for the team, but will he do a Les Green in the reserve game. If Chris comes to support him, at least the bar takings will be doubled.

JERSEY SQUAD:

STEVE AHIER (26, CAPTAIN SPICE) Still the player by which others measure themselves and most of them are shorter. Captain of the Esplanade team which currently leads division one of the JERSEY BBL, and first man to win two BIOC's.

HARRY BARBET (130, ARACHNA-SPICE) Corinthian Player. If it is Harry the Spider's coming-out party, then look out - on his day a match for anyone. High Break specialist, one of the most promising youngsters until he gave up the game for a few years.

Established a Jersey League record with a break and total of 18,150 in a recent match.
GRAHAM BISSON (52, ALL SPICE) Been there, done that. Graham has won just about every honour there is in Channel Islands bar billiards, but manages to maintain a competitive approach by imagining all his opponents are bookies.

NIGEL BISSON (144, GOBBY or HAIRY SPICE) Involved with bar billiards for almost thirty years and has taken the Treasurer's job for the JBBL this season. Recently moved house, new car and exotic holiday on order.

DON CADEC (42, SILVER SPICE) Another very experienced campaigner whose renaissance after reaching the BIOC final in 1996 has helped turn the Esplanade into title contenders.

DENNIS HELLEUR (37, OLD SPICE) Being the owner of a full trophy cabinet neatly counterbalances his support for Newcastle Utd. A winner of every Channel Island title except the Over-50's (Just a matter of time!)

BOB KING (75, ASH SPICE) Over the past few years Bob has established himself as a there or thereabouts player. Hopefully, experience gained on earlier trips will allow him to fully participate in the latter stages of the weekend. Carpet burns suffered at the Woodville Hotel in Jersey have now fully healed.

GRAHAM LE MONNIER (103, SMILEY SPICE) High-scoring performances for the Esplanade have confirmed his status as one of the more prominent players, we're not talking noses here. Loves digging holes so its "Murder on the Spades".

PETER NOEL (60, GRANDPA SPICE) Retirement and a return to full fitness means he can practise even more, which hardly seems fair on the rest of us! A 5th Esplanade player.

RON REBOURS (66, ROCKY SPICE) The unflappable "Rock On" remains one of our steadiest players and very hard to beat. A veteran of many trips, Ron is still fondly remembered in the Derby Road area of Southampton.

ERNIE WILSON (192, COMPACT SPICE) Ernie plays for the other Esplanade team and for years has been the sort of player no one wants to draw in competition (or in pencil for that matter). Elevation to the cutting edge should not do him any harm.

JOHN VANDERVLIEET (-, DUTCH SPICE) Vastly experienced and enthusiastic exponent of the bar billiards "dog fight" - an attitude now being embraced by his beloved "Tottenham" Hotspurs.

JERSEY SCUPPERED AGAIN

"THE BIGGEST BAR BILLIARDS MATCH IN THE CALENDAR" is the way both sides regard the event which was staged at the Winterbourne Hotel in Bournemouth recently.

It was the 17th Annual International between a mighty England side and a far-from-overshadowed Jersey team, although the visitors have never quite been able to compete when the match is staged every two years in England.

And so it proved again, with England coming out winners 17-5.

Jersey's best result was a 7-4 defeat, way back in 1986.

They can, however, certainly make the England stars fight all the way when they travel to play in the Channel Islands. Jersey have won five of the eight matches played on their home soil.

Recent years have, however, given England the edge, even in Jersey, and the National side have now held the Trophy continuously since 1994.

The build-up to the event was friendly and extremely social, as ever, but the atmosphere in the hall as play started simultaneously on three tables at 8.30 p.m. was verging on electric.

Long gone are the days when the England captain wanted to see his biggest stars drawn early on the sheet to set the side off in powerful fashion. Now, it does not matter, he stands back and admires his richly-talented side play all night. "He" being Bernie McCluskey from Reading, newly-appointed skipper following the decision of Abington's Kevin Tunstall to stand down to "let someone else have a chance".

McCluskey has been appointed as non-playing captain, but was also chosen as second reserve for the team whose 13 players (including BOTH reserves) are all in the top 15 in the British Ranking list.

Jersey's stars are not as high in the rankings, but only as they rarely take part in ranking events. Eight are now in the top 50, led by their captain Steve Ahier, now in the lofty No. 21 position.

Ahier, twice winner of the British Open in Jersey, runner-up in 1997, and with a record of six International wins from 11 matches, won his first point against Rushden's Peter Farrelly with the help of a 4,770 initial break, which turned out to be the team's best effort, but Farrelly made a 6,270 opener to his second leg to maintain his proud record of only one overall defeat in ten matches, that being way back in 1985.

Graham Bisson is much better than his No.45 rankings suggests. He won both his legs against England No.4 Paul Sainsbury (Bexhill), even though scores were very low.

Don Cadec (No. 36) and Graham Le Monnier (No. 103) scored Jersey's other points, taking legs off Keith Sheard (Oxford) and Steve Mariner (Brighton) respectively.

The rest was all one-way traffic for the rampant home side: Kevin Clark (Rochester) made breaks of 5,240 and 7,840 to beat Ernie Wilson, John Burrows (High Wycombe) a break of 14,580 on the way to victory over debutant Nick Barnett, Jim Millward (Brighton) a break of 5,120 against Ronnie Rehours, and Les Green (Rochester) a break of 6,850 against Peter Noel.

The best break in the match was one of 19,880 by Mark Sawyer (Wokingham) who beat Harry Barbet, the same unlucky player who had to stand and watch Sheard make a record 25,000 break two years ago.

Barbet still maintains the best Jersey win-lose ratio in the series, seven wins from 11 caps.

Steve Biggs (Wymington, Beds) and Kevin Tunstall (Abington) were the other England successes.

The visitors had requested two subtle changes to the rules. The main difference was that all shots would have to be played from the "spot" in the "D" as they play in their own league matches. This eventually accounted for the unusual lack of high breaks in the match, as options are severely reduced when the position of the cue-ball is so restricted.

The second request was that a point be awarded for each LEG won, rather than a point for best aggregate over a set of two legs.

Under the old system, the result would have been 9-2.

It was disappointing this year that Jersey could not field a Ladies side to take on the likes of Pauline Withey, Sue Mariner, Jan Taylor and Myra Hawkins, but it is hoped that the Ladies match can be re-instated into the programme when England try to retain the trophy next February in Jersey.

