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SIR TIFFY CUT'S PERFORMANCE AWARD

Obviously, there has to be recognition of many great performances this quarter. Primarily, what about TONY WALSH who beat Kevin Tunstall TWICE in successive major events, both in early rounds. After beating Katie in their THIRD round encounter in the Oxfordshire Open, he and Mick Lingham ousted multi-winners Katie and Tony Martin in the SECOND round of the British Open Pairs.

What about DAWN FLATTERY & SUE LEACH beating Gary Johnson & Leon Beer in the Pairs, or GARETH LLOYD making a 19,590 break to beat Keith Sheard & Ray Sturgess, or IAN MOSS & ALAN OLIVER reaching the quarter-finals, or DINO CLARK making breaks of 16,230 & 17,880 to make himself & Andy Haines runners-up, or even NATHAN HEWITT!

WHO? NATHAN is a youngster who partnered Jon Bamsey's younger son Steven in the pairs and was (un)fortunately drawn to play big brother Adam and his girlfriend Grace in the first round. Dad scored the game so that he could indulge in a bit of coaching. The scoring was not great and Nathan managed to get the red ball into the 200 hole. He blushed and understandably celebrated. One straight-talking mickey-taking voice from the stage asked if he was waiting for his picture to be taken, and Nathan proceeded to miss the ball on his next shot. How unkind was that from an uncaring administrator???

What about Dino Clark & Andy Haines? A fine performance in reaching the final

BUT THIS QUARTER'S PERFORMANCE AWARD MUST GO TO THE ENTIRE ENGLAND TEAM WHO FINALLY BROKE JERSEY'S STRANGLEHOLD ON THE INTERNATIONAL SERIES:

KEVIN TUNSTALL, BERNIE McCLUSKEY, JIM MILLWARD, MARK JAMES, STEVE MARINER, PAUL WING, JOHN BURROWS, RAY STURGESS, PETE FARRELLY, DENNIS ATKINS and GARY JOHNSON. AND THE LADIES TEAM WON AGAIN ALSO: PAULINE WITHEY, SUE MARINER, BELLA STONER, KIM BEECHING, JAN TAYLOR and DAWN FLATTERY.

DEADLINE DATE FOR NEXT B.B.Q.: JUNE 8th

STOP PRESS: JOHN BURROWS WINS HIS THIRD ALL-ENGLAND TITLE and DAWN FLATTERY TAKES HER VERY FIRST MAJOR WITH A WIN IN THE SPECIAL LADIES

FULL STORY IN B.B.Q. No. 50 IN JULY. MAKE SURE OF YOUR COPY NOW!

EDITORIAL I've now realised just how long it takes to produce a BBQ. I usually do it in my spare time, but, as the redundancy became effective at the end of February, this edition has been produced almost as a full time occupation, and it is scary. Apart from the "short" list of chores given to me by Peggy, this BBQ has taken the best part of three weeks continual work, given that some time had to be set aside for producing schedules for the All-England and Special Ladies Open, plus a new playing format for the Inter-Area Championships coming up within a few days as I complete this editorial. Ho hum, are there any takers for the job of BBQ Editor if I am able to get a new job which may not allow me to continue in a similar capacity.

I have included a few messages received by subscribers later in this edition which, of course, is great encouragement; but if the time is not there, how do you make it?

One subscriber has also sent a message to warn people to be careful as to what they say as someone recently accused him of cheating, leading him to threaten court action. In view of last year's situation which everyone knows about, I have declined getting the BBQ involved, and will not be reproducing the details in the BBQ at this stage.

On a lighter side, I am concluding this section with a few pieces of good advice for you all

(1) YOU SHOULD REMEMBER THAT "WITH" IS A VERY BAD WORD TO END A SENTENCE WITH.

(2) IF YOUR EYESIGHT IS NOT TOO GOOD, NEVER KEEP YOUR HAEMORRHOID OINTMENT IN A DARK CUPBOARD NEXT TO THE SUPERGLUE.

(3) WITH SUMMER COMING FAST, THEY ARE NOW RECOMMENDING "VIAGRA" FOR SUNBURN. IT DOESN'T SOOTHE THE BURN, BUT IT DOES HELP TO KEEP THE DUVET OFF YOUR LEGS OVERNIGHT.

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BRITISH LADIES RANKINGS

POSITIONS		RANKING POINTS					
NOW	PROV		TOTAL	2001	2002	2003	Prov
1	1	Pauline Withey Oxon	99.65	40.75	51.8	7.1	58.9
2	2	Bella Stoner Sussex	65.35	29.15	30.7	5.5	36.2
3	4	Michelle Baden Sussex	48.35	17.35	30.0	1.0	31.0
4	8	Kim Beeching Sussex	46.4	25.8	14.6	6.0	20.6
5	10	Jane Wood Oxon	44.2	24.8	19.4		19.4
6	5	Diana Welburn Kent	33.95	5.3	28.65		28.65
7	6	Sue Mariner Sussex	33.0	9.65	19.85	3.5	23.35
8	16	Jan Taylor Kent	32.3	22.6	5.7	4.0	9.7
9	3	Josie Hogan Surrey	31.7		31.7		31.7
10	18	Jane Carless Berks	30.5	22.3	8.2		8.2
11	7	Joyce Mannell Hants	25.4	3.2	22.2		22.2
12	9	Janet Burns Berks	24.8	5.2	19.5	0.1	19.6
13	13	Dawn Flattery Bucks	24.3	11.2	8.0	5.1	13.1
14	12	Jenny Noel Jersey	22.0	8.8	6.6	6.6	13.2
15		Jan Bithell Sussex	21.1	21.1			
16	15	Gail Woods Surrey	19.5	8.7	10.8		10.8
17	11	Jenny Abbott Oxon	17.8	4.1	13.7		13.7
18	17	Alison Norman Surrey	17.0	7.4	9.6		9.6
19		Jackie Watson Berks	16.1	16.1			
20	=40	Sue Leach Oxon	15.4	15.3	0.1		0.1
21	27	Jenny Parsons Oxon	14.6	11.5	3.1		3.1
22	14	Jackie Peckham Kent	13.9	3.05	10.85		10.85
23	=19	Gina Sherratt Sussex	13.55	8.2	5.35		5.35
24	22	Fran Unwin Hants	11.7	6.6	5.1		5.1
25	21	Denise Wills Surrey	10.5	5.2	5.3		5.3

