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THOUGHT  FOR THE MORE CEREBRAL: This is a magazine full of statistics so I'm worried that a survey has shown that "80% of the population do not believe in statistics".

WITH JERSEY COMING: Please report anything of interest, humour or humiliation for inclusion in the next BBQ, although verification of fact may (or may not) be requested.

You know it makes sense.

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SIR TIFFY CUT'S STAR PERFORMANCES:

The nominations are.....

Diana Welburn for making Gary Johnson sweat in the Bucks Open, making a 10,000 break in the Ladies County Championships and then reaching the Plate Final in the Alternative Rules, all within the space of a month.

Tony Webster (Pompey) & Paul Caistor (Oxon) for their exploits at the Bucks Open.

Charlie Gildersleve WOULD have been considered for winning his FIRST EVER match in the County Championships, but he lost his other 3 games and Bucks were relegated.

The award for this quarter surprisingly goes to our very own **KATIE**. Amazingly NOT for winning, but for an amazing display of SPORTSMANSHIP. In the Alternative Rules, he had the chance to roll up to a ball on the baulk line in his semi-final against Dennis Atkins which would have probably lowered the scoring power enough to take him into the final, but gallantly chose to try to move it, allowing Dennis to make a winning break, and NOT moaning about it afterwards. Very creditable Katie!

Subscription renewal is not due till January but I have been severely affected by a very sudden hike in the price of the ribbon cassettes (CANON IR-100) that I require for printing the BBQ from my "Starwriter". This unfortunately means that it will almost certainly be necessary to increase the price from next year, UNLESS the All-England raise their subsidy.

Discussion will take place at the AGM in December, but anyone renewing their subscription before then will only be asked to pay the usual £7.50. Please take note that prices have not risen since 1997, and I hope you will understand that I have held them steady as long as possible. I can afford TIME to produce the BBQ but I cannot afford to subsidise the costs myself.

If you wish to send a cheque for 2003 early, cheques are payable to P.A.FARRELLY

DEADLINE DATE for NEXT BBQ: DEC 1st

GET ALL ITEMS FOR DESPATCHES IN BY THEN!

EDITORIAL

I have relegated yet another "last" chapter of the seemingly never-ending story of the stupid clash between Northants and myself to the very last page of this BBQ. Please read it because I wish everyone to know what I think of how I have been treated.

PROPOSED 2003 ALL-ENGLAND CALENDAR

As per last quarter's Editorial, All-England Secretary Dave Barnes is proposing to eliminate the Summer events from the 2003 Calendar. These dates are now proposed for discussion:

APR 6: All-England Individuals (Men) & Special Ladies Open
 APR 13: Inter-Area Championships; Men's 7's, Ladies 5's & Under-22's
 SEP 28: County Championships & National Under 22's
 OCT 5: Ladies County Championships
 OCT 12: Alternative Rules
 NOV 16: Team Championships & All-England (Ladies)
 NOV 23: National Mixed Pairs
 NOV 30: Grand Prix Finals, Over-50's, Over 60's

The main changes are therefore (1) that the Men's All-England Individuals would be brought forward to April, thus requiring every county to be able to produce their champion much earlier than in recent years, and (2) that the Mixed Pairs would be wedged between two other dates in November. We would, however, have to liaise with the Jersey organisers in future years so that nothing clashed with the World Championships.

SURREY'S LADIES EVENTS

I announced in the last BBQ that, as the Surrey organisers had not submitted details of their Ladies Pairs and had continually failed to keep me abreast of their so-called "ranking events", I would be proposing that the "British Ladies Open" be removed from the Grand Prix Series at the next AGM.

However, I have now received personal assurances from Simon Tinto that I will in future receive stats within two weeks of each event and, as long as that actually happens, I will continue to include both events in the ranking system.

DON'T BRING YOUR OWN FOOD TO READING!

Please will you all take a final warning that you are not allowed to eat your own food inside the Reading PO Club when their food is readily available. Not only is it likely to antagonise the staff there, but if they decide not to make food available at the venue in future we may have to look for another venue. So don't be so selfish.

A LATE ARRIVAL BLACKLIST comprises the following players who will be disqualified at any All-England event where they arrive after the declared cut-off time again:

BILL TRINDER, SAM GODDARD, DEREK PAYNE, GARY JOHNSON, ANDY CHAMBERS, RAY HUSSEY, TONY MARTIN, KIM BEECHING, CLARE SHAW, DEA GRAY.

LADIES INTER-AREA CUP: As there may be less teams in the Ladies Inter-Area Cup next year unless some changes are made, we are currently considering two possible proposals for the 2003 competition. One idea from Reading believes that the best way would be to make it a THREE-A-SIDE event, with some associations possibly able to enter TWO teams. Other people believe the best way would be to combine the C Team Shield with the Ladies event and, bearing in mind "D" teams will also be allowed, this could make it a much bigger (and better?) competition. It would still be possible to present a trophy to the "best" ladies team if none reached the C Team Shield final.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

.....will be at the Hare & Hounds, Sonning Common, Sun Dec 8th. Ring Dave for details.

B.B.Q. No. 46 CORRECTIONS & OMISSIONS

I think it must be age, or perhaps just trying to complete the last BBQ quickly, but there were a few errors and omissions in BBQ No. 46:

- (1) Bob Atkins' scores were omitted from details of the Berkshire Open. In the 2nd round he played Steve Biggs and scored 2,950 & 1,540.
- (2) The scores of Paul Phillips were omitted from the last line of details from the Sussex Open. He had a bye in the first round and played Paul Barnett in the 2nd: Barnett 7,590 & 7,000 v Phillips 2,100 & 1,200.
- (3) Dave Alder wishes to point out an omission from Page 24 of the last BBQ: His 17,400 score to beat Harry Barbet in the Berkshire Open included a 16,000 break.
- (4) Pete Sainsbury also wishes to point out an omission, but, for the life of me, I can't remember what it was.
- (5) In Sir Tiffy Cut's Star Performance item, I called players such as Neilan and Lansdell "SLATWARTS" instead of stalwarts. Mucho apologiso for this Freudian aslip!

MOST STOMACH CHURNING MOMENT OF THIS QUARTER, AND POSSIBLY EVER!

As Sean Lee and Lorin Clough hugged to say goodbye at the Bucks Open, a mystery voice suggested that they kissed. They did, very passionately full on the lips. You could almost smell the lipstick. I'm all for Anglo-Scottish FRIENDship but DO IT IN PRIVATE LADS. **WHAT IS FAME?**

I had only been to Sonning WMC once before but could not find it when playing there for the second time. I wound the window down when I saw one person walking through the village. I said, "Excuse me mate, can you tell me where the WMC is?" To my astonishment, he replied, "Oh hello, Mr Farrelly, you've just missed it. Look its there!"

It was in fact Graham Parr, captain of Reading C who I had met once but spoken to a few times on the phone, but imagine my amazement at being called by name in such a strange village.

BRITISH LADIES RANKINGS

POSITIONS		RANKING POINTS				
NOW	PROV			TOTAL	2002	PROV
1	1	Pauline Withey	Oxon	107.25	38.8	79.55
2	3	Jane Wood	Oxon	82.7	19.4	44.2
3	2	Bella Stoner	Sussex	70.55	29.6	58.75
4	7	Jan Taylor	Kent	69.63	5.7	28.3
5	4	Kim Beeching	Sussex	61.95	14.6	40.4
6	6	Sue Mariner	Sussex	47.15	19.4	29.05
7	12	Gail Woods	Surrey	45.75	10.8	19.5
8	20	Josie Hogan	Surrey	45.47	13.7	13.7
9	5	Michelle Baden	Sussex	42.55	22.0	39.35
10	27	Myra Hawkins	Berks	40.5	5.35	6.65
11	9	Diana Welburn	Kent	40.0	18.55	23.85
12	14	Alison Norman	Surrey	37.8	9.6	17.0
13	26	Penny Burch	Northants	30.50	0.05	9.25
14	24	Denise Wills	Surrey	30.1	5.3	10.5
15	8	Janet Burns	Berks	28.5	19.5	24.7
16	10	Jane Carless	Berks	26.4	1.1	23.4
17	23	Fran Unwin	Hants	24.7	5.1	11.7
18	16	Sue Leach	Oxon	24.55	0.1	15.4
19	11	Jan Bithell	Sussex	22.2		21.1
20	22	Dawn Flattery	Bucks	20.75	1.5	12.7
21		Jean Over	Sussex	19.8		
22	17	Jenny Parsons	Oxon	19.6	3.1	14.6
23	13	Jenny Abbott	Oxon	19.0	13.7	17.8
24	21	Gina Sherratt	Sussex	18.55	5.35	13.55
25	18	Jenny Noel	Jersey	18.4	5.6	14.4
26	15	Jackie Watson	Berks	16.1		16.1
27	19	Jackie Peckham	Kent	14.0	10.85	13.9
28		Rosie Higham	Bucks	11.1		1.0
29	25	Sheila King	Surrey	10.3	4.2	10.3
30	30=	Janie Macoy	Kent	9.45	4.0	4.1

OBITUARY--WOLFIE STORCH

I am saddened to announce the death of Wallingford's Wolfie Storch. We have not seen much of Wolfie in recent years due to his long battle against cancer, but the older players would all have known this likeable and popular character. He was 43 and leaves his widow Sandra and five children, two of which (Christopher and Joseph) are now becoming well known on the circuit.

He graced the Wallingford league for some 25 years and started his first fight against this dreadful disease a few years ago. Unfortunately, it returned 2 or 3 years ago, causing more pain and suffering before his death on 15th Sept.

There was a minute's silence for Wolfie at the County Championships, and the BBQ now hopes the Storch name can live on through Chris and Joe.