Sixteenth British Open PAIRS Championship

SAT & SUN 7th-8th MAR 1998

at the QUEENS HOTEL, BOURNEMOUTH

PREVIOUS FINALS

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| 1983 | Kent Murray, Roy Buckle (Buc) | beat Colin Neville, Tim Drake (Ber) 2-0 |
| 1984 | Steve Biggs, Pete Farrelly (Nor) | beat Keith Sheard, Dave Plumstead (Oxf)
on agg 21,100- 20,870 |
| 1985 | Bernie McCluskey, Will Leary (Ber) | beat Chas Jones, Brian Wood (Ken) 3-1 |
| 1986 | Bernie McCluskey, Will Leary (Ber) | beat Steve Biggs, Pete Farrelly (Nor)
on agg 28,990- 27,270 |
| 1987 | Kent Murray, Roy Buckle (Buc) | beat Paul Sainsbury, Jan Powell (Ken) 3-0 |
| 1988 | Kevin Tunstall, Pete Lee (Oxf) | beat Paul Yeo, Andy Soper (Ber) 3-0 |
| 1989 | V Shepherd (Ken) P Sainsbury (Ber) | bt Chas Jones (Ken) John Burrows (Buc) 3-1 |
| 1990 | Steve Biggs, Pete Farrelly (Nor) | bt P Sainsbury (Ber) V Shepherd (Ken) 3-0 |
| 1991 | Kevin Tunstall, Tony Martin (Oxf) | bt Chas Jones (Ken) John Burrows (Buc) 3-1 |
| 1992 | Steve Biggs, Pete Farrelly (Nor) | beat Keith Sheard, Phil Spencer (Oxf) 3-1 |
| 1993 | Bernie McCluskey, Paul Yeo (Ber) | beat Tony Walsh, Derek Soper (Ber) 3-1 |
| 1994 | Kevin Tunstall, Tony Martin (Oxf) | beat Steve Biggs, Pete Farrelly (Nor) 3-1 |
| 1995 | Les Green, Chris Saville (Ken) | beat Paul Sainsbury, K Lewendon (Ber) 3-0 |
| 1996 | Kevin Tunstall, Tony Martin (Oxf) | beat Keith Sheard, Ian Moquet (Oxf) 3-1 |
| 1997 | Mark Sawyer, Bill Trinder (Ber) | beat Les Green, Chris Saville (Ken) 3-1 |

* the first two finals were played over two legs only, but the 1986 final is STILL the only FOUR-legged final to be decided on aggregate score.

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TROPHIES

presented by DAVID BURR, Manager, Queens Hotel

RAFFLE:

Tickets sold to the value of £645 by Sue Barnes
and the main prizes were won by Dennis Claydon (Weekend at the Queens)
and Steve Huntley (Weekend at the Winterbourne)

	CTY	RP	1st Round	2nd Round	3rd Round
	Where After				
S Giles/T Ewen	Oxf		6,330	2,170	190 1,630
J Thomson/T Britton	Nor		1,050	2,020	
S Minihane/R Pembroke	Ber		1,670	1,950	
*D WELBURN/A SHUBERT	Ken	4.3	3,670	1,910	9,720 10,420
R Jones/L Harton	Han		1,790	2,990	
J CATTERMOLE/I MOSS	Oxf	2.0	2,000	4,350	1,940 5,510
A Cox/J Hordle	Ber		980	6,610	
A Stillwell/*L Wing	Han		7,680	5,370	730 1,890
I GREEN/C SAVILLE	Ken	3/15 3/16	2.7	8,660 ²	16,940 3,400 14,240
*J Burns/A Burns	Ber		840	100	
T Isard/E Jordan	Buc	-/42 -/42	0.4	9,140 ²	14,680 6,950 2,120
J Smith/D Skinner	Buc		1,770	0	
S Murphy/D Hook	Buc		7,150	3,790	1,430 290
*M Biggs/P Watts	Nor		510	1,080	
*J Mannell/D Barnes	Han/Oxf		7,490	2,780	
K TUNSTALL/T MARTIN	Oxf	1/23 1/15	14.9	4,070 10,190	10,010 12,260
B TRINDER/M SAWYER	Ber	1/5 25/5	7.3	1,320 6,320	13,050 ² 12,050
S Huntley/D Shurey	Oxf		2,900	4,130	
K MacDonald/P Buckle	Carn	-/46 -/46	0.1	6,560	2,410
P Witney/W Storch	Oxf		6,270	7,760	910 850
T Walsh/D Atkins	Ber/Oxf	11/17 11/19	0.4	1,460 ²	13,700 12,330 0
R Taylor/P Barnett	Sus		9,650	1,140	
L BEER/L CLOUGH	Oxf		2.6	5,570 14,660	610 ² 14,570
W Steere/D House	Han		1,490	390	
G Powell/*S Leach	Oxf		2,050	2,580	4,250 1,030
D Tallack/D Pratt	Han		1,310	1,560	
*C WITNEY/*P BURCH	Oxf/Nor		2.0	5,180 5,570	1,370 7,230
*M Roberts/*P Gregory	Han		550	680	
M Thomson/J Dunkley	Nor		2,480	2,030	2,470 430
*M Gill/*L Dunkley	Nor		560	330	
*A Green/*G Saville	Ken		2,940	1,330	
A HAINES/D CLARK	Buc	4.2	4,060	2,330	2,870 8,480
D Mitchell/B Gosling	Ber		2,760	2,210	1,030 640
P Phillips/S Sheard	Oxf		1,980	1,770	
M Dobson/D Nash	Han	0.4	5,860	1,140	
J MILLWARD/B TOYE	Sus	W/- W/-	4.8	7,790 11,680	10,350 ² 13,770

Best Breaks on this page, denoted by ² if first named player or ³ if second:

Green 16,940 Isard 14,680 Sawyer 11,260
Walsh 13,600 Beer 14,570 Millward 12,670

	CTY	NR		RP	1st Round		2nd Round		3rd Round	
		Before	After							
K SHEARD/G JOHNSON	Oxf	2/33	2/32	2.9			5,660 ²	13,740 ²	22,450 ²	12,700
R Chilton/C Newson	Han						4,070	200		
N Bickers/B Gatland	Ber						2,050	730		
P Hawkins/E Hill	Ber/Buc	43/25	43/26	0.3			10,230	12,390	0	4,690
D Cook/J Miller	Buc						3,990	0		
C LAWMAN/S ORAM	Nor			6.7			4,320	11,200	5,950	11,330
*A MacDonald/*S Barnes	Cam/Oxf						950	400		
P Wood/*J Wood	Oxf						1,600	6,200	5,070	2,650
P Scouse/J O'Farrell	Ber						2,810	4,750	2,930	1,530
B Harrison/J Hill	Buc						1,510	610		
P WING/*C TONER	Han	12/-	12/-	2.0			2,740	4,420	2,590	4,200
M Walton/R Bowen	Oxf						3,770	1,100		
B McCluskey/P Yeo	Ber	13/-	13/-	1.1			² 10,770	680		
B Smyth/D Isard	Buc			0.1			3,360	8,290	0	6,290
D Neilan/J Burch	Ber/Nor						3,760	2,630		
B RAY/S BUCKLE	Buc			2.2			2,430	6,850	¹ 12,410	3,440
R STURGESS/K GODFREY	Oxf	35/-	29/-	5.1	9,220	12,200	8,220	13,700	¹ 13,210	8,380
D Payne/M Atkins	Oxf			0.2	1,350	2,100				
A Stocker/P Rice	Ber				2,170	30				
P Stedman/C Chilton	Han				6,260	6,600	1,500	420		
L Buckle/R Buckle	Buc			0.1	2,430	3,580	3,740	8,290	750	2,530
T Vallis/Pete Sainsbury	Ber				2,210	1,600				
R Hussey/A Godden	Buc				3,720	1,880	6,170	1,000		
D Claydon/A Chaloner	Ber			0.4	1,370	3,650				
*P Withey/B Whitehouse	Oxf				2,000	4,480				
R Wain/B Bawden	Oxf				2,880	4,430	2,690	3,140		
*T Carey/*C Stocker	Ber				0	990				
G Crosbie/*E Steere	Han				1,900	1,610	1,460	5,170	670	560
K LEW'DON/P SAINSB'Y	Ber	-/4	-/4	3.2	² 11,370	¹ 12,330	13,320	¹ 15,370	6,640	8,080
*L Higginson/D Coates	Nor				610	470				
B Daniels/T Webster	Han				6,640	5,710	400	0		
P Farrelly/S Biggs	Nor	10/15	10/14	0.9	2,300	8,320				
A Tyrrell/*C Tyrrell	Oxf				1,670	3,480	250	2,320		
S Goddard/B Joslyn	Oxf				2,130	1,620				
P Lee/P Welch	Oxf	31/39	33/40		6,280	4,940				
T WILLIS/J BAMSEY	Oxf	-/27	-/20	10.1	2,870	8,370	10,320	9,070	2,990	¹ 16,050
P O'Brien/*S O'Brien	Sus				1,040	1,350				
T Rouse/P Kenyon	Oxf				2,970	6,570	1,160	490		
T Woolvin/C Gregory	Han	19/-	21/-	0.2	5,200	1,700	5,700	9,170	10,460	0
I Haberman/*S Haberman	Buc				1,980	940				

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Sheard 10,140 22,450 10,220 McCluskey 10,490
 Buckle (S) 12,410 Godfrey 13,110 Lewendon 10,640
 Sainsbury 10,190 12,110 Bamsey 14,660

THE LAST SIXTEEN

		4th Round		Qtr-finals		Semi-finals (4 legs)			
*D Walburn/A Shubert	7,130	10,050	0	6,580					
J Cartermole/I Moss	1,810	290							
I Green/C Saville	100	2,100							
K TUNSTALL/T MARTIN ²	18,710	9,840	² 21,050	3,500	² 15,580	² 15,160	11,960		(3)
B TRINDER/M SAWYER ³	19,050	² 11,250	6,940	14,120	490	2,020	1,190		(0)
L Beer/L Clough	0	4,400							
*C Witney/*P Burch	240	5,070							
A Haines/D Clark	8,240	1,170	1,590	590					
J Millward/B Toye	8,770	9,830	850	8,690					
K Sheard/G Johnson	2,530	520							
C LAWMAN/S ORAM	5,490	4,100	9,440	1,340	3,690	11,050	6,960	2890	(1)
P Wing/*C Toner	1,400	990							
B Ray/S Buckle	6,790	0							
R Sturgess/K Godfrey	1,440	² 13,490	6,720	2,370					
K Lew'don/P Sainsbury	13,950	240							
T WILLIS/J BAMSEY	100	² 14,870	7,900	2,410	9,330	1,640	7,400	9860	(3)

THE FINAL

TONY WILLIS & JON BAMSEY	590	0	3,700	(0)
KEVIN TUNSTALL & TONY MARTIN	² 12,500	² 18,950	10,210	(3)

Best Breaks in the last sixteen, denoted by ² if first named player or ³ if second:

Tunstall 18,710 21,050 12,170 14,810 12,090 18,950

Sawyer 19,050 Trinder 11,250 Sturgess 11,640 Bamsey 10,500

THE QUEENS HOTEL PLATE COMPETITION

PREVIOUS FINALS (SINCE CHANGE OF VENUE):

- 1993 Steve Biggs, Pete Farrelly (NOR) bt Wolfie Storch, Pete Witney (OXF)
- 1994 Kevin Godfrey, M McDonnell (OXF) bt K MacDonald, Pete Whitear (CAM)
- 1995 Dave Freeman, Kevin Brocklesbank (KEN) bt R Chilton, C Newson (HAN)
- 1996 Les Green, Chris Saville (KEN) bt Simon Tinto, Greg Hughan (SUR)
- 1997 Pete Lee, Pete Welch (OXF) bt Mark Turner, Paul Scouse (BER)

	CTY	1st Round	2nd Round	3rd Round	4th Round
J Thomson/T Britton	Nor		4,990 1,090	3,150 2,940	
S Minihane/R Pembroke	Ber		2,320 3,220		
R Jones/L Harton	Han		4,190 2,380	3,790 4,070	3,220 1,350
A Cox/J Hordle	Ber		1,820 1,370		
*J Burns/A Burns	Ber		2,870 1,790		
J Smith/D Skinner	Buc		4,110 1,190	1,140 0	
*M Biggs/P Watts	Nor		1,670 940		
*J MANNELL/D BARNES	Han/Oxf		1,090 2,070	6,000 2,600	740 4,540
S Huntley/D Shurey	Oxf		6,460 260		
K MacDonald/P Buckle	Carn		4,100 10,920	5,660 1,880	
R TAYLOR/P BARNETT	Sus		6,240 11,400	5,910 9,850	1,390 4,390
W Steere/D House	Han		1,190 50		