BRITISH RANKINGS AFTER THE BRITISH OPEN PAIRS 2003

POSITIONS		RANKING POINTS						
NOW	PROV			TOTAL	2001	2002	2003	PROV
1	1	Kevin Tunstall	Oxon	228.9	102.9	112.4	13.6	126.0
2	=3	Paul Sainsbury	Berks	130.5	58.6	56.6	15.3	71.9
3	5	Keith Sheard	Oxon	124.8	55.3	64.8	4.7	69.5
4	=3	Bernie McCluskey	Berks	105.0	33.1	43.2	28.7	71.9
5	6	Mark James	Sussex	104.3	44.0	42.4	17.9	60.3
6	8	Jim Millward	Sussex	103.7	50.6	39.1	14.0	53.1
7	10	Mark Turner	Oxon	102.2	52.6	49.1	0.5	49.6
8	9	Paul Wing	Hants	97.9	45.5	43.1	9.3	52.4
9	7	Dennis Atkins	Oxon	82.1	25.9	35.0	21.2	56.2
10	2	John Burrows	Bucks	82.0	9.6	57.6	14.8	72.4
11	21	Gary Johnson	Oxon	79.1	54.4	22.9	1.8	24.7
12	14	Tony Walsh	Berks	67.9	33.2	30.2	4.5	34.7
13	11	Nigel Ryall	Jersey	66.6	22.7	35.7	8.2	43.9
14	13	Geoff Jukes	Surrey	54.0	17.6	30.8	5.6	36.4
15	18	Phil Hawkins	Berks	53.9	27.1	26.6	0.2	26.8
16	16	Steve Ahier	Jersey	50.3	18.9	19.2	12.2	31.4
17	20	Graham Bisson	Jersey	50.0	24.7	16.6	8.7	25.3
18	23	Harry Barbet	Jersey	46.0	23.7	16.7	5.6	22.3
19	12	Ray Sturgess	Oxon	44.5	7.2	29.4	7.9	37.3
20	55	Mark Brewster	Kent	43.0	34.6	8.4		8.4
21	15	Dennis Helleur	Jersey	38.9	5.3	31.1	2.5	33.6
22	39	Eric Hill	Dorset	38.9	26.7	12.0	0.2	12.2
23	34	Pete Farrelly	Oxon	37.7	22.6	12.4	2.7	15.1
24	17	Nigel Senior	Sussex	34.6	6.3	27.8	0.5	28.3
25		Kevin Clark	Kent	33.5	28.3	5.2		5.2
=26	25	Mike Matthews	Jersey	31.9	12.3	19.6		19.6
=26	26	Trevor Gallienne	Guernsey	31.9	12.7	19.2		19.2
28	33	Bob King	Jersey	31.5	16.2	8.6	6.7	15.3
29	22	Steve Mariner	Sussex	30.6	6.6	13.7	10.3	24.0
=30	30	Barry Holt	Sussex	30.2	13.0	16.7	0.5	17.2
=30		Nick Barnett	Jersey	30.2	29.6	0.6		0.6
32	19	Barry Radford	Hants	29.5	3.6	25.8	0.1	25.9
33	27	Dino Clark	Bucks	29.3	10.7	8.2	10.4	18.6
34	58	Pete Burton	Oxon	28.3	20.5	6.2	1.6	7.8
35	29	Chris Saville	Kent	25.1	7.2	13.5	4.4	17.9
36	59	Alan Le Blond	Jersey	24.1	16.6	7.5		7.5
37	32	Ernie Jordan	Bucks	23.6	7.7	15.1	0.8	15.9
38	64	Gareth Lloyd	Sussex	22.4	15.6		6.8	6.8
39	24	Terry Race	Sussex	22.3	0.1	22.2		22.2
40	45	Chris Newson	Hants	20.3	9.4	10.9		10.9
41	56	Chris Tupper	Sussex	20.2	12.0	8.2		8.2
42	44	Nigel Bisson	Jersey	19.2	8.1	11.1		11.1
=43	36	Ray Hussey	Bucks	18.5	4.6	13.9		13.9
=43	=60	John Mitchell	Kent	18.5	11.2	7.3		7.3
=45	28	Dave Gallichan	Jersey	18.3		14.2	4.1	18.3
=45	35	Mark Allfrey	S Glouces	18.3	3.3	15.0		15.0
47	31	Tony Martin	Oxon	17.0	0.8	13.9	2.3	16.2
48		Keith Lewendon	Berks	16.9	15.5	1.4		1.4
=49	=42	Paul Newton	Jersey	16.2	5.0	5.6	5.6	11.2
=49		Alan Donovan	Bucks	16.2	14.7	1.5		1.5
51		Alan Chaloner	Hants	15.8	13.7	1.7	0.4	2.1
52		Steve Ellis	Bucks	15.3	9.6	5.7		5.7
53		Les Green	Greece	15.2	10.8		4.4	4.4

Sincere apologies to Guernsey and Jersey as, although the results from their Inter-Insular Trophy were included in BBQ 48, I had not included the ranking points from the match in the "end of year" lists. These have now been included in these up-to-date lists.

DIARY FOR 2003

SOME SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION, BUT ARE CORRECT AT TIME OF GOING TO PRESS

Sun Apr 20 Mermaid Open CANCELLED

Sun Apr 27 Wolfie Storch Memorial Pairs Fairmile Hospital Social Club
 Contact Kevin Tunstall, 2 Knapp Close, Abingdon, Oxon OX14 1SL.
 Charity event in memory of a very popular Wallingford player who died last year.
 10.30 start, bar from Noon, barbecue food available.
 Enter as individuals (96 maximum, £5 each) then a draw will take place with highest ranked 50% of entries partnering the lower or unranked players, the latter having the initial break in each leg. All profits to the JULIAN STARMER-SMITH FUND.