BRITISH RANKINGS

POSITIONS		RANKING POINTS		
NOW	PROV		TOTAL	2002 PROV
1	1	Kevin Tunstall	Oxon	331.9 87.8 190.7
2	2	Keith Sheard	Oxon	176.4 58.2 113.5
3	4	Mark Turner	Oxon	130.4 36.5 89.1
4	3	Paul Sainsbury	Berks	119.0 39.7 98.3
5	7	Jim Millward	Sussex	111.8 23.1 73.7
6	5	Paul Wing	Hants	109.4 33.1 78.6
7	52	Les Green	Kent	88.2 10.8
8	6	Gary Johnson	Oxon	83.4 21.9 76.3
9	9	Tony Walsh	Berks	77.6 28.7 61.9
10	12	Bernie McCluskey	Berks	77.5 17.3 50.4
11	8	Mark James	Sussex	77.3 29.4 73.4
12	10	Dennis Atkins	Oxon	75.7 31.3 57.2
13	14	Mark Brewster	Kent	74.0 8.2 42.8
14	27	Barry Holt	Sussex	68.7 13.2 26.2
15	17	Pete Farrelly	OXON	65.9 11.3 33.9
16	11	Phil Hawkins	Berks	64.8 25.6 52.7
17	31	Ernie Jordan	Bucks	63.6 12.7 20.4
18=	15	Geoff Jukes	Surrey	63.4 22.5 40.1
18=	19	Kevin Clark	Kent	63.4 5.2 33.5
20	16	Graham Bisson	Jersey	52.1 9.4 34.1
21	18	Nigel Ryall	Jersey	50.3 11.1 33.8
22	13	John Burrows	Bucks	48.0 38.4 48.0
23	30	Bob King	Jersey	46.2 6.6 22.8
24	21	Ray Sturgess	Oxon	42.5 24.0 31.2
25	20	Nigel Senior	Sussex	38.7 26.4 32.7
26	22	Eric Hill	Dorset	37.3 3.9 30.6
27		Mark Sawyer	Berks	36.2 0.2 0.2
28	24=	Barry Radford	Hants	36.1 25.8 29.4
29	24=	Steve Ahier	Jersey	35.5 10.5 29.4
30	28	Harry Barbet	Jersey	35.0 1.7 25.4
31	45	Steve Biggs	Northants	35.0 6.6 14.0
32	34	Ray Hussey	Bucks	34.1 13.8 18.4
33	55	Lorin Clough	Scotland	33.5 3.5 10.0
34	23	Nick Barnett	Jersey	32.9 0.5 30.1
35	37	Keith Lewendon	Berks	32.8 1.4 16.9
36	42	Tony Martin	Oxon	31.6 13.8 14.6
37	33	Dino Clark	Bucks	27.9 8.2 18.9
38	38	Alan Donovan	Bucks	27.1 1.5 16.2
39	26	Pete Burton	Oxon	26.7 6.2 26.7
40		Jon Bamsey	Oxon	26.5 3.1 5.4
41	44	Chris Saville	Kent	25.8 7.1 14.3
42	40=	Dennis Helleur	Jersey	24.5 10.0 15.3
43	29	Alan Le Blond	Jersey	24.1 7.5 24.1
44		Ian Moquet	Oxon	21.9 3.6
45	49	Mike Matthews	Jersey	20.8 12.3
46	32	Chris Newson	Hants	20.4 9.9 19.3
47	43	Dennis Claydon	Hants	20.2 0.9 14.4
48	36	Steve Mariner	Sussex	19.2 11.3 17.9
49	35	Mark Allfrey	S Gloucs	18.3 15.0 18.3
50	51	Terry Isard	Bucks	17.7 11.0 11.6

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TOURNAMENT DATES 2002

Nov 9-10	World Championships & Junior British Open	Jersey
Nov 17	National Team Championships & All-England Ladies Indiv	Reading
Nov 24	Grand Prix Masters, National Over-50's and Over 60's	Reading
Dec 8	Annual General Meeting & Selection Meeting	Hare & Hounds, Sonning Common

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE OPEN

SUNDAY SEPT 8th, 2002

at the IRISH ASSOCIATION CLUB, HIGH WYCOMBE

FINAL 2001: PAUL SAINSBURY (BERKS) beat KEVIN TUNSTALL (OXON)

	NR	Cty	RP	Round	1	Round	2	Round	3
	Bo/A/R								
KEITH SHEARD	2 2	Oxf	13.1			² 15,390	=22,490	4,340	12,990
Harry Barbet	27 27	Jer	0.5			1,410	0		
Steve Ross		Buc				6,510	5,750	3,360	0
Alan Huntley		Oxf				770	640		
GARY JOHNSON	5 5	Oxf	1.5			10,420	13,420	750	11,130
Mark Pollard		Buc				2,720	410		
*Diana Welburn		Ken	0.1			3,600	5,150	³ 8,340	1,580
*Samantha Field		Han				1,260	1,290		
BARRY HOLT	15 15	Sus	3.3			3,700	6,980	8,780	6,410
Syl Murphy		Buc				4,910	3,550		
Ray Sturgess	34 34	Oxf	0.2			13,490	7,420	1,590	2,700
Charlie Cooper		Sus	0.3			580	5,140		
TONY WALSH	12 12	Ber	1.8			² 11,810	14,600	7,660	10,320
Graham Crosbie		Han				510	160		
Paul Sainsbury	5 5	Ber	0.3			² 13,950	9,300	1,800	2,300
Terry Cook		Oxf	0.3			330	4,390		
TONY WEBSTER	94 63	Han	5.1			5,330	3,190	9,090	7,630
Billy Howard		Oxf				3,150	320		
Tim Carter		Sus				3,360	4,460	1,950	1,200
Viv Higham		Buc				2,330	1,180		
DAVE ALDER		Ber	1.2			5,420	8,920	1,790	10,710
Steve Huntley		Oxf				5,180	0		
Maurice Izzard		Buc				4,640	5,480	6,450	3,590
Brian Daniels		Han				1,060	2,300		
LORIN CLOUGH	33 30	Sco	3.5			6,190	5,270	² 18,050	4,430
*Gina Sherratt		Sus				1,780	7,500		
*Dawn Flattery		Buc				1,240	2,470	0	2,450
Dennis Atkins	16 17	Oxf	0.3			580	2,360		
PAUL WING	6 6	Han	1.9			1,550	13,310	12,250	=20,750
Brian Ray		Buc	0.1			9,690	1,930		
Pete Sainsbury		Ken	0.1			9,110	4,700	1,830	0
Duncan Johnstone		Oxf				520	3,090		
KEVIN TUNSTALL	1 1	Oxf	9.3	=16,950	8,330	9,700	11,700	=20,180	6,670
Dick Dewdney		Sus		580	6,610				
Pete Lee		Oxf	0.2	160	11,620	2,620	380		
Steve Buckle		Buc	0.2	11,050	560				
John Burrows	29 29	Buc	1.0	8,230	16,910	=15,190	14,230	0	450
Ray Hussey	41 41	Buc	0.2	3,540	120				
Dennis Claydon	46 46	Han	0.5	² 11,890	² 14,230	1,300	1,520		
Mick Burgess		Buc		2,230	300				
DINO CLARK	37 35	Buc	2.1	2,940	14,470	8,890	8,470	6,390	13,180
*Jane Wood		Oxf		1,990	300				
Tony Lewis		Sus		1,320	7,870	2,640	580		
Gordon Riley		Buc		2,430	1,330				

v Bamsey (see p 6)

	NR	Cty	RP	Round	1	Round	2	Round	3
	Bz/Az								
Jon Bamsey	35 35	Oxf	0.1	2,170	2,340	1,570	10,680	7,170	470
Paul Wright		Buc		1,110	2,420				
*Pauline Withey		Oxf		3,360	2,290	¹ 4,340	3,920		
*Michelle Baden		Sus		2,930	590				
ERNIE JORDAN	17 15	Buc	3.4	4,000	8,980	4,130	9,750	5,290	6,980
*Fran Unwin		Han		3,390	930				
Tony Willis		Oxf		5,150	5,840	3,190	5,320		
Steven Sheard		Oxf		1,010	0				
Ian Moss		Oxf		3,810	3,600	5,230	3,840	1,180	1,490
Merv Yearwood		Buc		2,890	4,310				
Nigel Senior	23 23	Sus	0.3	400	² 10,220	1,920	3,260		
Pete Farrelly	13 13	Oxf	0.4	800	840				
CHRIS NEWSON	48 46	Han	1.3	1,390	6,110	3,150	3,100	² 13,320	8,980
Terry Gray		Buc		3,380	3,110				
Mark Allfrey	49 49	Glo		4,070	4,640	820	3,300		
*Jenny Parsons		Oxf		1,720	1,730				
Dave France		Sus	0.6	2,930	10,390	12,520	14,730	100	4,150
Derek Bennett		Buc		2,210	580				
John Smith		Buc		3,480	2,140	3,160	330		
Martin Donovan		Han		1,610	1,860				
TERRY ISARD	64 50	Buc	6.6			=14,370	² 13,800	8,390	=16,120
*Sue Leach		Oxf				0	970		
Mark Senior		Sus				2,820	4,700	930	1,110
Thomas Ellis-Rees		Oxf	0.1			3,290	930		
ALAN DONOVAN	38 36	Buc	1.3			12,800	7,320	3,680	10,810
Cliff Slade		Buc				350	4,550		
Tony Woolvin		Han	0.1			10,200	0	5,050	3,250
Phil Hawkins	14 14	Ber	0.6			880	1,600		
ERIC HILL	28 24	Dor	3.5			10,460	8,050	6,490	7,210
Rick Dewdney		Sus				4,890	2,230		
Brian Dawkins		Ber				6,630	5,860	2,990	3,070
John Miller		Buc				2,390	4,520		
PAUL CAISTOR		Oxf	1.4	7,490	2,780	² 14,790	2,920	10,920	5,450
Alan Chaloner		Han	0.1	8,250	1,310				
Mark Turner	3 3	Oxf	0.2	4,990	3,750	210	11,150		
Chas Gildersleve		Buc		920	4,360				
Bob Atkins		Oxf		5,080	3,370	4,570	7,580	3,300	3,880
Tom Lovett		Oxf		3,940	2,080				
Geoff Mace		Oxf		2,250	4,760	1,530	790		
*Rose Higham		Buc		2,480	1,840				

NOTES:

= DENOTES THAT THE ENTIRE RECORDED SCORE WAS MADE IN ONE BREAK.