	CTY	1st Round	2nd Round	3rd Round	4th Round
D Tallack/D Pratt	Han		3,150 1,520	2,390 2,540	
*M Roberts/*P Gregory	Han		1,300 0		
*M Gill/*L Dunkley	Nor		840 290		
*A Green/*G Saville	Ken		2,650 4,640	1,090 4,480	1,830 2,010
P Phillips/S Sheard	Oxf		860 380		
M Dobson/D Nash	Han		9,960 11,990	8,430 4,960	5,180 1,610
R Chilton/C Newson	Han		5,340 5,880	3,700 5,500	
N Bickers/B Gatland	Ber		1,180 910		
D Cook/J Miller	Buc		3,690 4,500	1,660 1,370	
*A MacDonald/*S Barnes	Cam/Oxf		850 630		
B Harrison/J Hill	Buc		2,170 150		
M WALTON/R BOWEN	Oxf		2,520 6,640	1,680 4,100	5,770 6,610
B McCluskey/P Yeo	Ber		560 5,700	1,310 ² 15,060 ²	18,750 3,720
D Neilan/J Burch	Ber/Nor		3,770 190		
D Payne/M Atkins	Oxf	3,320 8,550	² 10,890 1,360		
A Stocker/P Rice	Ber	3,850 1,190			
T Vallis/Pete Sainsbury	Ber	5,310 2,380			
D Claydon/A Chaloner	Ber	3,690 8,780	2,800 13,000	8,080 80	
*P Withey/B Whitehouse	Oxf	2,330 5,000	0 7,990		
*T Carey/*C Stocker	Ber	570 1,100			
*L Higginson/D Coates	Nor	1,980 960			
P Farrelly/S Biggs	Nor	3,220 9,330	³ 17,190 2,800	10,730 8,600	0 8,970
S Goddard/B Joslyn	Oxf	2,130 1,230			
P Lee/P Welch	Oxf	7,020 7,920	2,820 2,280		
P O'Brien/*S O'Brien	Sus	2,020 6,460	7,410 4,810	780 3,300	
I Haberman/*S Haberman	Buc	1,460 550			

PLATE SEMI-FINALS & FINAL

	SEMI-FINALS	FINAL
*J Mannell/D Barnes	420 4,320	
R Taylor/P Barnett	11,200 1,770	1,660 7,450
M Walton/R Bowen	6,600 3,510	
B McCluskey/P Yeo	1,440 ² 14,000	5,840 2,900

Best Breaks in the Plate Comp. denoted by ² if first named player or ³ if second:
 McCluskey 14,650 18,750 14,000 Payne 10,660 Biggs 17,190

PRIZE LIST

WINNERS, £100 and WEEK-END for 2 at the QUEENS (EACH)
 KEVIN TUNSTALL & TONY MARTIN (OXON)

RUNNERS-UP, £50 each
 TONY WILLIS & JON BAMSEY (OXON)

SEMI-FINALISTS, £25 each
 BILL TRINDER & MARK SAWYER (BERKS)
 CHRIS LAWMAN & STEVE ORAM (NORTHANTS)

BEST COMBINED BREAK, £10 each
 RAY STURGESS 11,640 & KEVIN GODFREY 13,110 = 24,750

These pairs could not qualify for the best combined break due to reaching the semi-finals:
 KEVIN TUNSTALL 21,050 & TONY MARTIN 9,510 = 30,560
 BILL TRINDER 11,260 & MARK SAWYER 19,050 = 30,310

PLATE WINNERS, £25 each
 ROGER TAYLOR & PAUL BARNETT (SUSSEX)

PLATE RUNNERS-UP, £10 each
 BERNIE McCLUSKEY & PAUL YEO (BERKS)

TUNSTALL & MARTIN WIN THE PAIRS TITLE AGAIN

Kevin Tunstall and his Wallingford league side-kick Tony Martin have won the British Open Pairs Championship for the fourth time since 1991, a new record for the event.

They simply proved too powerful for the 75 other couples taking part in the two-day event at the majestic Queens Hotel in Bournemouth, winning a free weekend at the hotel for themselves and their wives next year, plus £100 spending money each.

Tunstall, who also won the title in 1988 with Pete Lee, plays with such serene confidence at times that it is a wonder he is ever beaten. But top players often seem vulnerable in the early rounds of any tournament, perhaps due to their cue arms not being fully lubricated before lunch-time.

And so it was here. Tunstall and Martin only lost 2 legs throughout the two days, and one of those was the second leg of the quarter-final when Tunstall already had 21,050 registered on the board. So they were hardly being threatened when Alan Shubert (Chatham) made a 5,800 break to give him and partner Diana Welburn a 2nd leg victory.

So the only time the Wallingford league players were under any real pressure was in the first round when a scratch pairing, All-England Secretary Dave Barnes (Eynsham) and ex-England Ladies International Joyce Mannell (Portsmouth), beat them 7,490-2,780 in the first leg.

A 7,900 rally by Tunstall was just the start of their powerful retort.

Two further five-figure scores saw off Syl Murphy and Doug Hook (Wycorbe) in the next round, then breaks of 18,710 by Tunstall and 9,510 by Martin finished off Chris Saville (Deal) and Les Green (Rochester) who had been 1995 winners and 1997 runners-up.

From the semi-finals, the format changed to four-leg matches, but it posed no problems for the Wallingford men. Three big Tunstall marks gave them a 3-0 whitewash of holders Mark Sawyer and Bill Trinder (Wokingham) who only scored 3,700 in total in the three legs played.

The final was just as one-sided!

Jon Bamsey and Tony Willis (Witney) had battled through the competition, and just squeezed past surprise semi-finalists Steve Oram and Chris Lawman (Kettering), but were totally smashed out of sight in the first two legs of the final.

Every player had two early chances in the first leg, but, inevitably, it was Tunstall who settled first. He played safe after registering a 12,090 break to clinch a 1-0 lead.

It was the same player who monopolised the 2nd leg with an 18,950 effort.