Sun June 8 Sussex Open Inland Revenue Club, Worthing
 Contact Mark James, 12a Greentrees, Lansdowne Road, Worthing, W Sussex.
 BN11 4NA 01903-213354, 07703-537027, e-mail: markjam3@aol.com
 Entry fee £8, payable to Sussex Open Bar Billiards

Sun July 6 Kent Classic The Teen & Twenty Club, Tonbridge
 Contact Pete Sainsbury, "Pearsons", Battle Road, Punnetts Town, Heathfield,
 E Sussex TN21 9DS Home: 01435-830448 Work: 01732-351358
 Entry fee £8. Closing date May 18. Maximum entry 80, first come, first served.

Sun Aug 7 Berkshire Open PO Club, Reading

Sun Sep 14 Buckinghamshire Open Irish Association Club, High Wycombe

Sun Sep 28 County Championships PO Club, Reading
and the National Under-22 Individual Championships

Sun Oct 5 Ladies County Championships PO Club, Reading

Sun Oct 12 Alternative Rules A (Open) PO Club, Reading

Oct 25-26 World Championship & Junior BIOC De Normandie Hotel, Jersey
 THE gi-normous event which may actually close the hotel forever. Don't miss it!!!

Sun Nov 16 National Team Championships PO Club, Reading
and Ladies All-England Individual Championship

Sun Nov 23 National Mixed Pairs PO Club, Reading

Sun Nov 30 Grand Prix Finals, Over-50's and Over 60's PO Club, Reading

Few seem to be taking me up on my request to include "Readers' Letters" in the BBQ so I am trying to introduce a new feature in the next issue. Any player willing to send some of their private details could find themselves featured. I do not mind if they are slightly "tongue-in-cheek" and could include a few of their favourite (and least-favourite) things. What about a short list of the things they are good at (and bad at). Or, it could include nicknames (from school, perhaps) or even extracts from their school reports. Please limit these to about half a page or 300 words. If this catches on, I could include two features each time, and ANY player may apply.

THE "LATE ARRIVAL, BLACKLIST" currently comprises the following players who will be disqualified at any All-England event where they arrive after the declared cut-off time again. They have already received ONE warning:
 BILL TRINDER, SAM GODDARD, DEREK PAYNE, GARY JOHNSON, ANDY CHAMBERS,
 RAY HUSSEY, TONY MARTIN, KIM BEECHING, CLARE SHAW, DEA GRAY.

Don't get your name added to the blacklist. Get there on time!

JERSEY v ENGLAND 2003 XXII

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 1st 2003 at the DE NORMANDIE HOTEL, HAVRE DES PAS, JERSEY
 LAST YEAR: ENGLAND 10 JERSEY 12

THE EVENING'S ORDER OF PLAY

Times	Table 1	Table 2	Table 3	Table 4	Table 5
8.00 & 10.10	M1	M2	L1	L2	Mrs1
8.25 & 10.35	L3	M3	M4	M5	Lres
8.50 & 11.00	M6	L4	M7	M8	Mrs2
9.15 & 11.25	M9	M10	M11	L5	L6

MEET THE TEAMS: JERSEY (PENNED BY NIGEL BISSON, mostly)

GRAEME LE MONNIER (SMUGGLERS INN) Non-playing captain who has recently de-camped from the Esso. The treasurer of the JBBL has just bought a new car which he took on a long Italian holiday with our auditor. Former Jersey pairs champion (what? on his own.....PF!) and one of the travelling reserves from last year's Southampton extravaganza.

STEVE AHIER (SMUGGLERS INN) Cap'n Hook at the Smugglers made a new benchmark for local players years ago, but a quick dab of stain remover soon sorted it out. Multi title winner including two Opens, a hatful of Jersey titles and the odd Channel Islands Championship....(not very precise details, NOT like Katie's 33.....PF!). Currently ranked 3. Caps - 6⁷/₈. (He told my wife he was bigger than that....PF!)

HARRY BARBET (LANDMARK INN) Transferred under the "Bosman ruling" and is now Jersey's Paul Sainsbury, but better! (no comment...PF!) i.e. lives in St Helier, plays in St Brelade - a round trip of nearly TEN miles! The Spider remains one of the most flamboyant players, and can do things with his cue and a couple of balls that take your breath away. (Very occasionally puts a smile on Jill's face too....PF!) Ranked 7. Caps - Dutch.

GRAHAM BISSON (LANDMARK INN) Just back from an emergency trip to Ireland at the request of Guinness - as they were starting to get a bit of a stockpile. Graham is a regular Jersey and Channel Islands Champion, a past Open winner and currently top of the local rankings. Ranked 1. Caps - Tartan Golf Bonnet.

ALAN FERRAND (UNION INN) Arrived at Jersey airport for last year's match with a one-piece cue, but arrived at Southampton with a two-piece cue. (Well he does look like Bin Laden....PF!). Apparently, the insurance company (careful what you say...PF!) did not realise that "antique" bar billiards cues of such a high value existed. Last year's reserve, but getting a well-deserved step up after some solid league performances which belie his ranking. (BUT does not understand what "let's play 4,000 maximums" mean, even if HE says it....PF!) Ranked 27. Caps - two molars.

DAVE GALLICHAN (BLACK DOG) Plays for currently the best Jersey team, and if he says so, who's going to argue with this 6 ft 7 in giant? Very keen to get re-acquainted with Gary Johnson and show him a few local variations; hopefully for Gary's sake, this won't include the eye-watering Black Doggie style. Dave consistently makes the closing stages of local knock-outs. Ranked 13. Caps - Red Fez.

FRED JEANNE (BLACK DOG) Fred is the first to confess that he is no big drinker, and was recently breathalysed after having more than one wine gum. Broke into the Island side a few years back and, after time off for good behaviour, is now becoming a permanent fixture. Ranked 12. Caps - Roadrunner Baseball.

DENNIS HELLEUR (TRINITY ARMS) One of the elder statesmen who has won just about every honour in the game. Part of the current senior K.O. comp that is in danger of not being completed as they keep forgetting turn up. Doesn't practise like he used to, which is probably good news for all his opponents. Ranked 5. Caps - Beeches Old Boys.