² DENOTES OTHER BREAKS of over 10,000: K SHEARD 15,160 T WALSH 11,710
PAUL SAINSBURY 10,250 L CLOUGH 17,950 D CLAYDON 10,630 & 12,470
N SENIOR 10,220 C NEWSON 13,220 T ISARD 13,420 P CAISTOR 13,450³ DENOTES LADIES BREAKS of over 3,000: D WELBURN 5,950 P WITHEY 3,270

THE LAST 16

	Last 16		Qtr-finals		Semi-finals		Final	
KEITH SHEARD	8,350	14,140	13,360	11,930	=18,970	² 16,990	=23,400	.840
Gary Johnson	5,000	330						
Barry Holt	1,680	12,450	4,690	0				
Tony Walsh	13,100	0						
Tony Webster	5,070	2,710	2,280	5,680	0	2,000		
Dave Alder	2,610	² 1,900						
Lorin Clough	4,230	8,080	3,260	2,150				
Paul Wing	3,920	5,320						
KEVIN TUNSTALL	=19,050	0	8,440	10,140	4,750	² 13,630	0	² 16,380
Dino Clark	0	² 17,030						
Ernie Jordan	5,000	8,620	8,280	6,740				
Chris Newson	6,400	0						
Terry Isard	8,840	=12,450	9,390	² 11,000	8,310	3,170		
Alan Donovan	2,320	0						
Eric Hill	=14,070	1,780	1,990	2,060				
Paul Caistor	210	7,370						

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² DENOTES OTHER BREAKS of over 10,000: **K SHEARD 16,890****K TUNSTALL 12,650 & 16,120 D CLARK 16,930 T ISARD 10,900****THE PLATE COMPETITION**

	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Qtr-finals (two-legs)		Semi-finals	
DENNIS ATKINS		7,260	7,890	3,150	10,510	9,830	9,100
*Gina Sherratt		2,800					
Sean Lee		3,490	1,960				
Brian Ray		1,400					
Steve Huntley		6,460	5,050	5,190	4,140		
Brian Daniels		4,070					
Billy Howard		1,570	1,980				
Viv Higham		640					
HARRY BARBET		7,140	11,420	2,070	15,400	2,110	1,720
Alan Huntley		2,660					
Mark Pollard		6,150	840				
*Samantha Field		1,500					
Charlie Cooper		10,230	² 12,100	7,270	0		
Syl Murphy		1,170					
Terry Cook		² 15,720	3,310				
Graham Crosbie		930					
PHIL HAWKINS		9,320	7,630	² 11,110	7,010	14,540	2,490
Andy Haines		2,970					
Thomas Ellis-Rees		8,260	4,420				
*Sue Leach		2,450					
John Miller		4,350	3,580	3,000	3,790		
Rick Dewdney		3,420					
Tom Lovett	3,990	3,980	2,510				
*Rose Higham		660					
Chas Gildersleve	4,530	490					
Alan Chaloner	3,150						

	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Qtr-finals (two-legs)		Semi-finals	
PETE FARRELLY	9,810	13,350	6,920	8,760	4,990	2,320	7,620
Merv Yearwood	2,050						
*Fran Unwin	3,280	3,530					
Steven Sheard	0						
*Jenny Parsons	5,430	4,230	4,730				
Richard Hockey	1,720						
Martin Donovan	2,120	590					
Derek Bennett	910						
Ray Hussey	9,650	1,330	10,240	4,540	2,430		
Mick Burgess	6,500						
Steve Buckle	7,140	250					
Dick Dewdney	5,870						
*Michelle Baden	890	7,200	1,870				
Paul Wright	880						
*Jane Wood	2,990	3,670					
Gordon Riley	1,470						

FINAL: DENNIS ATKINS 1,760 & 5,040 beat PHIL HAWKINS 1,170 & 4,830

* DENOTES BREAKS of over 10,000:

C COOPER 11,900 T COOK 10,010 P HAWKINS 11,010

PRIZES

WINNER £100, RUNNER-UP £50, LOSING SEMI-FINALISTS £25,

LOSING QTR-FINALISTS £10. PLATE WINNER £30, PLATE RUNNER-UP £15.

OTHERS:

HIGHEST MEN'S BREAK (£10)

KEITH SHEARD (OXON) 23,400

HIGHEST LADIES' BREAK (£10)

DIANA WELBURN (KENT) 5,950

AN EVENT THAT KATIE CAN'T WIN AT LAST!

Kevin Tunstall is useless at trying to win the Bucks Open, officially!

He reached yet another final, his usual achievement over the last few months, but was comprehensively beaten by big rival Keith Sheard.

Katie started the event a whopping 144.5 RP ahead of No.2 Sheard but finished the day "only" 140.7 RP ahead, a devastating blow to Katie's hopes of staying at the top until well into the year 2020, or probably not.

While Oxfordshire's top players continue to rule the roost, it now seems almost inevitable that when they are in different halves of the draw, they are odds-on to meet in the final.

Keith lost the toss but proceeded to play the table out at a very impressive speed. He made no mistakes at all and had registered 23,400, the best break of the day, by the end of the 16½ minute clock.

Kevin did not seem to fancy the challenge, and made a fairly sedate start, not helped by dropping the red ball and accidentally kicking it behind Linda Sheard who was refereeing the final.

She returned it "far too quickly" leading her old man to give her a few choice words of advice.

Nevertheless, Katie had made 8,000 in 7:20, 10,000 by 8:50 and 12,000 by 10:15, gradually building up towards the required tempo. But most onlookers felt he was never quite in touch and, at 16,000 after just under 13½ minutes, still needed over 7,000 in barely more than 3 minutes.

In fact, that signalled his downfall as he, somehow, missed a break shot and came off at 16,120, conceding after one further visit.

Keith, as usual, barely made a mistake all day and did not lose a leg until the final.

He started off with an "international" against Jersey's Harry Barbet, making a 15,160 break in the first leg (against the advantage of break) and then 22,490 in the 2nd.

After a low-key dismissal of Steve Ross, Keith was in an iota of trouble against Oxford team-mate and one-time pairs partner Gary Johnson, but made 14,140 in reply.

Two more big scores against Barry Holt took him into a semi-final with one of the surprise successes of the day Tony Webster (Portsmouth). Keith proceeded to play out the first leg for 18,970 and then make another 16,890 break in the 2nd.

And he STILL had the best of the break in his "lunchbox", ready for the final.

Katie would be unlikely to admit it, but the fact that this is the only Open that he has never won probably applied the necessary pressure to prevent him from doing so.

Dick Dewdney probably wondered what had hit him in the first round. Katie made a 16,950 break in the first leg. Dennis Claydon was more likely to trouble Katie in the next but the threat never materialised.

In theory, Katie's biggest test was in the third round against a John Burrows, now undoubtedly nearing his best form. But Katie took up the challenge and played it out for 20,180. Unfortunately John missed his first one-up and was literally "on the way home".

Katie made 19,050 against Dino Clark in the last 16 and the Wycombe player's reply of 16,930 was great to see but never quite threatening, unlike Dino's forthcoming trip to Thailand with the rest of the "Gate boys".

One was heard to say, "We may come back with a few ranking points", if I heard that correctly.

Ernie Jordan is one of those responsible for getting Katie into the game, tutoring him from the age of NINE, so he only has himself to blame! The first leg was 8k each but Katie squeezed home in the 2nd 10k-6k.

Apart from Dino's superb effort, the only leg Katie lost before the final was against Terry Isard, a former All-England Champion (not a lot of people know that!)

Terry won the first well but a Katie 12,650 break in the 2nd had the final say.

Tony Webster's appearance in the semi-finals was most notable. Although he was given comfortable early games against Billy Howard and Tim Carter, he would not have been expected to beat either Reading Secretary Dave Alder or (once again!) Scotland's only participant Lorin Clough. Tony moves up 31 places in the rankings to No.63.

But probably the biggest surprise of the event was Paul Caistor. He felled much bigger fish in the shape of Alan Chaloner, Mark Turner (with a 13,450 break) and Dennis Atkins' little brother Bob before going out to Eric Hill or all people. (Sorry Eric!)

Pete Farrelly's recent record against Nigel Senior is now 2-1 in favour of the current All-England Champ. The series commenced in Jersey 2001 when Farrelly slipped up early, allowing Nigel to get a 12,000 break, not only progressing in the tournament at Farrelly's expense, but taking the prize for best break thus far held by Farrelly.

Some revenge was extracted when Farrelly (and Di Welburn) ousted Nigel (and "Osama Lin" Baden) from the Mixed Pairs in July. The decider went to Nigel here, but possibly only because of one reckless shot from Fazza.

Farrelly had reached 11,000 in only 9½ minutes when, rather than playing safe, he went for a big break-back attempt and felled the pin. Although he still won the 1st leg (800-400), Nigel made a steady 10,220 to open the 2nd.

This series is sure to run on (and it is my turn next... ed)

Jane Wood lost to Dino Clark in the first round. Not surprising you may say, but that is the first time Jane has not won her first match in any of the Opens this year.

Bucks Open Champion 2001 Paul Sainsbury left early. After having beaten Terry Cook in the 1st, he went out to Tony Walsh.

Dennis Atkins was also shocked to go out early, losing his first round match with Dawn Flattery, and with players like Steven Sheard, Harry Barbet, Phil Hawkins and Ray Hussey all losing their first matches, the Plate Competition looked interesting.

The semi-finals pitted Barbet against Atkins, the latter winning with two 9,000 scores, and Hawkins against Farrelly, the YOUNGEST of these four Over-50's.

Hawkins raced ahead and stayed there. The final against Atkins was scheduled for the wrong table, pointed out after they had started, as Dennis had lost his first round match on it.