Willis not only had to win the 3rd leg, but he needed to close the aggregate gap just in case the Witney boys could somehow make the result 2-2. But once Willis faltered at 3,500, it seemed all over.

Although Tunstall only responded with 3,890, it took enough time up to ease the likelihood of a Witney recovery. Indeed, with Bamsey only scoring 200, Martin finally made his mark with a 6,320 clincher, and the 4th leg, mercifully, was not required.

The highest combined break prize could not be won by any team who reached the semi-final stages, a rule designed to allow the prize money to be shared around.

The benefit of this was felt by Oxford pair Ray Sturgess and Kevin Godfrey. The latter made a 13,110 break in the third round against Buckinghamshire brothers Les and Roy Buckle, and Sturgess continued the assault on the family with an 11,640 break against Brian Ray and a third brother Steve Buckle.

Observers of the Plate Competition for early losers enjoyed a tremendous final.

Bernie McCluskey and Paul Yeo (Reading), winners of the main event in 1993, strangely allowed nerves to get the better of them in a tense finale. They were 5,840 - 1,660 ahead at the interval, but a solid response from Worthing's Paul Barnett and Roger Taylor took them into the lead by the dying minutes.

McCluskey, who had also won the main event twice more with Will Leary in 1985 and 1986, was at the table when the bar dropped to signal that the match would end when the remaining six balls were potted.

He broke his own normally immaculate rhythm by stopping to calculate with pen and paper what was still required. After a full minute or so, he realised 390 was the target and freely admitted to an uncontrollable shake. He pushed the next shot too far for comfort and had to produce a lower-scoring shot than had been anticipated.

Three balls left and 280 still required. That is normally, odds-on success for the player at the table, but, still shaking, he fluffed the next shot and the Worthing boys accepted the crowd's adulation.

DESPATCHES

THE SIXTH PRO-PLUMB LADIES INTER-AREA CHAMPIONSHIPS

SAT 21st MAR 1998

at the Post Office Sp & Social Club, Reading

Previous Winners: 1993 Wycombe beat Oxford 3-1 in final
 1994 Reading "A" 15 pts Oxford 12 pts (played in a group)
 1995 Reading "A" 21 pts Oxford 16 pts (played in a group)
 1996 Reading "A" 22 pts Witney 18 pts (played in a group)
 1997 Witney 13pts (67,540) beat Oxford 13pts (65,570) on aggreg.

OXFORD	1 READING	4 WYCOMBE	3 WITNEY
S Leach 1,150	M Hawkins 3,490*	M Izzard 1,750	R Collett 3,070*
S Tebby 2,650	J Carless 4,630*	C Burgess 770	V Collins 3,730*
J Abbott 4,560	J Josey 4,790*	C Sedgwick 2,340*	E Wain 1,600
L Rose 800	J Watson 4,150*	C Shaw 5,320*	J Wood 1,260
P Withey 6,120*	J Burns 3,450	R Higham 4,360*	E Hornsby 1,850
15,280	20,510	14,540	11,510

Break: Witney 5,680

WITNEY	1 OXFORD	4 READING	4 NORTHANTS
R Collett 210	S Leach 5,820*	M Hawkins 9,080*	C Richardson 1,590
V Collins 1,590	S Tebby 2,100*	J Carless 5,330*	L Dunkley 420
E Wain 1,390*	J Abbott 870	J Josey 4,680	P Burch 5,880*
J Wood 1,480	L Rose 2,340*	J Watson 6,270*	A Dunne 1,220
E Hornsby 4,140	P Withey 5,330*	J Burns 4,130*	L Higginson 1,250
8,810	16,460	29,490	10,360

Break: Witney 5,170

Breaks: Hawkins 8,550 Burch 5,520

NORTHANTS	0 WITNEY	5 OXFORD	3 WYCOMBE
C Richardson 1,610	R Collett 1,640*	S Leach 1,870	M Izzard 3,450*
L Dunkley 1,790	V Collins 2,110*	S Tebby 3,520*	C Burgess 1,520
P Burch 3,430	E Wain 4,890*	J Abbott 3,840*	C Sedgwick 2,060
A Dunne 1,510	J Wood 4,010*	L Rose 1,560	C Shaw 2,130*
L Higginson 1,450	E Hornsby 2,870*	P Withey 5,590*	R Higham 3,410
9,790	15,520	16,380	12,570

Break: Witney 4,860

WYCOMBE	3 NORTHANTS	2 WITNEY	2 READING
M Izzard 4,280*	C Richardson 2,420	R Collett 2,920*	M Hawkins 2,130
C Burgess 1,650*	L Dunkley 1,440	V Collins 2,940	J Carless 3,330*
C Sedgwick 2,010	P Burch 6,010*	E Wain 1,200	J Josey 9,110*
C Shaw 4,410*	A Dunne 850	J Wood 3,670*	J Watson 3,580
R Higham 1,650	L Higginson 2,080*	E Hornsby 2,180	J Burns 3,140*
14,000	12,800	12,910	21,290

Break: Josey 7,980

READING	5 WYCOMBE	0 NORTHANTS	2 OXFORD
M Hawkins 14,600*	M Izzard 1,000	C Richardson 3,150*	S Leach 3,060
J Carless 2,090*	C Burgess 1,540	L Dunkley 420	S Tebby 4,070*
J Josey 4,950*	C Sedgwick 1,550	P Burch 7,980*	J Abbott 910
J Watson 3,100*	C Shaw 2,390	A Dunne 1,720	L Rose 1,730*
J Burns 9,990*	R Higham 2,350	L Higginson 540	P Withey 13,150*
34,730	8,830	13,810	22,920

Break: Hawkins 9,940

Break: Burch 7,570 Witney 10,350

FINAL TABLE

	P	W	L	Pts	Aggreg
READING	4	4	0	16	106,020
OXFORD	4	3	1	11	71,040
WITNEY	4	1	3	10	48,750
WYCOMBE	4	2	2	8	49,940
NORTHANTS	4	0	4	5	43,610