BOB KING (TRINITY ARMS) Runner-up and semi-finalist in consecutive Opens. "Bob the Biker" is the JBBL League Manager - but cannot "fix it" to get the Arms to the top of the table. Accident prone. Always capable of big breaks - nose, arm, ankle, anything. Ranked 6. Caps - best to have a Red Hard Hat in case.

NIGEL RYALL (TRINITY ARMS) Near to the top of the local league averages and a pretty successful season to date. 2002 World Championship runner-up, enjoying better success than his beloved Leeds Utd. Mind you, a la Ridsdale, his cue, chalk, tables, golf clubs etc. could all be for sale at the right price. Ranked 4. Caps - LUFC (torn & with bite marks).

PAUL NEWTON (WEST END) The only survivor of last year's infamous dogfight with the "Rooster Brewster". As he said then - "you can take the boy out of the second division, but you can't take the second division out of the boy". Failed his Philosophy "O" level, but passed the sense of humour test. Ranked 18. Caps - Keano is King & Eric the Red.

PETER NOEL (WEST END) Despite being the senior member of the team, Peter is still knocking in massive breaks and scores on a regular basis. During the occupation, he was part of a daring task force who, by night (and I will say zis only once...PF!), used to re-load the German rifles with the bullets in backwards so they'd shoot themselves. Ranked 10. Caps - German forage (bloodstained).

ALAN LE BLOND (BLACK DOG, RESERVE) Alan is now busier in retirement than when he worked full time. Mind you, he did work for the States! Open winner in 1988, but spends most of his time now honing his golf skills in warmer climes. Fiercely competitive but (fairly) nice with it. Ranked 8. Caps - black beret and straw boater (France only).

DICKIE ALLEN (LANDMARK INN, RESERVE) Dickie is an "all round" sportsman, apart from his arms and legs which stick out from the round bit (and ruin the symmetry...PF!). He regularly features near the top of the local averages, and often displays some nifty footwork when "at the crease" (remember Reg Mannell...PF!). Another man of leisure who is never happier than when he is taking part, unless he is taking all. Ranked 24. Caps - explosive!

ENGLAND

(PENNED ANONYMOUSLY, WELL ALRIGHT IT WAS ME)

KEVIN TUNSTALL (OXON, CAPTAIN) "Katie" has now captured THIRTY-THREE major titles (18 more than the next best) proving what he has said all along, that he is "simply the best" there has ever been. So far ahead of the rest in the ranking list that he should be "placed on a pedestal"...a very high one and left there so that he can't get down for any Open for about two years, and yet he would probably still stay at No.1. Only ever-present on either side in all 22 International matches since 1982, winning 17 and losing only 3 (one 1-1 draw).

DENNIS ATKINS (OXON) The oldest in the team, yes even older than Fazza, but still a gentleman, but few people know that he used to be in a band years ago. They split up due to artistic differences...the other members were truly "artistic", and Dennis was very "different". So that's why he is the "Alternative Champion". Ranked 12. 2nd cap.

RAY STURGESS (OXON) The only debutant in the side, Raymondo has taken many years to become a star overnight. But anyone willing to put up with Fazza every Tuesday and Milko every Thursday, as well as Katie during the Summer must deserve some sort of recognition. Playing three times a week with the big boys has perfected his cue action, and playing four times a week with his own big boy has perfected his wrist action. Ranked 18.

PETE FARRELLY (OXON) Still to make his debut in the Oxfordshire County side after preferring to take a trip to Madrid last September, proving that Bar Billiards does NOT rule his life after all. Statistician extraordinaire, official team photographer, match reporter, serial pee-taker and (uncowardly) profile writer. Even asked to act as Team Manager in the absence of all other Committee members, so hoping that "Juggling Balls like Cherie Blair" does not see him drop one, or everyone in the room will be holding their noses. Only now ranked 21 but third most experienced England player ever, with 9 wins and 2 defeats (plus 3 draws) from his 14 caps, mainly because he does not have to play ladies in Internationals. Lost to the them four times in the last 6 BIOC's.

GARY JOHNSON (OXON) Likes playing twice a week....would go out more, but doesn't want to spoil everyone's evening. Gary does not have an inferiority complex...he IS inferior, but deserved to keep his place after a fine winning debut last year when he made breaks of 8,200 and 11,930 against BIG Dave Gallichan. Oxford's 5th player in the team, not bad considering the non-participation of Keith Sheard and Mark Turner. Ranked 8.

BERNIE McCLUSKEY (BERKS) His much less famous lookalike (Freddie Mercury), has never made a comeback but Bernie has after toying with non-playing captaincy and then out-shining everyone last year with a 16,330 break in the reserve game. Since then, his.....

Annus Memorabilis has continued, but he's now rubbing cream on it. Amazingly, the only Berkshire player in the side this year. Ranked 9, 16th cap.

MARK JAMES (SUSSEX) Another star player on his debut last year, but was an unwanted baby, given a rattle which was still attached to the snake. He is obviously getting on a bit now. Though the rumours state that he makes love like a man half his age; just like his partner's 22-year-old insurance salesman in fact. Mark has a small firm....., a small firm what? Special written permission from St Patrick to play for England again. Ranked 7.

JIM MILLWARD (SUSSEX) This former World Champion is a sexual legend, no one knows how many wives he's had 'cause not many were his own. Still apparently a "six times a night" man. If anyone doubts it, they could always stand outside his place in Worthing and count how many times that bathroom light goes on during the night. Ranked 5, 6 wins and 2 draws from 9 caps.

STEVE MARINER (SUSSEX) Another long overdue return after 6 previous caps. With all his talent, you'd think it was impossible to play badly, but he's always willing to give it a try. Organising talent is up there with the very best as he always does well in his own Sussex Open, winning it for the second time last June, although he lost to his own wife the previous year. Ranked 37, due to being so choosy with the events he plays in. If he played in more, he could get up to possibly 36.

PAUL WING (HANTS) Wingy has the longest memory of anyone in the team. He can even remember going on a picnic with his father, and coming back with his mother. Consistent in all events, but never won a big one. Got close in November when his Portsmouth taxi company sponsored the Grand Prix and then had the audacity to try to win the prize money back. May even improve by playing in the Inter-Area Cup. Ranked 6, 4th cap.