But it was very tricky and Dennis only won the 1st leg 1,760 - 1,170. Phil seemed well in command in the 2nd with about 6 minutes to go but Dennis somehow girded his loins (so to speak) and made a late vital 4,000 break to win by 800.

There was another fine performance from Diana Welburn. She made a 5,950 break (the best by a lady) in the third round match against No.8 Gary Johnson to put the 2000 All-England Individual finalist (and England International) under extreme pressure.

She led after the first leg by 7,590 but, after a visit to the Gents (vital, compelling information this...eh), he fought back to win with 11,000 in the 2nd.

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GRAND PRIX STANDINGS 2002 (BEFORE JERSEY)

	GP Points	Events Qual	Matches Won	Events Played	Status
Kevin Tunstall	50	4	26	5	
Keith Sheard	46	5	25	5	
Steve Mariner	15	1	7	1	JF
Paul Sainsbury	10	3	11	5	
Mark Turner	10	1	7	4	
Bernie McCluskey	10	1	7	2	J
Paul Wing	8	4	12	5	
Chris Newson	8	3	10	3	
*Sue Mariner	8	1	6	3	J
*Pauline Withey	8	1	5	7	
Ernie Jordan	7	3	9	5	
John Burrows	7	2	11	5	
Dennis Atkins	7	2	8	4	
Tony Webster	7	2	6	5	
Tony Walsh	6	4	12	5	
Pete Farrelly	6	2	8	5	
Steve Huntley	6	1	5	4	
Pete Burton	6	1	5	1	JF
Phil Hawkins	6	1	4	2	J
Steve Biggs	6	1	4	1	JF
Terry Isard	6	1	4	1	JF
Barry Holt	5	3	11	5	
*Alison Norman	5	1	4	1	JF
*Janet Burns	5	1	3	2	JF
*Jane Wood	4	2	8	7	
Dino Clark	4	2	7	4	
Geoff Jukes	4	2	7	3	
Gary Johnson	3	3	10	5	
Chris Saville	3	1	8	4	
Pete Lee	3	1	5	3	
Tony Woolvin	3	1	4	5	
Lorin Clough	3	1	4	3	
Pete Welch	3	1	4	1	JF
Eric Hill	3	1	3	4	
*Myra Hawkins	3	1	3	2	JF
Ian Street	3	1	3	1	JF
*Josie Hogan	3	1	2	1	JF
*Jenny Abbott	3	1	1	3	J
Ray Sturgess	2	2	9	5	
Terry Cook	2	2	7	5	
Dave France	1	1	7	5	
Tony Martin	1	1	7	4	
Nigel Senior	1	1	6	5	

	GP Points	Events Qual	Matches Won	Events Played	Status
Dave Alder	1	1	5	5	
Mark James	1	1	5	3	
Jim Millward	1	1	4	3	
Geoff Pitt	1	1	4	2	J
*Dawn Flattery	1	1	3	7	
Chas Gildersleve	1	1	3	5	
Geoff Mace	1	1	3	2	J
Paul Caistor	1	1	3	2	J
Graham Bisson	1	1	3	1	JF
Kevin Godfrey	1	1	3	1	JF
Roger Taylor	1	1	3	1	JF
*Gail Woods	1	1	2	1	JF
*Karen Bacchus	1	1	2	1	JF
Alan Donovan	1	1	2	1	JF
Alan Oliver	1	1	2	1	JF
Phil Griffin	1	1	2	1	JF
*Michelle Baden	1	1	1	7	
*Jenny Parsons	1	1	1	5	
*Dee Brain	1	1	1	1	JF
Bob Allsworth	1	1	1	1	JF
*Jane Carless	1	1	0	1	JF

STATUS: J must play in Jersey to have played in enough events to qualify.
 JF can only qualify by reaching final in Jersey.

QUALIFYING CONDITIONS:

After Jersey, the top 16 will be invited to the Grand Prix Finals, subject to certain criteria. You have to have played in at least HALF of the events available to you, i.e. Ladies 4 out of 8, Men 3 out of 6, although this rule is waived for those who reach the final in Jersey.

In most events, the winner is awarded 15, runner-up 10, semi-finalists 6, last eight 3 and last sixteen 1. In Ladies Opens, the winner is awarded 8, runner-up 5, semi-finalists 3 and last eight 1. In the World Championship, the winner is awarded 20, runner-up 15, semi-finalists 9, last eight 6, last 16 3 and last 32 1.

If any players are level on points, the following will decide positions:

- (1) number of events qualified for GP points, so three 1 pts is better than one 3.
- (2) total number of matches won in GP events.
- (3) number of GP events played in during the year.
- (4) toss (or draw of lots) for the choice of position in the draw, but not if this would decide whether a player finishes in 16th or 17th positions etc, in which case a play-off will be required.

Note that if any ENGLISH-based player does not arrive for the event (or declines invitation) a reserve will be allowed to take that position in the draw. If a Jersey player declines the invitation, the whole seeded list will be re-classified, with reserves added to the bottom of the list.

Dress Code will apply: waistcoat, bow-tie, black trousers, black shoes.

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COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS

SUNDAY SEPT 22nd, 2002

at the P.O. CLUB, READING

LAST YEAR: DIV 1 CH: OXON, R.U: BUCKS

DIV 2 CH: BERKS, R.U: HANTS

(Last line of each match gives historical results of equivalent matches since 1998)

DIVISION ONE

BERKS		2	OXON		5	BUCKS		4	KENT		3
P Sainsbury	11,340*		K Sheard	4,490		C Gildersleve	3,300*		A Farra	2,300	
B Trinder	4,320		D Atkins	9,150*		J Burrows	1,370		C Saville	9,660*	
G Pitt	1,050		R Sturgess	8,220*		A Donovan	8,150*		J Mitchell	2,860	
P Hawkins	7,860*		T Martin	2,360		R Hussey	10,270*		T Hayes	2,440	
P Yeo	1,980		M Turner	10,690*		M May	6,310*		G Speller	4,630	
B McCluskey	4,730		G Johnson	10,140*		E Jordan	2,860		P Sainsbury	6,370*	
T Walsh	3,200		K Tunstall	9,280*		S Ellis	3,290		T Heasman	5,510*	
	34,480			54,330			35,550			33,770	

Breaks: Sainsbury 10,720
2-5 (98) 4-3 (99)

Hussey 10,140
3-4 (99) 4-3 (00) 4-3 (01)

SURREY		4	BERKS		3	OXON		6	BUCKS		1
G Jukes	8,160*		P Sainsbury	3,380		R Sturgess	10,070*		C Gildersleve	3,120	
L Roberts	1,080		B Trinder	6,430*		T Martin	6,920*		J Burrows	6,600	
K Wilkinson	5,090*		G Pitt	2,660		K Tunstall	7,520*		M May	4,000	
T Oakley	2,810*		P Hawkins	250		G Johnson	8,230*		R Hussey	4,290	
D Bewey	2,220		T Walsh	11,290*		M Turner	9,840*		A Donovan	4,540	
A Hastings	1,800		B McCluskey	7,930*		D Atkins	3,890*		E Jordan	1,500	
D Constable	5,950*		P Yeo	640		K Sheard	1,470		S Ellis	9,910*	
	27,110			32,580			47,940			33,960	

Breaks: Walsh 10,250
4-3 & 5-2 (00, div 2)

1-6 (98) 5-2 (99) 3-4 (00) 6-1 (01)

KENT		3	OXON		4	BUCKS		3	SURREY		4
J Mitchell	9,940*		M Turner	0		C Gildersleve	1,850		K Wilkinson	3,760*	
T Hayes	5,800*		G Johnson	160		J Burrows	13,710*		T Oakley	610	
G Speller	2,950		K Tunstall	6,820*		M May	3,570		D Bewey	4,040*	
P Sainsbury	1,020		D Atkins	8,950*		R Hussey	8,300*		A Hastings	1,930	
T Heasman	5,760		K Sheard	7,540*		A Donovan	3,580		D Constable	3,980*	
C Saville	9,400*		T Martin	1,250		E Jordan	9,080*		L Roberts	3,920	
A Farra	1,220		R Sturgess	9,540*		S Ellis	3,850		G Jukes	10,500*	
	36,090			34,260			43,940			28,740	

Breaks: Burrows 10,250
5-2 (99) 1-6 (00) 3-4 (01)

Jukes 10,520
3-4 (01)

SURREY		4	KENT		3	BERKS		4	BUCKS		3
D Constable	1,990		J Mitchell	2,970*		G Pitt	15,110*		C Gildersleve	500	
A Hastings	10,580*		T Hayes	1,310		P Hawkins	2,290		J Burrows	16,450*	
D Bewey	2,570		G Speller	12,160*		T Walsh	11,600*		M May	3,260	
L Roberts	7,580*		P Sainsbury	0		B McCluskey	5,060		R Hussey	10,240*	
G Jukes	7,360*		T Heasman	2,050		P Yeo	5,700		A Donovan	9,220*	
T Oakley	3,340		C Saville	6,310*		B Trinder	4,810*		E Jordan	3,020	
K Wilkinson	5,180*		A Farra	4,210		P Sainsbury	14,970*		S Ellis	1,310	
	38,600			29,010			59,540			44,000	

Breaks:

Pitt 11,110
Walsh 10,620
7-0 (98) 2-5 (99)

Burrows 16,450
Hussey 10,240

4-3 (98, div 2) 4-3 (01)

KENT		3	BERKS		4	OXON		6	SURREY		1
J Mitchell	4,370*		D Alder	470		K Tunstall	13,970*		D Bewey	2,050	
P Sainsbury	5,820*		B Trinder	3,600		G Johnson	10,190*		A Hastings	3,100	
T Heasman	1,940		P Sainsbury	13,680*		M Turner	11,150*		D Constable	2,000	
C Saville	900		P Hawkins	9,250*		D Atkins	1,480		L Roberts	9,700*	
A Farra	8,630*		G Pitt	3,500		K Sheard	11,100*		G Jukes	6,040	
T Hayes	1,560		B McCluskey	9,530*		T Martin	6,150*		T Oakley	4,780	
G Speller	150		T Walsh	5,420*		R Sturgess	7,990*		K Wilkinson	1,370	
	23,370			45,450			62,030			29,040	