HIGHEST BREAK: PAULINE WITHEY 10,350

AVGAGES

	Team	W	L	Aver		Team	W	L	Aver		
1	Pauline Withey	Oxf	4	0	7,548	14	Jane Wood	Wit	2	2	2,605
2	Myra Hawkins	Rea	3	1	7,325	15	Vee Collins	Wit	2	2	2,593
3	Jill Josey	Rea	3	1	5,883	16	Jenny Abbott	Oxf	1	3	2,545
4	Penny Burch	Nor	3	1	5,825	17	Enid Wain	Wit	2	2	2,270
5	Janet Burns	Rea	3	1	5,178	18	Carolyn Richardson	Nor	1	3	2,193
6	Jackie Watson	Rea	3	1	4,275	19	Cathy Sedgwick	Wyc	1	3	1,990
7	Jane Carliss	Rea	4	0	3,845	20	Ruth Collett	Wit	3	1	1,960
8	Clare Shaw	Wyc	3	1	3,563	21	Lisa Rose	Oxf	2	2	1,608
9	Sandra Tebby	Oxf	3	1	3,085	22	Carole Burgess	Wyc	1	3	1,370
10	Sue Leach	Oxf	1	3	2,975	23	Leanne Higginson	Nor	1	3	1,330
11	Rose Higham	Wyc	1	3	2,943	24	Aileen Dunne	Nor	0	4	1,325
12	Evelyn Hornsby	Wit	1	3	2,760	25	Lisa Dunkley	Nor	0	4	1,018
13	Marilyn Izzard	Wyc	2	2	2,620						

THE FIRST PRO-PLUMB UNDER-21 INDIVIDUAL TOURNAMENT

SAT 21st MAR 1998

at the Post Office S & SC, Reading

	Team	Round One	Round Two	Semi-finals	Final
ADAM COX	Rea	8,060 1,480	3,870 2,680	1,420 5,920	6,550 3,860
Carolyn Richardson	Nor	570 1,580			
Phil Rice	Wok	1,020 3,120	1,700 4,580		
Steven Sheard	Wal	1,650 1,480			
FRANK GRAHAM	Rea	900 1,340	1,150 1,250	2,090 1,860	
Nathan Spencer	Wal	0 520			
Mark Rolph	Rea	780 840	1,170 700		
John Hordle	Rea	570 710			
DAMIEN COATES	Nor	2,290 630	1,670 1,620	1,430 4,140	1,010 1,420
Leanne Higginson	Nor	260 640			
Dominic Kuligowicz	Wal	4,380 3,310	500 730		
Tommy Lovett	Wal	2,270 2,440			
PAUL STACEY	Wal	1,560 2,690	2,230 2,490	1,120 1,140	
Richard Larbey	Rea	560 440			
Darren Isard	Wyc	2,670 4,920	870 2,820		
Adam Stocker	Wok	2,270 4,200			

ADAM COX, 18, won £25 to compensate him for losing the National Under-21 final to Darren Isard last November. Damien Coates, 19, won £10 in his first youth event. The tournament was open to those UNDER-21 on THE DAY.

THE 22nd NORRIE LAMBERT INTER-AREA 7-A-SIDE'S

SUN 22nd MAR 1998

at the Post Office Sp & Social Club, Reading

Previous Winners:

1977 Berks 1978 Bucks 1979 Berks
 1980 Reading bt Witney 1981 N'hants bt Wyc 4-3 1982 Oxford bt Wyc 4-3
 1983 Reading bt Wyc 5-2 1984 Oxford bt N'hants 5-1 1985 Oxford bt Reading

1986 Newbury bt Eynsham 4-3 and Oxford 4-3. Eynsham bt Oxford 4-3 for r-up.
 1987 Wycombe bt Reading 6-1 and Oxford 6-1. Reading bt Oxford 5-2 for r-up.
 1988 Reading (9pts) bt Wycombe (7pts) and Eynsham (5pts).
 1989 Wycombe bt Oxford 4-3 and Northants 5-2. Oxford bt Northants 4-3 for r-up.
 1990 Northants bt Wycombe 5-2 & Eynsham 5-2. Wycombe bt Eynsham 6-1 for r-up.
 1991 Reading bt Witney 6-1 and lost to Wycombe 4-3. Wyc bt Witney 4-3 for r-up.

1992 Reading bt Newbury 4-3 and Eynsham 5-2. Newbury bt Eynsham 4-3 for 2-up.
 1993 Reading bt Wycombe 4-3 on a "timed-break" deciding leg.
 1994 Reading bt Eynsham 4-3 on a "timed-break" deciding leg.
 1995 Wallingford bt Cambridge 5-1.
 1996 Wallingford bt Reading 4-2
 1997 Wycombe bt Reading 4-3 on a "timed-break" deciding leg

GROUP ONE

WOKINGHAM		3 OXFORD		4 CAMBRIDGE		1 WYCOMBE		6	
A Chaloner	8,060 *	P Lawson	1,590	A Dennis	1,260	R Hussey	9,790 *		
D Claydon	660	P Withey	14,640 *	P Doherty	1,850	K Murray	6,110 *		
M Street	3,050	B Rose	4,480 *	N Elmer	1,870	D Isard	10,520 *		
M Turner	1,030	M McDonnell	9,120 *	P Buckle	10,340 *	E Hill	7,990		
M Sawyer	11,210 *	P Spencer	1,310	D Franklin	1,820	E Jordan	8,150 *		
G Pitt	11,430 *	J Cattermole	2,300	V Scruby	650	T Isard	6,900 *		
B Trinder	1,450	K Godfrey	10,610 *	E Dugan	1,390	J Burrows	14,450 *		
	36,890		44,050		19,180		63,910		

Break: McDonnell 8,300

Break: Buckle 10,340

NORTHANTS		5 WOKINGHAM		2 OXFORD		5 CAMBRIDGE		2	
S Oram	3,840	A Chaloner	9,120 *	B Rose	6,750 *	A Dennis	1,810		
S Biggs	11,180 *	D Claydon	2,630	M McDonnell	8,250 *	P Doherty	7,880		
P Burch	9,870 *	M Street	1,710	P Spencer	1,630	N Elmer	1,720 *		
A Walker	12,760 *	M Turner	1,450	J Cattermole	330	P Buckle	10,090 *		
P Farrelly	9,060 *	M Sawyer	5,810	K Godfrey	3,970 *	D Franklin	1,600		
A Chambers	950	G Pitt	12,050 *	P Withey	4,620 *	V Scruby	4,520		
C Lawman	6,230 *	B Trinder	880	P Lawson	7,340 *	E Dugan	2,130		
	53,890		33,650		32,890		29,750		