JOHN BURROWS (BUCKS) Seriously, the whole team welcomes back Mr Burrows (sir) after a traumatic few years for him. Back in the fold after some serious origami lessons, and shamefully STILL the only player in the England squad not subscribing to the Bar Billiards Quarterly, that splendid, superb, publication anyone can read for the reasonable cost of only £2 per issue (Advert over!). Blessed by the "Bar Billiards Fairy" many years ago, but threat of libel prevents a public "outing" of who he is.

CHRIS SAVILLE (KENT, reserve) Legendary expert with computers, but dire with mobile telephones, especially when inebriated, so that's quite often (for full explanation see BBQ reports on Jersey weekends). Somehow missed the sexual revolution of the 1960's. He didn't even get wounded! Unlucky to miss out on the team after beating Keith Sheard in the first round in November, but then lost to Keith Lewendon in the Over-50's final a few weeks later. Ho hum! Ranked 36, 1 cap.

GEOFF JUKES (SURREY, reserve) Vying with John Burrows as the fittest bar billiards player. Still running miles without puffing. Another one unlucky not to get into the team proper. Stylist extraordinaire, and has even worn waistcoats when he doesn't need to. Ranked 15. No caps yet.

AT LONG LAST!

<u>RESULT:</u>	<u>JERSEY</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>ENGLAND</u>	<u>7</u>
	1st leg	2nd leg		1st leg 2nd leg
1. Bob King	730	8,340	Paul Wing	12,220 920 W
2. Steve Ahier	14,940	11,390 W	Gary Johnson	0 3,170
3. Peter Noel	1,020	5,650	John Burrows	8,750 7,040 W
4. Dennis Helleur	2,200	2,460	Jim Millward	5,250 6,120 W
5. Nigel Ryall	4,640	8,570 W	Dennis Atkins	4,800 2,490
6. Dave Gallichan	6,450	350	Mark James	3,670 10,520 W
7. Harry Barbet	1,220	5,730 W	Pete Farrelly	330 3,490
8. Alan Ferrand	5,900	980	Steve Mariner	4,990 11,280 W
9. Paul Newton	770	6,770	Kevin Tunstall	13,770 7,340 W
10. Fred Jeanne	0	150	Bernie McCluskey	12,310 15,610 W
11. Graham Bisson	3,310	10,190 W	Ray Sturgess	3,610 80

Capt G Le Monnier won the toss and chose to take first breaks in EVEN games.

Res: Alan Le Blond	290	1,390	Chris Saville	10,280 11,690 W
Dickie Allen	4,880	4,580 W	Geoff Jukes	2,010 610

Highest breaks:

Bob King	7,990		Paul Wing	11,670
Steve Ahier	14,940	(BEST)	Jim Millward	6,040
Peter Noel	5,650		Kevin Tunstall	13,610 (BEST)
Nigel Ryall	8,570			& 7,340
Graham Bisson	5,550		Bernie McCluskey	12,310 & 10,780

Reserve Breaks:

Chris Saville 9,120 & 11,540

If the match had been on LEGS, England would have won 13 - 9, after leading 7 - 4 at the halfway stage.

MARKS OUT OF TEN FOR THE ENGLAND PLAYERS:

- 10: K Tunstall, B McCluskey
- 9: P Wing, J Burrows
- 8: M James, S Mariner, J Millward
- 6: G Johnson
- 5: R Sturgess, D Atkins
- 2: P Farrelly (and lucky to get 2 pts)

RANKING POINTS:

	RP	Imp	AR		RP	Imp	AR
Bob King	6.7	32	28	Paul Wing	7.8	8	8
Steve Ahier	12.2	21	18	Gary Johnson	1.0	8	9
Peter Noel	3.1	87	88	John Burrows	10.3	10	10
Dennis Helleur	2.5	22	20	Jim Millward	7.7	8	8
Nigel Ryall	8.2	13	11	Dennis Atkins	5.5	12	12
Dave Gallichan	4.1	32	44	Mark James	9.2	7	7
Harry Barbet	5.6	19	18	Pete Farrelly	2.0	28	28
Alan Ferrand	4.6	23	111	Steve Mariner	10.3	37	29
Paul Newton	5.6	82	47	Kevin Tunstall	11.4	1	1
Fred Jeanne	0.5	89	88	Bernie McCluskey	12.7	9	8
Graham Bisson	8.7	18	16	Ray Sturgess	2.0	20	22

NOTE THAT THE ALL-TIME INTERNATIONAL AVERAGES WILL BE UPDATED NEXT YEAR

FOUR OXFORD DONS LOSE BUT....

E N G L A N D WIN AT LAST!

After Jersey had monopolised the International Challenge for the last four years including an embarrassing draw in England in 2000, and an even more embarrassing away win in 2002, a very powerful England team has finally produced the goods with a 7-4 victory, only their FOURTH win in Jersey since the series commenced in 1982.

It was a tremendously encouraging performance, especially as the return of some of the more experienced players had been criticised in some quarters. But the recalled Steve Mariner, Bernie McCluskey and John Burrows were three of the real stars of the team.

Captain Kevin Tunstall was delighted to be playing when it was confirmed that England had won the match, until it was pointed out that all FOUR losers in the team were his Oxfordshire team-mates. That should not detract from the team performance as they all lost to the very best of the Jersey players.

When the draw was dissected by your BBQ reporter shortly after it had been made, it was privately calculated and predicted that the result would be 7-4. Believe it or not, it was...

also correctly predicted who would be the Jersey winners (and therefore the England losers). This was based on past performances and the fact that the Jersey players in question were ranked 13, 18, 19 and 21 in the British Rankings. The next best Jersey players at 22 and 32 were up against Jim Millward and Paul Wing, both now have to be bankers in any England side. The prediction should not be read as damning to the England losers, not just because your reporter was ONE OF THEM.

The rest of the Jersey side are obviously good players but all outside the top 50 in the British rankings, and were always going to struggle against players of the calibre of our three returning heroes. plus Mark James and Kevin Tunstall.