KENT
Breaks:
4-3 (99)

3 BERKS
Sainsbury 11,300

4 OXON
5-2 (01)

6 SURREY 1

DIVISION TWO

SUSSEX	4 NORTHANTS	3 CAMBS	2 HANTS	5
J Millward 3,170	C Lawman 9,120 *	K MacDonald 11,650 *	T Woolvin 1,360	
G Lewis 2,330	I Coleman 4,760 *	P Doherty 4,770	P Wing 8,200 *	
B Holt 2,440	S Oram 6,450 *	A Dennis 2,570	A Chaloner 5,300 *	
M James 4,820 *	J Neal 2,540	P Buckle 6,680 *	D Claydon 2,760	
G Tully 8,800 *	A Chambers 1,560	M Wright 3,310	T Webster 4,740 *	
Sue Mariner 4,580 *	J Thomson 1,860	J Baldry 840	C Newson 8,050 *	
N Senior 5,100 *	S Coleman 3,510	N Elmer 2,160	B Radford 11,430 *	
31,240	29,800	31,980	41,840	
Breaks:			Radford 11,130	
5-2 (98, div 1) 5-2 (00, div 1)		3-4 (98) 3-4 (99) 1-6 (01)		

SUSSEX	6 CAMBS	1 NORTHANTS	3 HANTS	4
G Tully 9,290 *	M Wright 770	A Chambers 4,540 *	T Webster 2,190	
M James 8,760 *	P Buckle 5,580	J Neal 1,540	D Claydon 2,150 *	
N Senior 13,690 *	N Elmer 40	S Coleman 6,280	B Radford 6,590 *	
Sue Mariner 2,130	J Baldry 7,620 *	J Thomson 4,480 *	C Newson 1,030	
J Millward 3,830 *	A Dennis 1,580	C Lawman 5,530	A Chaloner 8,160 *	
G Lewis 6,750 *	P Doherty 1,600	I Coleman 1,950	P Wing 12,640 *	
B Holt 10,500 *	K MacDonald 0	S Oram 10,230 *	T Woolvin 3,660	
54,950	17,190	34,550	36,420	
not played each other since 1998		4-3 (99) 3-4 (01)		

CAMBS	4 NORTHANTS	3 HANTS	4 SUSSEX	3
N Elmer 6,010	S Coleman 6,200 *	T Webster 9,700 *	G Tully 3,300	
J Baldry 4,420 *	J Thomson 2,690	D Claydon 3,550	M James 8,340 *	
A Dennis 4,470 *	C Lawman 1,420	B Radford 13,790 *	N Senior 740	
P Doherty 6,330 *	I Coleman 1,200	C Newson 670	Sue Mariner 6,830 *	
K MacDonald 9,900 *	S Oram 4,970	A Chaloner 1,460	J Millward 6,330 *	
P Buckle 0	J Neal 14,180 *	P Wing 6,930 *	G Lewis 5,030	
M Wright 1,840	A Chambers 6,880 *	T Woolvin 12,700 *	B Holt 1,660	
32,970	37,540	48,800	32,230	
Breaks:	Neal 12,730			
2-5 (99) 5-2 (01)				

DIVISION ONE TABLE

	P	W	L	Aggreg	Pts
Oxfordshire	4	4	0	198,560	21
Surrey	4	3	1	123,490	13
Berkshire	4	2	2	172,050	13
Kent	4	0	4	122,240	12
Bucks	4	1	3	157,450	11

DIVISION TWO TABLE

	P	W	L	Aggreg	Pts
Hants	3	3	0	127,060	13
Sussex	3	2	1	118,420	13
Northants	3	0	3	101,890	9
Cambridge	3	1	2	82,140	7

HIGHEST BREAKS:

Div 1 John Burrows (Bucks) 16,450

Div 2 Jason Neal (Northants) 12,730

Unfortunately, due to my absence from this event for the first time in living memory, it is fairly difficult to give a full report. However, after winning only one County Championship (1983) in early years, Oxfordshire have now won it five times in six years since 1997.

And with so many county players waiting to get into the team, they are hoping to be allowed to enter a "B" team next year.

Bucks were surprisingly relegated despite having John Burrows win the award for the best break, and also choosing an up-and-coming youngster to play for them for "allegedly" the first time: his name....Charlie Gildersleve.

Berks, back in the top flight, just missed out to Surrey for the runners-up spot.

AVERAGES

Divs		Cty	RP	P	W	L	Aver	Rankings						
1	2							Before	After					
1	Paul Sainsbury	Ber	17.7	4	3	1	10,843	5	4					
2	Barry Radford	Han	15.4	3	3	0	10,603	45	28					
3	John Burrows	Buc	13.5	4	2	2	9,533	29	22					
4	Kevin Tunstall	Oxf	16.3	4	4	0	9,398	1	1					
5	Paul Wing	Han	12.3	3	3	0	9,257	6	6					
6	Ray Sturgess	Oxf	14.3	4	4	0	8,955	34	24					
7	Ray Hussey	Buc	11.3	4	3	1	8,275	41	32					
8	Geoff Jukes	Sur	10.2	4	3	1	8,015	19	17					
9	Mark Turner	Oxf	9.4	4	3	1	7,920	3	3					
10	Tony Walsh	Ber	8.4	4	3	1	7,878	12	9					
11	Mark James	Sus	6.2	3	3	0	7,307	11	11					
12	Steve Oram	Nor	3.1	3	2	1	7,217							
13	Keith MacDonald	Cam	2.3	3	2	1	7,183							
14	Gary Johnson	Oxf	4.3	4	3	1	7,180	8	8					
15	Grant Tully	Sus	1.2	3	2	1	7,130							
16	Bernie McCluskey	Ber	0.1	4	2	2	6,813	9	10					
17	Chris Saville	Ken	2.2	4	3	1	6,568	42	42					
18	Nigel Senior	Sus	1.2	3	2	1	6,510	23	25					
19	Alan Donovan	Buc	0.2	4	2	2	6,373	36	38					
20	Keith Sheard	Oxf	0.2	4	2	2	6,150	2	2					
21	Jason Neal	Nor	0.3	3	1	2	6,087							
22	Tony Woolvin	Han	0.2	3	1	2	5,907	65	66					
23	Dennis Atkins	Oxf	2.2	4	3	1	5,868	17	14					
24	Geoff Pitt	Ber	0.3	4	1	3	5,580							
25	Laurie Roberts	Sur	0.1	4	2	2	5,570							
26	Tony Webster	Han	1.1	3	2	1	5,543	63	60					
27	Chris Lawman	Nor	0.1	3	1	2	5,357	73	72					
28	Simon Coleman	Nor		3	1	2	5,330	73	74					
29	John Mitchell	Ken	2.1	4	3	1	5,035	65	59					
30	Alan Chaloner	Han	1.1	3	2	1	4,973	54	52					
31	Gary Speller	Ken	0.2	4	1	3	4,973							
32	Phil Hawkins	Ber	0.1	4	2	2	4,913	14	15					
33	Barry Holt	Sus	0.1	3	1	2	4,867	18	19					
34	Bill Trinder	Ber		4	2	2	4,790							
35	Graham Lewis	Sus		3	1	2	4,703							
36	Steve Ellis	Buc	0.1	4	1	3	4,590							
37	*Sue Mariner	Sus	1.0	3	2	1	4,513							
38	Jim Millward	Sus	1.0	3	2	1	4,443	4	5					
39	Alec Hastings	Sur	0.1	4	1	3	4,353							
40	Andy Chambers	Nor	1.0	3	2	1	4,327							
41	John Baldry	Cam	1.0	3	2	1	4,293							
42	Martin May	Buc		4	1	3	4,285							
43	Pete Doherty	Cam		3	1	2	4,233							
44	Tony Martin	Oxf		4	2	2	4,170	33	36					
45	Ernie Jordan	Buc	0.1	4	1	3	4,115	15	16					
46	Alan Farra	Ken	0.1	4	1	3	4,090							
47	Phil Buckle	Cam		3	1	2	4,087							
48	Ken Wilkinson	Sur	2.0	4	3	1	3,850							
49	Terry Heasman	Ken		4	1	3	3,815							
50	Dave Constable	Sur		4	2	2	3,480							
51	Pete Sainsbury	Ken		4	2	2	3,303							
52	Chris Newson	Han	0.1	3	1	2	3,250	46	46					
			P	W	L	Aver		P	W	L	Aver			
53	Jim Thomson	Nor	3	1	2	3,010		59	Nicky Elmer	Cam	3	0	3	2,737
54	Terry Oakley	Sur	4	1	3	2,885		60	Dave Bewey	Sur	4	1	3	2,720
55	Andy Dennis	Cam	3	1	2	2,873		61	Ian Coleman	Nor	3	1	2	2,637
56	Dennis Claydon	Han	3	1	2	2,820		62	Charlie Gildersleve	Buc	4	1	3	2,193
57	Tim Hayes	Ken	4	1	3	2,778		63	Morgan Wright	Cam	3	0	3	1,973
58	Paul Yeo	Ber	3	0	3	2,773		64	Dave Alder (res)	Ber	1	0	1	470

In the Second Division, Hants were run close for promotion by Sussex. In the final series of games, it all boiled down to who won between Tony Woolvin and Barry Holt.

With nothing else at stake, Jason Neal won best break but it could not prevent his side losing all three of their games. But it's OK because they always enjoy their day out since Farrelly left the team.