Breaks: Farrelly 9,060 Chaloner 9,120

WYCOMBE		4 OXFORD		2 CAMBRIDGE		2 NORTHANTS		5	
D Isard	7,510 *	P Spencer	2,260	A Dennis	2,430	P Burch	5,980 *		
E Hill	130	J Cattermole	6,400 *	P Doherty	1,180	A Walker	12,560 *		
E Jordan	5,490 *	K Godfrey	4,120	N Elmer	3,010	P Farrelly	6,980 *		
T Isard	10,830 *	P Withey	4,580	P Buckle	8,480 *	A Chambers	5,180		
J Burrows	1,030	P Lawson	12,800 *	D Franklin	6,220 *	C Lawman	0		
K Murray	3,380 *	M McDonnell	2,030	V Scruby	1,730	S Biggs	10,130 *		
R Hussey	6,410	B Rose	7,510 *	E Dugan	4,530	S Oram	8,990 *		
	34,780		39,700		27,580		49,820		

Break: T Isard 10,750

NORTHANTS		2 WYCOMBE		5 WOKINGHAM		5 CAMBRIDGE		2	
P Farrelly	6,120 *	D Isard	6,070	M Street	7,700 *	A Dennis	2,000		
A Chambers	5,300	E Hill	5,640 *	M Turner	10,150 *	P Doherty	2,150		
C Lawman	2,130	E Jordan	7,620 *	M Sawyer	240 *	N Elmer	150		
S Biggs	9,310 *	T Isard	5,370	G Pitt	4,410	P Buckle	14,430 *		
S Oram	1,280	J Burrows	10,130 *	B Trinder	11,310 *	D Franklin	250		
A Walker	5,950	K Murray	9,040 *	D Claydon	8,240 *	V Scruby	0		
P Burch	3,660	R Hussey	6,480 *	A Chaloner	2,130	E Dugan	13,450 *		
	33,750		50,350		44,180		32,430		

Break: Trinder 11,050 (Sawyer LOST 20k)

Break: Buckle 14,430

WYCOMBE		5 WOKINGHAM		3 OXFORD		3 NORTHANTS		4	
E Jordan	4,140	B Trinder	5,970 *	P Spencer	2,160	P Farrelly	10,840 *		
T Isard	2,840	D Claydon	8,620 *	J Cattermole	5,100	A Chambers	10,580 *		
J Burrows	9,460 *	A Chaloner	8,400	K Godfrey	15,230 *	C Lawman	2,430		
K Murray	8,140 *	M Turner	7,120	P Withey	4,060	S Biggs	13,660 *		
R Hussey	7,660 *	M Street	0	P Lawson	4,480	S Oram	14,450 *		
E Hill	10,290 *	G Pitt	3,030	M McDonnell	17,880 *	A Walker	1,800		
D Isard	5,260 *	M Sawyer	3,290	B Rose	5,760 *	P Burch	1,270		
	47,790		36,430		54,670		55,030		

Breaks: Godfrey 15,230 McDonnell 17,880
 Chambers 9,980 Oram 14,450

GROUP TWO

WALLINGFORD 2		READING 5		WITNEY 4		EYNSHAM 3	
G Johnson	5,090	P Hawkins	9,580*	T Ellis-Rees	5,870*	D Evans	680
K Tunstall	2,000	T Walsh	15,460*	M Friend	7,140*	G Powell	2,150
D Atkins	7,420*	B Lansdell	2,250	T Willis	8,670*	B O'Brien	4,220
L Beer	600	B McCluskey	16,040*	T Cook	1,990	R Sturgess	13,360*
K Sheard	8,950	D Williamson	9,080*	D Lorimer	1,200	M Dick	5,490*
T Martin	760	P Sainsbury	16,490*	G Boshier	13,970*	S Huntley	1,310
P Lee	7,850*	R Josey	2,420	J Bamsey	3,520	B Allsworth	5,480*
	32,670		71,320		42,360		32,690

Breaks: Sheard 8,950 Waish 10,350
 McCluskey 8,410 Williamson 9,080 Sainsbury 10,720
 Breaks: Boshier 13,820 Sturgess 12,500

WALLINGFORD 4		WITNEY 3		READING 5		EYNSHAM 2	
K Sheard	18,670*	D Lorimer	0	D Williamson	2,050	M Dick	14,160*
L Beer	8,580*	T Cook	3,200	B McCluskey	10,980*	R Sturgess	2,890
P Lee	1,670	J Bamsey	16,380*	R Josey	10,030*	B Allsworth	3,370
T Martin	6,660	G Boshier	6,960*	P Sainsbury	8,400*	S Huntley	5,880
G Johnson	1,580	T Ellis-Rees	5,060*	P Hawkins	11,150*	D Evans	2,430
K Tunstall	9,260*	M Friend	1,700	T Walsh	4,500	G Powell	9,940*
D Atkins	9,190*	T Willis	4,730	B Lansdell	5,900*	B O'Brien	3,060
	55,610		38,030		53,010		41,730

Break: Sheard 17,920
 Breaks: McCluskey 10,670 Dick 12,770

WITNEY 2		READING 5		EYNSHAM 1		WALLINGFORD 6	
J Bamsey	2,140	R Josey	10,970*	M Dick	6,350	K Sheard	13,450*
G Boshier	4,400	P Sainsbury	14,650*	R Sturgess	6,540	L Beer	11,090*
T Ellis-Rees	850	P Hawkins	5,830*	B Allsworth	0	P Lee	4,620*
M Friend	720	T Walsh	15,740*	S Huntley	2,980	T Martin	5,860*
T Willis	8,710*	B Lansdell	2,040	D Evans	3,360	G Johnson	12,530*
T Cook	4,790	B McCluskey	11,920*	G Powell	510	K Tunstall	15,440*
D Lorimer	5,640*	D Williamson	2,900	B O'Brien	15,210*	D Atkins	1,200
	27,250		64,050		34,950		64,190

Breaks: O'Brien 15,210 Sheard 13,450
 Beer 11,090

TABLES

GROUP 1

	P	W	L	Pts	Aggreg
Wycombe	4	4	0	20	196,830
Northants	4	3	1	16	192,490
Oxford	4	2	2	15	171,310
Wokingham	4	1	3	12	151,150
Cambridge	4	0	4	7	108,940

GROUP 2

	P	W	L	Pts	Aggreg
Reading	3	3	0	15	188,380
Wallingford	3	2	1	12	152,470
Witney	3	1	2	9	107,640
Eynsham	3	0	3	6	109,370

Aggregates decide league table positions if points and wins are both equal.