At the team meeting (at which only the team captain was late) Kevin had welcomed Ray Sturgess as the only debutant in the Men's team, but what really made a difference to the attitude of the team was the wonderful, erudite, eloquent (if slightly pathetically nervous) address from the understudy, deputy, second-in-command, vice-Manager. Finally Fazza had a chance to dispel that tired old cliché: "You are the best players and have nothing to prove" which tries to calm nerves. Instead he went straight for the jugular as he usual does. "We are the best and we are playing for England for Christ's sake. About time we won, so let's go and do it!"

He said that he was not as wealthy as Keith Lewendon, and so would not promise a repeat of that famous round of drinks at the end of the night, but for some reason DID promise to "treat" everyone by buying a new waistcoat for himself for the next match. "Well I have got Pooh all over this one!"

He later tried to explain that it depended on him being in the team for 2004 when Jim Millward offered to ceremoniously burn poor little Pooh at midnight.

So, here is a blow for blow report on the match.

In the first series, Paul Wing was almost faultless, but Steve Ahier was 100%....1-1. Paul made a sensational 11,670 break on his second visit against Bob King, who replied with a worthy 7,990 break at the start of the second which brought a slightly worried look to the Wing face. Steve Ahier confirmed his status by playing out the 1st leg of his match with Gary Johnson for a whopping 14,940. It was to be the best of the match. Gary looked good at the start of the 2nd leg but one mistake at 3,170 enabled Steve to return for another 11,390 effort. Gary must consider himself unlucky on his 2nd International appearance.

In the second series, England took a 3-2 lead. John Burrows built up a handy 7k lead against old master Peter Noel who never looked quite in command in the 2nd leg. When he slipped up at 5,650, John slipped in for another leg-winning break. In this environment, there is nobody stronger than Jim Millward! On a tough table, Jim showed much guile to win the 1st leg by 3,000 and then calmly (but verbally) set himself a target of 6,000 at the start of the 2nd to take out the very competitive Dennis Helleur. Although the popular Dennis Atkins held a narrow lead, tables-man Nigel Ryall opened the 2nd leg with an 8,570 break to keep Jersey in the match.

The third series proved decisive, with England boosting their lead to 5-3. The ever-reliable Sussex pair of Mark James and Steve Mariner overturned narrow first leg deficits to beat Dave Gallichan and Alan Ferrand respectively, but very decisively. Their breaks were not noted as your reporter had other things on his mind. Pete Farrelly twice made solid breaks against his long term amigo Harry Barbet, but both scores were lost with the right hand cushion causing offence on each occasion. Eventually Harry took the first leg by just 890, a game likened to a "typical Plate Competition game" by the rude announcer. (Could almost have been one of Fazza's own caustic remarks!!!). Harry's 4½k opener in the 2nd leg did not take it out of Farrelly's reach and our hero finally found a bit of confidence. But when he reached 3½k, chasing about 6k, another duff shot ended his hopes of winning that vital 6th point. So England still required one further win from the last three games.

But never fear, the big boys were here. Bernie McCluskey already had a 12,310 lead AND

the break to come in the second leg against poor Fred Jeanne. Bernie's follow-up 10,780 break just about enabled Fred to score 150 in the two games. The Skipper also held a big 13,000 first leg lead. Kevin's 13,610 break was the best in the England team and he was careful to point out to Steve Ahier that he "touched on" when the best break vouchers were presented at the end of the match. Paul Newton made a solid 4,110 but the result was never in doubt and Kevin made another 7,340. Meanwhile, Ray Sturgess's 300 first leg lead failed to put the vastly experienced Graham Bisson under pressure. The former Open winner made a 5,550 break and Ray's debut appearance ended in a sad reversal.

But the celebrations were soon in full swing as it is always better to be one of four losers than one of four winners.....

Sub Chris Saville, a position only Gill knows best, allegedly, produced a great performance in the reserve game, making breaks of 9,120 and 11,540 to beat Alan Le Blond, but Geoff Jukes was not on form and lost to the wily old Dickie Allen.

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LADIES INTERNATIONAL XX

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 1st 2003 at the DE NORMANDIE HOTEL, HAVRE DES PAS, JERSEY
LAST YEAR: ENGLAND 10 JERSEY 2

MEET THE TEAMS: JERSEY

JENNY NOEL (DEVONSHIRE) The skipper is quite simply the best Jersey lady player. Plays for the strongest team, they have to be as they are holding up the rest. (Old joke, Nigel....PF!). Jenny always features in the higher sections of the performance figures.

KAREN AUBERT (DEVONSHIRE) After taking some time out from breeding a bar billiards master race, Karen has been winning consistently in the league, and has taken some notable scalps as her team moved towards the top of the second division.

JILL BARBET (LANDMARK INN) Bionically enhanced since last year, Jill is still regaining her form and made her first (victorious) appearance of the season for the Landmark a few weeks ago, a success inexplicably missed in the local press coverage.

JACKIE CLARK (DEVONSHIRE) Jackie has been an ever-present for the last few years, especially useful as she polishes the baulk rail every time she plays a shot, saving a job later.

HEATHER HAMON (STAR/ TIPSY TOAD) Heather is now firmly established in the team despite not featuring every week in the "peg fest" that is the Star line-up.

JUNE HOPWOOD (DEVONSHIRE) June has only recently resumed playing after a prolonged period off having babies. She has more time on her hands now they've finally found out what was causing it and is already moving up the ladies rankings.

CHRIS DOUGHERTY (WEST END, RESERVE) A relative newcomer to the game locally, Chris has come up the hard way, having to socialise with Andy and Steve in the "Lasts Chance Saloon" which some may know as the West End.

ENGLAND

PAULINE WITHEY (OXON, CAPTAIN) Suffering with an injury for many months, but now suffering from the operation more so. Beginning to feel her age, PLUS someone else's, but very determined to lead her side to another triumph. Ranked 1, won 13 lost 3 so far.

JAN TAYLOR (KENT) Taken back seat recently after also suffering injury. You'd think bar billiards was safe, wouldn't you? Always supported by the gorgeous Bob, but they say beauty is in the eye of the BEER holder. Now slipped down to No.10 but tough to beat with 7 wins and 2 draws in 10 caps.