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LADIES COUNTY CHAMPS

SUNDAY SEPT 29th, 2002

at the P.O. CLUB READING

LAST YEAR: DIV 1: CH: SUSSEX R.U: OXFORD A DIV 2: CH: BERKS R.U: BUCKS

DIVISION ONE (MATCHES ON THE LEFT WERE PLAYED in 1st half of the day
and MATCHES ON THE RIGHT in the 2nd half)

BERKS		1	SURREY		4	SURREY		3	BERKS		2
J Watson	1,460		A Norman	5,570 *		A Norman	4,830 *		J Watson	3,630	
J Burns	1,160		J Hogan	5,160 *		S Mortimer	2,160		E Britton	2,480 *	
J Carless	2,780 *		S King	1,930		S King	5,100 *		J Carless	3,420	
E Britton	1,530		S Mortimer	2,610 *		J Hogan	3,780		J Burns	4,410 *	
M Hawkins	3,520		D Wills	5,340 *		D Wills	8,730 *		M Hawkins	760	
	10,450			20,610			24,600			14,700	

OXFORD A		1	SUSSEX		4	SUSSEX		4	OXFORD A		1
J Parsons	680		K Beeching	1,920 *		K Beeching	2,850 *		J Parsons	2,480	
S Leach	1,280		G Sherratt	6,010 *		B Stoner	3,790 *		J Abbott	1,480	
J Wood	1,980		M Baden	6,300 *		M Baden	5,180 *		J Wood	4,210	
J Abbott	1,850		B Stoner	5,650 *		G Sherratt	2,530 *		S Leach	1,670	
P Withey	7,940 *		J Bithell	2,350		J Bithell	2,570		P Withey	7,260 *	
	13,730			22,230			16,920			17,100	

Breaks: Stoner 4,110

BERKS		2	SUSSEX		3	SUSSEX		3	BERKS		2
J Watson	3,240		K Beeching	3,700 *		K Beeching	3,490 *		J Watson	3,440	
J Burns	5,770 *		G Sherratt	2,820		B Stoner	5,870 *		E Britton	970	
J Carless	1,760		M Baden	7,510 *		M Baden	5,760 *		J Carless	3,280	
E Britton	2,360		B Stoner	2,770 *		G Sherratt	2,870		J Burns	4,100 *	
M Hawkins	4,760 *		J Bithell	2,820		J Bithell	2,700		M Hawkins	3,980 *	
	17,890			19,620			20,690			15,770	

Breaks: Burns 4,260 Baden 5,950 Stoner 4,650

SURREY		3	OXFORD A		2	OXFORD A		4	SURREY		1
A Norman	5,360 *		J Parsons	3,800		J Parsons	3,150		A Norman	3,400 *	
J Hogan	7,030 *		S Leach	3,600		J Abbott	5,940 *		S Mortimer	2,040	
S King	4,990 *		J Wood	3,100		J Wood	10,070 *		S King	2,770	
S Mortimer	650		J Abbott	4,180 *		S Leach	4,890 *		J Hogan	2,340	
D Wills	760		P Withey	5,330 *		P Withey	9,370 *		D Wills	900	
	18,790			20,010			33,420			11,450	

Breaks: Abbott 5,650 Wood 8,180 Leach 4,520

SUSSEX		3	SURREY		2	SURREY		1	SUSSEX		4
K Beeching	4,780 *		A Norman	2,390		A Norman	2,620		K Beeching	7,210 *	
G Sherratt	3,210 *		J Hogan	2,370		S Mortimer	1,350		B Stoner	8,460 *	
M Baden	3,140		S King	3,400 *		S King	5,610		M Baden	5,670 *	
B Stoner	3,590 *		S Mortimer	2,960		J Hogan	3,680		G Sherratt	3,750 *	
J Bithell	3,340		D Wills	4,340 *		D Wills	2,510 *		S Baden (res)	210	
	18,060			15,460			15,770			25,300	

Breaks: Beeching 4,730

Beeching 6,340 Stoner 4,200

OXFORD A		4	BERKS		1	BERKS		2	OXFORD A		3
J Parsons	3,640 *		J Watson	2,480		J Watson	4,980 *		J Parsons	3,560	
S Leach	1,840		J Burns	6,040 *		E Britton	1,310		J Abbott	4,200 *	
J Wood	5,780 *		J Carless	2,440		J Carless	6,640 *		J Wood	4,610	
J Abbott	6,360 *		E Britton	780		J Burns	6,040		S Leach	6,370 *	
P Withey	5,780 *		M Hawkins	1,910		M Hawkins	3,840		P Withey	4,470 *	
	23,400			13,650			22,810			23,210	
Breaks: Abbott 5,970						Carless 5,720 Burns 5,940 Leach 4,610					

DIVISION TWO

KENT B		0	KENT A		5	KENT A		4	KENT B		1
T Speller	470		J Macoy	3,650 *		J Macoy	3,220 *		T Speller	1,800	
L Skillen	2,310		J Peckham	7,070 *		M Morrison	1,090		J Baker	2,710 *	
H Burford	100		A Keen	5,090 *		A Keen	1,970 *		H Burford	1,080	
J Baker	510		M Morrison	2,000 *		J Peckham	5,860 *		L Skillen	1,510	
J Balderstone	990		D Welburn	2,550 *		D Welburn	3,420 *		J Balderstone	690	
	4,380			20,360			15,560			7,790	
Breaks:			Peckham 5,030								

HANTS		3	OXFORD B		2	OXFORD B		4	HANTS		1
J Mannell	1,570 *		L Rose	1,060		L Rose	4,550 *		J Mannell	620	
L Penney	1,440		R Collett	3,800 *		M Tooke	2,140 *		D Yorke	1,630	
F Unwin	2,060		S Tebby	2,160 *		S Tebby	3,140		F Unwin	3,600 *	
D Yorke	2,110 *		M Tooke	1,080		R Collett	2,370 *		B Hiatt (res)	960	
M Sewell	2,870 *		E Wain	1,140		E Wain	2,920 *		M Sewell	0	
	10,050			9,240			15,120			6,810	

KENT B		2	OXFORD B		3	OXFORD B		4	KENT B		1
T Speller	3,560 *		L Rose	1,190		L Rose	2,580 *		T Speller	1,110	
L Skillen	1,600 *		R Collett	0		M Tooke	2,130 *		J Baker	1,720	
H Burford	780		S Tebby	4,780 *		S Tebby	3,140 *		H Burford	1,290	
J Baker	710		M Tooke	2,060 *		R Collett	1,540		L Skillen	2,510 *	
J Balderstone	1,700		E Wain	2,650 *		E Wain	3,250 *		J Balderstone	300	
	8,350			10,680			12,640			6,930	

KENT A		3	HANTS		2	HANTS		3	KENT A		2
J Macoy	2,880 *		J Mannell	2,110		J Mannell	2,510 *		J Macoy	1,090	
J Peckham	6,690 *		L Penney	1,780		D Yorke	2,640 *		M Morrison	860	
A Keen	1,660		F Unwin	2,460 *		F Unwin	3,570 *		A Keen	2,440	
M Morrison	2,000		D Yorke	2,620 *		L Penney	1,790		J Peckham	1,830 *	
D Welburn	4,360 *		M Sewell	1,030		M Sewell	890		D Welburn	7,570 *	
	17,590			10,000			11,400			13,790	

Breaks: Welburn 5,200

OXFORD B		2	KENT A		3	KENT A		3	OXFORD B		2
L Rose	3,130		J Macoy	3,550 *		J Macoy	3,940 *		L Rose	1,960	
R Collett	3,680 *		J Peckham	1,920		M Morrison	1,060		M Tooke	2,050 *	
S Tebby	1,750		A Keen	2,110 *		A Keen	3,650 *		S Tebby	2,200	
M Tooke	2,420		M Morrison	2,510 *		J Peckham	1,830		R Collett	3,430 *	
E Wain	3,270 *		D Welburn	2,130		D Welburn	10,460 *		E Wain	880	
	14,250			12,220			20,940			10,520	

Breaks: Welburn 10,190

HANTS		4	KENT B		1	KENT B		3	HANTS		2
J Mannell	3,000 *		T Speller	2,280		T Speller	2,120		J Mannell	6,360 *	
L Penney	3,360 *		L Skillen	880		J Baker	2,920 *		D Yorke	2,230	
F Unwin	3,140 *		H Burford	1,980		H Burford	1,340		F Unwin	1,860 *	
D Yorke	1,340		J Baker	2,060 *		L Skillen	1,880 *		L Penney	1,810	
M Sewell	2,440 *		J Balderstone	1,610		J Balderstone	2,190 *		M Sewell	1,700	
	13,280			8,810			10,450			13,960	

Breaks: Mannell 4,090

DIVISION ONE

	P	W	L	Aggreg	Pts
Sussex	6	6	0	122,820	21
Oxford A	6	3	3	130,870	15
Surrey	6	3	3	106,680	14
Berkshire	6	0	6	95,270	10

DIVISION TWO

	P	W	L	Aggreg	Pts
Kent A	6	5	1	100,460	20
Oxford B	6	3	3	72,450	17
Hampshire	6	3	3	65,500	15
Kent B	6	1	5	46,710	8

HIGHEST BREAKS:

Div 1 Jane Wood (Oxford A) 8,180

Div 2 Diana Welburn (Kent A) 10,190

AVERAGES

Divs		Cty	RP	P	W	L	Aver	Rankings	
1 2								Ref	Alt
1.	Pauline Withey	OxfA	21.6	6	6	0	6,692	1	1
2.	Michelle Baden	Sus	18.5	6	5	1	5,593	16	9
3.	Diana Welburn	KenA	15.3	6	5	1	5,082	14	11
4.	Bella Stoner	Sus	18.4	6	6	0	5,022	4	3
5.	Jane Wood	OxfA	11.3	6	2	4	4,958	2	2
6.	Janet Burns	Ber	12.3	6	4	2	4,587	23	15
7.	Jackie Peckham	KenA	9.3	6	4	2	4,200	41	27
8.	Josie Hogan	Sur	8.2	6	2	4	4,060	9	8
9.	Alison Norman	Sur	9.2	6	4	2	4,028	11	12
10.	Jenny Abbott	OxfA	8.2	6	4	2	4,002	27	23
11.	Kim Beeching	Sus	11.1	6	6	0	3,992	5	5
12.	Sheila King	Sur	4.2	6	3	3	3,967	30	29
13.	Denise Wills	Sur	5.3	6	4	2	3,763	13	14
14.	Gina Sherratt	Sus	4.1	6	4	2	3,532	25	24
15.	Jane Carless	Ber	1.1	6	2	4	3,387	12	16
16.	Sue Leach	OxfA	0.1	6	2	4	3,275	15	18
17.	Jackie Watson	Ber		6	1	5	3,205	24	26
18.	Myra Hawkins	Ber		6	2	4	3,128	8	10
19.	Janie Macoy	KenA	4.0	6	5	1	3,055	32	30
20.	Jenny Parsons	OxfA		6	1	5	2,885	21	22
21.	Sandra Tebby	OxfB		6	3	3	2,862	35	39
22.	Ann Keen	KenA	2.1	6	4	2	2,820	49	37
23.	Fran Unwin	Han	4.0	6	5	1	2,782	19	17
24.	Jan Bithell	Sus		5	0	5	2,756	17	19
25.	Joyce Mannell	Han	2.1	6	4	2	2,695	33	33
26.	Ruth Collett	OxfB	2.0	6	4	2	2,470	43	35
27.	Lisa Rose	OxfB		6	2	4	2,412		
28.	Enid Wain	OxfB	2.0	6	4	2	2,352	43	35
29.	Doreen Yorke	Han		6	3	3	2,095		
30.	Lyn Penney	Han		5	1	4	2,036		
31.	Michelle Tooke	OxfB	2.0	6	4	2	1,980		
32.	Sally Mortimer	Sur		6	1	5	1,962	29	32
33.	Tracy Speller	KenB		6	1	5	1,890		
34.	Liz Skillen	KenB		6	3	3	1,782		
35.	Jean Baker	KenB		6	3	3	1,772		
36.	Marina Morrison	KenA		6	2	4	1,587		
37.	Eileen Britton	Ber		6	1	5	1,572		
38.	Marion Sewell	Han		6	2	4	1,488	34	38
39.	Jean Balderstone	KenB		6	1	5	1,247		
40.	Hilary Burford	KenB		6	0	6	1,095		
41.	Babs Hiatt	Han		1	0	1	960		
42.	Samantha Baden	Sus		1	0	1	210		

SUSSEX RETAIN TITLE, KENT BACK UP

Sussex retained the Ladies County title by a massive six points without really a sweat, or should I say "without expiring perspiration".

Kim Beeching and Bella Stoner both won all six of their games, but it was Michelle Baden who was their highest scoring player, averaging nearly 5,600, and this after being the only unbeaten player in last year's championships.

Oxford A were again second, a point closer than they were last year, but this time their skipper Pauline Withey was not only unbeaten, but also topped the averages with nearly 6,700. Jane Wood made the best break (8,180).

Berkshire sank into the second division again, despite four fine wins by captain Janet Burns.

Kent A returned to the top flight after a year's absence, thanks to outstanding performances from Janie Macoy and Diana Welburn who both won five out of 6, with Di averaging over 5,000 including the best break of the day in either division, 10,190.

But they were chased all day by Oxford B, skippered by Sandra Tebby.

Biggest jumper in the rankings was Jackie Peckham from Kent, 41 up to 27.

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ALTERNATIVE RULES Δ

SUNDAY OCTOBER 6th, 2002

at the P.O. CLUB READING

FINAL 2001: PHIL HAWKINS (BERKS) beat DENNIS ATKINS (OXON)

	NR	Cty	RP	Round	1	Round	2	Round	3
	Be/Aft								
DENNIS ATKINS	14:12	Oxf	10.5	1,090	2,380	1,640	760	2,000	1,390
*Liz Skillen		Ken		740	800				
Phil Hawkins	13:16	Ber	0.2	2,690	2,130	960	1,020		
Dave Rowley		Han		970	1,510				
Chris Saville	42:41	Ken	1.4	2,590	2,290	1,500	1,540	1,070	2,150
Richard Hockey		Han		880	0				
Chris Newson	46:46	Han	0.1	2,150	1,030	1,510	1,030		
Allen Rowley		Han		1,070	1,650				
DAVE BARNES		Oxf	3.0	1,400	1,720	1,340	1,550	1,810	1,740
Micky Leader		Oxf		1,410	820				
*Jane Carless		Ber		1,440	1,070	1,160	730		
Graham Crosbie		Han		1,310	1,140				
Steven Sheard		Oxf	1.1	1,770	1,120	1,330	2,250	1,920	550
Michael Payne		Han		620	730				
Nigel Senior	25:25	Sus	0.2	2,200	830	1,440	2,100		
John Miller		Buc		710	1,130				
KEVIN TUNSTALL	1:1	Oxf	6.2	1,410	1,750	1,660	2,700	2,570	3,130
Charlie Wheeler		Ber		1,280	840				
Tony Webster		Han	0.2	1,729	2,760	1,790	240		
*Jackie Watson		Ber		930	1,060				
Don Cook		Buc	1.3	2,370	1,150	2,210	2,000	810	790
Pete Ashby		Buc		1,760	1,460				
Christopher Storch		Oxf	0.2	340	2,010	2,270	1,350		
Alan Chaloner		Han	0.2	2,980	conceded:called away				
PAUL LOVEGROVE		Oxf	3.1	1,890	1,740	2,160	1,700	1,840	1,880
*Joyce Mannell		Han		1,230	1,390				
Eric Hill	26:26	Dor	0.2	2,600	1,330	2,590	680		
Pete Soanes		Oxf	0.1	1,240	1,370				
Stuart Penney		Han	1.2	1,320	1,670	1,250	2,530	1,050	950
Ray Sturgess	24:24	Oxf		1,580	1,110				
Brian Daniels		Han	0.2	1,550	2,210	870	2,390		
Dave Tallack		Han		1,550	1,360				

	NR Bc/Att	Cty	RP	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3
KEITH SHEARD	2:2	Oxf	7.5		1,470 2,430	2,150 ² 2,450
*Fran Unwin		Han			810 1,220	
Richard Wooton		Sus	1.1		1,540 2,420	1,330 750
Andy Skinner		Oxf	0.1		900 640	
MARTIN DONOVAN		Han	3.0		1,370 1,890	1,120 1,290
Joseph Storch		Oxf			560 1,300	
Mark Senior		Sus	1.0		1,910 1,980	980 1,390
*Samantha Field		Han			370 830	
BARRY HOLT	19:14	Sus	6.2	2,170 2,030	2,560 2,390	2,560 ² 3,570
Gordon Riley		Buc		1,280 1,090		
Pete Farrelly	13:15	Oxf	0.2	2,810 1,220	1,710 ² 1,450	
*Pauline Withey		Oxf		880 1,290		
Tony Woolvin		Han	1.6	2,330 1,770	2,230 ² 2,900	1,870 2,510
Ron Woodhouse		Han		1,780 1,530		
Charlie Gildersleve		Buc	0.3	1,890 2,140	2,130 2,110	
Mark Allfrey	49:49	SGlo		790 1,580		
*JACKIE PECKHAM		Ken	3.1	1,040 1,520	2,080 1,170	1,190 1,710
*Diana Welburn		Ken		1,910 0		
Paul Butcher		Oxf		1,490 1,280	840 870	
Darren Woolvin		Han		460 770		
*Eileen Britton		Ber	1.0	1,580 980	1,800 800	900 1,340
Philip Skillen		Ken		240 350		
Ron Britton		Ber		440 1,470	1,120 1,170	
Dave Carliell		Ken		630 920		

NOTES:

² DENOTES RECORDED BREAKS of over 800: **D ATKINS 1,300 P HAWKINS 910**
T WEBSTER 830 E HILL 810 B DANIELS 980 K SHEARD 1,020
B HOLT 1,400 (BEST) P FARRELLY 910 T WOOLVIN 1,250

THE LAST EIGHT

		Qtr-finals	Semi-finals	Final
DENNIS ATKINS	Oxon	1,090 1,600	1,910 2,160	2,430 2,140
Dave Barnes	Oxon	790 1,590		
Kevin Tunstall	Oxon	2,850 2,910	1,460 2,420	
Paul Lovegrove	Oxon	1,540 1,260		
KEITH SHEARD	Oxon	1,810 1,990	1,270 2,520	1,640 930
Martin Donovan	Hants	1,240 940		
Barry Holt	Sussex	2,100 1,780	1,430 210	
*Jackie Peckham	Kent	1,230 1,400		

THE PLATE COMPETITION

	Round 1	Round 2	Qtr-finals (two-legs)	Semi-finals	Final
PETE SOANES	1,800	1,850	1,890 750	1,000 1,580	2,340 1,930
Joyce Mannell	1,010				
Dave Tallack		720			
Pete Ashby		1,560	1,070 1,230		
Jackie Watson	1,200	930			
Charlie Wheeler	870				

	Round 1	Round 2	Qtr-finals (two-legs)		Semi-finals		Final
MICKY LEADER	1,530	1,690	850	1,140	1,080	920	
Graham Crosbie	1,110						
John Miller	1,630	1,010					
Michael Payne	1,080						
Dave Rowley	1,900	1,460	1,330	620			
Liz Skillen	1,070						
Allen Rowley	1,280	720					
Richard Hockey	1,030						
DIANA WELBURN	1,540	890/950	1,510	1,970	1,670	1,460	1,240 620
Darren Woolvin	930						
Dave Carliell	910	890/110					
Philip Skillen	360						
Ron Woodhouse	1,450	1,750	950	1,360			
Mark Allfrey	530						
Pauline Withey	1,440	1,100					
Gordon Riley	1,250						
ANDY SKINNER		1,230	1,310	2,150	730	960	
Fran Unwin		0					
Joseph Storch		1,820	790	890			
Samantha Field		1,440					

GENTLEMAN DEN BEATS KT & KS FOR Δ

There's not many of them left but Dennis Atkins is one of them!