FINAL

[WYCOMBE won the toss and chose to take breaks in 1, 3, 5, & 7.]

WYCOMBE		1	READING		5
J Burrows	10,230	*	D Williamson	0	
T Isard	3,250		B McCluskey	8,570*	
R Hussey	2,730		R Josey	10,200*	
K Murray	5,230		P Sainsbury	11,110*	
D Isard	700		P Hawkins	11,260*	
E Hill	6,240		T Walsh	8,480*	
E Jordan		v	B Lansdell	not played	
	28,380			49,620	

HIGHEST BREAK.

KEITH SHEARD 17,920

AVERAGES:

	Team	W	L	Aver		Team	W	L	Aver		
1	Keith Sheard	Oxf	2	1	13,690	33	Darren Isard	Wyc	3	2	6,012
2	Paul Sainsbury	Rea	4	0	12,663	34	Dennis Atkins	Wal	2	1	5,937
3	Bernie McCluskey	Rea	4	0	11,878	35	Terry Isard	Wyc	2	3	5,838
4	Steve Biggs	Nor	4	0	11,070	36	Andy Chambers	Nor	1	3	5,503
5	Tony Walsh	Rea	3	1	11,045	37	Earl Dugan	Cam	1	3	5,375
6	Phil Buckle	Cam	4	0	10,835	38	Penny Burch	Nor	2	2	5,195
7	Phil Hawkins	Rea	4	0	9,455	39	Mark Sawyer	Wok	2	2	5,138
8	Maxi McDonnell	Oxf	3	1	9,320	40	Dennis Claydon	Wok	2	2	5,038
9	John Burrows	Wyc	4	1	9,060	41	Mark Turner	Wok	1	3	4,938
10	Kevin Tunstall	Wal	2	1	8,900	42	Bill Trinder	Wok	2	2	4,903
11	Max Dick	Eyn	2	1	8,666	43	Pete Lee	Wal	2	1	4,713
12	Kevin Godfrey	Oxf	3	1	8,483	44	Tony Martin	Wal	1	2	4,427
13	Gary Boshier	Wit	2	1	8,443	45	Geoff Powell	Eyn	1	2	4,200
14	Ron Josey	Rea	3	1	8,405	46	Thomas Ellis-Rees	Wit	2	1	3,927
15	Andy Walker	Nor	2	2	8,268	47	Jason Cattermole	Oxf	1	3	3,533
16	Pete Farrelly	Nor	4	0	8,250	48	Dave Williamson	Rea	1	3	3,508
17	Geoff Pitt	Wok	2	2	7,730	49	Bryan Lansdell	Rea	1	2	3,397
18	Ray Sturgess	Eyn	1	2	7,597	50	Steve Huntley	Eyn	0	3	3,390
19	Barry O'Brien	Eyn	1	2	7,497	51	Terry Cook	Wit	0	3	3,327
20	Tony Willis	Wit	2	1	7,370	52	Pete Doherty	Cam	0	4	3,265
21	Jon Bamsey	Wit	1	2	7,347	53	Martin Friend	Wit	1	2	3,187
22	Steve Oram	Nor	2	2	7,140	54	Mark Street	Wok	1	3	3,115
23	Pauline Withey	Oxf	2	2	6,975	55	Bob Allisworth	Eyn	1	2	2,950
24	Alan Chaloner	Wok	2	2	6,928	56	Chris Lawman	Nor	1	3	2,698
25	Leon Beer	Wal	2	1	6,757	57	Dave Franklin	Cam	1	3	2,473
26	Ray Hussey	Wyc	3	2	6,614	58	Derek Lorimer	Wit	1	2	2,280
27	Paul Lawson	Oxf	2	2	6,553	59	Dave Evans	Eyn	0	3	2,157
28	Gary Johnson	Wal	1	2	6,400	60	Andy Dennis	Cam	0	4	1,875
29	Kent Murray	Wyc	4	1	6,380	61	Phil Spencer	Oxf	0	4	1,840
30	Ernie Jordan	Wyc	3	1	6,350	62	Vic Scruby	Cam	0	4	1,725
31	Brian Rose	Oxf	4	0	6,125	63	Nicky Elmer	Cam	1	3	1,688
32	Eric Hill	Wyc	2	3	6,058						

WOKINGHAM In case anyone has not heard, MARK SAWYER has broken the World Break Record at the White Horse, Wokingham. The news was just too late to include in the last edition of the BBQ. Mark was drawn against the break in the league match that night, but then had a real charge at the record afterwards. He visited the top of the table once for about 5 or 6 shots and then left a one-up short just before the bar dropped, and was not happy with 29,850, so he tried again.

This time, perfection. 8,200 in 5 mins, 16,000 in 10 mins, gate at 18 mins 48 secs and the final figure was.... 31,850.

MERIDIAN TV Charlie Wheeler has a taped record of a Bar Billiards item shown on Meridian on Jan 9th. For a copy send a blank video tape and £2 P&P to Charlie at 74 College Piece, Mortimer, Reading RG7 3XH.

WORTHING The Worthing Masters was won by Jim Millward (No.1 seed) who beat Phil Oakley (No.11) in the final after Oakley had staged a magnificent "after-the-bar comeback" in the semi-final against No.2 seed Roger Taylor.

The Lower Division Masters was won by Paul Lidbetter (No.13 seed) who beat Bob Carter (No.11) in the final, after eliminating holder Tim Upton by just 20 in the semi-final. Matt Mason (Lancing Legion) has only lost ONCE in 47 Worthing league matches.

"Even Break" reporters, including the redoubtable *Ivor Pegg* and *Barry Stir*, continue the fine work in Worthing but also continue to have a go at the poor BBQ editor. They conveniently forget **THE** BBQ and only include the various splendid "Sussex Bar Billiards Magazines" when they refer to imitations being the sincerest form of flattery. Yes, I know "Even Break" was the first "league BBQ-equivalent" but where did the idea originate? Who started this at the 1990 All-England AGM? Was I mental? Who will keep it up? (Sorry, that's another story, I will re-phrase) Who will be my successor? Will he be more mental than I? More tablets please, nurse.

NORTHANTS Rushden Town Band Club win the league for the first time. See next BBQ