DAWN FLATTERY (BUCKS) Ernie rarely travelled anywhere before he met Dawn, but now Flattery gets him everywhere. (Please make out that has never been said before.) Ranked 15. She says she has been in the team once before, but the statistics show otherwise. Her

OXFORDSHIRE OPEN 2003 XI

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 22nd 2003

AT DIDCOT TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB

LAST YEAR'S FINAL: KEVIN TUNSTALL (OXON) beat BERNIE McCLUSKEY (BERKS)

DENNIS ATKINS IS "STREETS" AHEAD OF HIS HOUSE GUEST

RESULTS:

	W/L	Cty	RP	Round	1	Round	2	Round	3
DENNIS ATKINS	12/11	Oxf	10.7			3,250	5,480	7,320	=10,850
*Samantha Field		Han				1,770	2,590		
Tony Webster		Han				7,240	7,950	1,520	3,540
Ian Moss		Oxf				2,280	4,460		
JIM MILLWARD	5/6	Sus	1.6			7,110	2,540	16,060	10,290
Alan Peters		Han				1,200	2,420		
Mike Murphy		Oxf				2,160	6,850	530	1,050
Bill Kerr		Sus				7,290	980		
TONY WALSH	13/12	Ber	4.2			=14,350	11,940	12,910	13,760
Steve Denny		Oxf				100	2,300		
Kevin Tunstall	1/1	Oxf	0.3			11,420	9,890	1,500	510
Steven Sheard		Oxf				750	3,900		
KEVIN GODFREY		Oxf	1.6			12,660	4,920	=14,990	330
Pete Lee		Oxf	0.2			2,260	6,720		
Ernie Jordan	33/33	Buc	0.6	4,660	8,710	=13,150	7,340	0	14,450
Dino Clark	41/41	Buc	0.1	2,130	2,130				
Dick Dewdney		Sus		2,080	5,580	0	1,140		
*Jenny Abbott		Oxf		1,920	2,320				
RAY STURGESS	22/19	Oxf	5.7	2,420	5,030	10,840	8,120	4,320	8,360
Micky Leader		Oxf		3,870	2,620				
Gareth Lloyd	48/48	Sus	0.1	10,560	7,370	2,600	0		
Pete Phillips		Oxf		160	840				
Pete Welch		Oxf	0.2	13,090	6,480	3,870	6,490	5,310	1,840
Charlie Cooper		Sus		1,680	4,520				
Mark Potter		Sus		1,310	2,010	2,130	1,060		
Mark Allfrey	44/44	SGlo		700	1,350				
BERNIE McCLUSKEY	5/5	Ber	1.9	8,970	6,770	14,020	4,070	3,230	12,610
Steve Huntley		Oxf		290	2,070				
Tony Martin		Oxf	0.4	6,800	14,520	2,560	8,800		
John Smith		Buc		3,250	0				
Joe O'Farrell		Oxf	0.1	6,760	5,680	8,270	3,150	5,970	4,000
Jep Long		Sus		500	730				
Barry Holt	31/30	Sus	0.5	13,010	=14,310	1,390	6,600		
*Gina Sherratt		Sus		300	100				
MARK JAMES	7/5	Sus	4.0	6,340	15,670	8,130	9,610	15,620	5,950
Alan Messer		Sus		550	60				
Brian Harrison		Buc		2,590	2,120	420	890		
Christopher Storch		Oxf		1,840	1,650				
Paul Wood		Oxf	0.2	6,900	7,380	11,300	170	100	1,250
Paul Lovegrove		Oxf		3,870	960				
Andy Haines		Buc	0.1	2,270	4,990	400	9,900		
Frank Cox		Oxf		2,090	4,030				

	W/L	Cty	RP	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3
JOHN BURROWS	10/9	Buc	2.1	560	² 14,840	=18,530 10,350 680 ² 14,960
Barry Radford	32/32	Han	0.1	9,760	200	
*Jane Wood		Oxf		4,190	3,210	0 1,630
Derek Payne		Oxf		1,180	4,400	
Roger Bowen		Oxf	0.7	2,830	8,530	² 11,840 ² 16,500 10,940 20
Tim Carter		Sus		1,400	2,760	
Glen Chubb		Sus		3,720	4,820	3,660 0
Charlie Gildersleve		Buc		2,230	2,960	
IAN STREET	96/33	Sus	7.8	6,350	5,740	120 9,050 12,780 2,140
Richard Hockey		Han		1,280	2,070	
Gary Johnson	9/10	Oxf	0.4	5,420	² 19,030	990 2,450
*Michelle Tooke		Oxf		1,850	130	
Paul Sainsbury	1/3	Ber	1.2	⁻ 17,930	7,840	² 18,470 ² 19,500 360 6,790
Marc Chipman		Sus		710	7,170	
Jason Cattermole		Oxf		2,980	5,050	600 0
Tony Rouse		Oxf		1,830	340	
PETE BURTON	33/33	Oxf	1.6	500	8,050	9,160 5,730 ² 17,800 2,070
Geoff Jukes	17/17	Sur	0.6	4,000	3,250	
*Ruth Harris		Sus		3,210	3,960	450 3,080
Mike Tiley		Sus		3,530	3,360	
Mark Senior		Sus		4,730	7,340	2,910 6,980 250 3,990
Jason Giles		Oxf		1,240	2,090	
Steve Ellis		Buc		1,570	4,730	3,140 5,340
Eric Hill	21/22	Dor		980	3,990	
KEITH SHEARD	2/2	Oxf	4.5	2,420	² 12,460	=17,560 6,650 10,610 6,070
Martin Atkins		Oxf		680	1,570	
*Jenny Parsons		Oxf		1,540	2,850	600 800
Adrian Ray		Oxf		2,830	1,160	
Mark Turner	4/4	Oxf	0.5	13,090	11,100	7,900 10,710 380 3,660
Lorin Clough		Scot		120	3,530	
Paul Caistor		Oxf	0.2	5,120	11,180	3,260 2,000
*Sue Leach		Oxf		3,360	2,630	
MICKY JONES		Oxf	1.5	11,180	⁻ 10,370	13,730 900 2,140 5,110
*Julie Shaw		Oxf		390	2,840	
Dave Alder		Ber	0.4	11,500	11,720	20 910
Terry Cook		Oxf	0.3	1,150	1,170	
Rick Dewdney		Sus	0.2	5,250	2,000	2,340 12,510 1,460 0
Richard Wooton		Sus		1,240	4,380	
Nigel Senior	24/24	Sus	0.3	4,610	11,860	8,760 100
Paul Butcher		Oxf		1,630	830	
TONY WILLIS		Oxf	5.8	² 11,680	3,560	8,990 4,070 w/o
*Fran Unwin		Han		350	2,460	
Geoff Mace		Oxf	0.1	4,200	9,100	1,010 6,140
Brian Daniels		Han		970	480	
Barry Vass		Oxf	0.3	11,080	6,190	4,500 8,600 withdrawn
Pete Soanes		Oxf		1,510	6,290	
Merv Yearwood		Buc		1,140	3,630	840 1,750
*Sue Galleymore		Sus		2,120	1,830	
PETE SAINSBURY		Ken	1.5	6,530	7,880	2,770 9,710 9,850 0
Mark Pickett		Oxf		750	1,270	
Thomas Ellis-Rees		Oxf		5,610	3,340	6,050 680
Geoff Pitt		Ber		2,910	4,430	