Before the writs start flying, what he is is a true gent and EVERYONE agrees.

Also, everyone likes to see Dennis win a tournament even if it was once regarded as a "Mickey Mouse" event.

Dennis declared his intentions from the start, making a 1,300 break in the first match before knocking out Phil Hawkins in a reversal of last year's final.

Chris Saville, a self-proclaimed "virgin at the event", took him close in the last 16, but lost out overall 3,390 - 3,220. Secret(ary) weapon Dave Barnes got almost as close as that in the quarter-finals where Dennis survived 2,690 - 2,380.

Then it became really tough for Dennis. He was 450 ahead of Kevin Tunstall at the half-way stage of the semi-final and still seemed well in charge in the dying minutes but Katie MUST be given credit for good-sportsmanship for moving an awkward ball on the baulk line. It left Dennis with a solitary easy ball in optimum position in front of the 50 hole from where he was able to score a vital few hundred points to win by 190.

Kevin regularly takes "stick" from this publication with good humour, but it is a fact that most other players would have rolled up to that ball in order to further frustrate an opponent. Not Kevin! "Well done, Katie" says the BBQ.

The BBQ may even stop calling him Katie for a while, or perhaps NOT.

The final was, for once, very exciting.

Keith Sheard had had three comfortable wins without being threatened at all, but then struggled to get the better of Barry Holt who had made it past such "top-calibre" players as Pete Farrelly (what?) and Tony Woolvin with the aid of the best break of the day (1,400). Barry won the first leg by 160 but succumbed heavily in the 2nd.

Keith was given first break in the final but failed to get going, even knocking down the black pin early on (note: for this event THAT only counted as a white up to the last ball shot).

Keith also lost a handy 410 break by missing a straight shot at a ball near the 30 before Dennis made his first impression, a break of 650. Keith followed with 450 but Dennis marched on with further efforts of 860 and 690 to put him 1,720 ahead.

Keith came back at the end of the first leg with a 940, but still went into the 2nd leg with a deficit of 790.

Dennis failed to make any impact off his break, but then Keith lost a 300 to spur Dennis into action with successive breaks of 380, 320 and 450.

Keith made a small contribution of 160 but then lost a vital 880 by missing a difficult ball up the middle of the table. It seemed all over when Dennis stretched his lead by another 300 and the match was out of reach even though Keith made another 500.

Dennis is now up to No.12 in the rankings, and provisionally 10 for next year, but, wait for it, Dave Barnes is now PROVISIONALLY No.66.

It must be stated that only 12 of the top 50 ranked players entered this event, quite a poor turn out by the game's best players.

However, how good it was to see the late Wolfie Storch's two enthusiastic youngsters in the draw, with Christopher actually getting into the rankings by scoring over 2,000 against Alan Chaloner who was sadly called away as it started getting interesting.

There were other fine performances by our younger generation. 12-year-old Philip Skillen played his first ever competitive match, looking enthusiastic for the future, and inevitably we have to mention 16-year-old Steven Sheard who potted a last-ball 200 to oust the current All-England Champion Nigel Senior in the 2nd round, even though he "blotted his copybook" by then LOSING to Mr Barnes (oops!)

Great to see Pete Soanes win his first National event, beating Diana Welburn in the Plate final. Finally, Hampshire as a whole deserve much credit, fielding EIGHTEEN of the 56 entries, three more than any other county.

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DESPATCHES

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INTER-AREA CUP: SEMI-FINAL RESULTS

EYNSHAM B	1	NORTHANTS A	4	NORTHANTS A	4	EYNSHAM B	1
D Bartlett	4,200	S Coleman	4,560*	A Chambers	9,780*	D Bartlett	140
D Tooke	1,270	C Lawman	6,470*	S Coleman	5,840*	A Burnham	3,850
K Bull	1,760	A Chambers	6,090*	C Lawman	1,030	B Allsworth	3,590*
D Evans	3,290*	J Neal	2,750	J Neal	4,290*	K Bull	2,960
A Burnham	1,520	S Oram	5,280*	S Oram	4,470*	T Bull	1,500

Northants A won 8-2.

READING B	2	WALLINGFORD A	3	WALLINGFORD A	5	READING B	0
B Lansdell	6,350*	K Tunstall	4,070	K Tunstall	12,850*	B Trinder	1,250
B Dawkins	1,600	D Atkins	4,480*	M Turner	5,850*	B Dawkins	840
D Neilan	170	P Welch	9,160*	T Martin	11,640*	C Wheeler	270
B Trinder	6,990*	T Martin	3,490	D Atkins	14,400*	D Neilan	1,390
G Pitt	1,640	J O'Farrell	3,730*	P Welch	5,060*	G Pitt	3,700

Wallingford A won 8-2.

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"C" TEAM SHIELD: SEMI-FINAL RESULTS

OXFORD C	3	READING C	2	READING C	4	OXFORD C	1
M Murphy	3,660*	T Vallis	3,570	G Alder	3,870	B Hill	4,650*
C Souch	990	D Barefield	4,970*	M Gibbons	7,140*	M Murphy	1,750
B Hill	8,480*	M Gibbons	610	T Vallis	5,420*	E Tebbby	4,320
A Lowe	2,180	D Alder	2,770*	D Barefield	10,010*	B Parsons	550
E Tebbby	4,380*	T Alder	2,450	D Alder	6,460*	A Lowe	4,000

Reading C won 6-4

WALLINGFORD C	3	EYNSHAM C	2	EYNSHAM C	2	WALLINGFORD C	3
P Lovegrove	3,410	K Willoughby	7,850*	A Wilson	3,620*	P Lovegrove	1,310
K Pringle	10,420*	P Soanes	750	D Barnes	270	R Knedler	8,280*
R Knedler	980	A Wilson	7,160*	P Soanes	3,890	M Shepherd	6,250*
M Shepherd	6,960*	C Winstone	860	B Martin	6,720*	K Pringle	470
P Barnes	5,760*	A Skinner	1,410	C Winstone	2,300	P Barnes	4,110*

Wallingford C won 6-4.

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ADIES INTER-AREA CUP FINAL: (HOME & AWAY OCT & NOV) READING v OXFORD

PORTSMOUTH

Div 1	LHFA B (114pts)	Runners-up	
Div 2	St James (82)	Derby Lounge A (106)	
Div 3	Phoenix (71)	LHFA A (80)	
Automatic Bowl	LHFA B	Derby Public Bar (60)	
Horizon Cup	St James	Mermaid B	
Blind Cup	St James	Copnor	
Individual	T Woolwin	Mermaid A	
Pairs	T Woolvin B Radford	C Newson	
Triples	D Claydon A Chaloner T Doswell	P Wing J Lockyer	
Harry Harris	D Priseman	W Steere B Rowley C Wing	
Ladies Indiv	J Mannell	M Donovan	
	Div 1	C Hiatt	
Home Score	B Radford 17,020	Div 2	Div 3
Away Break	T Woolvin 15,090	T Webster 14,970	M Allfrey 7,980
Most Wins	B Radford 26	W Steere 5,390	D Rowley 6,430
Agg Away Score	B Radford 101,190	H Mortimore 20	D Rowley 21
Ladies Cup (best aggregate throughout season):		J Gubbs 53,540	D Rowley 80,520
		Fran Unwin 97,860	

WHEN WILL ESSO LEAVE ME ALONE & GROW UP?

I thought my conflict with Northants had finally been put to bed (as per that so-called "Final Chapter" in BBQ 46) now that I have totally withdrawn from their league but Steve Oram (henceforth playfully called ESSO) STILL seems to be trying to stir up trouble.

Yet I recently heard from two people at the County Championships that Esso is STILL saying that I have "told lies" and that everybody should "not believe a word I say".

I was not present, so you can draw your own conclusions about how underhand Esso really is. Whatever I say, right or wrong, I say it in the open, not behind anyone's back.

I, probably like you, am getting totally fed up with ~~this~~ story, but Esso's antics are forcing me to continually try to clear my name. I cannot understand why he can't just let go as he has surely got what he wanted all along (i.e. a Northants League without Fazza).

It is (not very) interesting that he has again taken over as Northants League Secretary, so I presume his hopes of moving abroad to work have gone. Although, as I complete this BBQ, the Griggs Group who I believe employs him have just announced a likely total closure in the UK and moving production to China.

But there is always a "down side" and over a 1,000 other jobs are likely to go as well.

This Doc Martens company sponsored the now defunct and deceased Northants Open.

And to think that I ONLY had to go as far as Oxford to get away from him!

I have now just started my third season in the Eynsham League, and my first season in the Oxford League is a month old. 240 miles a week is a small price to pay to get away from the aggro from these Northants players who used to be regarded as friends.

ONE of the final straws was when Esso insinuated (again behind my back) that I would claim expenses from the Inter-Area Assoc for getting to Reading for a 7-a-side event as well as claiming off the Northants league. (Note that they always paid players' travelling expenses for county matches because we always ran the league so prudently).

The FINAL, final straw was when he and his cronies decided that I would NOT be allowed to play in the Jim Wilson Memorial event on May 5th, a "fun" competition at the end of every Northants season since the demise of the Northants Open.

There was no explanation and still has not been. My team immediately withdrew from a KO semi-final clash against his team in protest, and decided to entirely withdraw from the league for this season. We thought it just was not worth it anymore.

Despite three requests, I finally received my entry fee cheque back nearly EIGHT WEEKS later on 29th June, still without any explanation OR apology. Surprise!

I have now written to the CHAIRMAN (Jim Thomson) asking him to "call-off" Esso or face legal action as I do not propose to continue hearing about these ridiculous character assassinations without any hint of evidence or explanation. Jim had said that the league could not prevent Esso barring me from entering as it was "not a league event".

Incidentally, the winners of this so-called non-league event was included in a list just received from Esso headlined "2001/2002 Role of Honour" [HIS spelling of "role" not mine]. Perhaps he thought that I would include the Northants league details on the BBQ. The chances of him ever apologising to me is much greater than me ever including any details provided by Esso.