(see note on next page)

	Opp	Cty	RP	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	
From last page: note that Geoff Pitt chose not to stay for the Plate, which allowed Syl Murphy to play in his place after he had been previously eliminated from the Main Competition after arriving late for his original match against Ruth Harris:							
Syl Murphy	Buc		0.1	(gained in the Plate - did not play in Main Comp.)			
Dave Tooke	Oxf			220	5,260	5,560	4,500
*Pauline Withey	Oxf			1,260	1,520		2,730
Tony Ewen	Oxf			4,650	5,450	3,530	6,430
*Dawn Flattery	Buc			4,580	770		
LEON BEER	Oxf	4.1		3,900	12,050	13,630	2,970
Sean Lee	Oxf	0.1		2,860	750		14,340
Stuart Giles	Oxf	0.1		5,380	5,250	620	8,810
Graham Crosbie	Han			460	4,240		
Jon Bamsey	Oxf	0.7		3,440	9,530	14,370	12,820
Andy Skinner	Oxf			2,410	1,990		1,480
Pete Kenyon	Oxf					0	540
PAUL WING	6/7 Han	1.4		4,330	7,760	3,930	8,700
*Michelle Baden	Sus			1,710	1,470		15,010
Brian Dawkins	Ber			2,010	3,710	6,090	4,020
Jan Dybiec	Oxf			2,310	1,890		
Dave France	Sus	0.9		8,710	11,420	9,500	15,210
Lee Radford	Han			720	910		520
Paul Lawson	Oxf	0.1		6,830	10,910	6,250	0
Pete Farrelly	23/28 Oxf	0.4		2,160	1,420		

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

^ DENOTES OTHER BREAKS of over 10,000: T WALSH 10,400 K GODFREY 11,410 R STURGESS 10,740 P WELCH 12,990 B McCLUSKEY 12,720 & 11,830 T MARTIN 14,310 B HOLT 12,040 P WOOD 10,420 J BURROWS 14,670 & 14,340 R BOWEN 11,630 & 13,800 G JOHNSON 18,230 PAUL SAINSBURY 18,330 & 11,350 P BURTON 14,610 K SHEARD 10,090 T WILLIS 11,160 L BEER 13,370 P LAWSON 10,740

^ DENOTES LADIES BREAK over 3,000: DAWN FLATTERY 3,870

THE LAST 16

	Last 16		Qtr-finals		Semi-finals		Final	
DENNIS ATKINS	3,910	11,230	13,840	520	10,050	8,050	2,730	6,240
Jim Millward	13,120	190						
Tony Walsh	8,860	7,080	390	12,130				
Kevin Godfrey	5,470	10,400						
Ray Sturgess	-16,650	1,020	3,490	8,150	6,730	7,380		
Bernie McCluskey	400	-15,730						
Mark James	12,470	0	2,500	3,330				
John Burrows	210	3,130						
IAN STREET	11,120	6,650	16,190	6,630	7,820	2,150	1,960	2,570
Pete Burton	310	1,600						
Keith Sheard	13,860	-23,800	120	50				
Micky Jones	2,580	0						
Tony Willis	60	16,220	8,540	9,050	3,810	4,240		
Pete Sainsbury	14,280	1,550						
Leon Beer	-17,230	4,930	3,660	5,180				
Paul Wing	0	5,860						

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* DENOTES OTHER BREAKS of over 10,000: IAN STREET 15,970 LEON BEER 15,330

THE PLATE COMPETITION

	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Semi-finals (TWO LEGS)		FINAL (TWO LEGS)	
GEOFF JUKES		² 13,350	8,060	14,040	11,310	12,400	15,550	5,090
Jason Giles		1,540						
Marc Chipman	5,300	2,510	2,270					
Tony Rouse	1,330							
Richard Hockey	3,850	900						
*Michelle Tooke	1,870							
Terry Cook	10,160	5,800	11,650	1,550				
*Julie Shaw	1,380							
Richard Wooton	5,250	2,290						
Paul Butcher	730							
Adrian Ray	1,760	4,890	50					
Martin Atkins	1,710							
Lorin Clough	2,400	2,180						
*Sue Leach	1,590							
SYL MURPHY	1,940	4,500	8,240	5,870	2,340	390		
Mark Pickett	1,280							
*Pauline Withey	4,390	3,800						
*Dawn Flattery	3,060							
Brian Daniels	5,390	6,150	3,460					
*Fran Unwin	2,730							
Pete Soanes	3,900	1,170						
*Sue Galleymore	2,040							
Sean Lee	5,490	9,040	4,930	1,260				
Graham Crosbie	1,270							
Andy Skinner	4,610	110						
Pete Kenyon	2,440							
Pete Farrelly	² 16,010	² 9,730	1,040					
Lee Radford	490							
*Michelle Baden	5,050	conc						
Jan Dybiec	1,300							
ALAN MESSER	5,930	4,680	7,790	6,430	3,220	11,010	210	620
Christopher Storch	1,690							
Paul Lovegrove	7,960	2,680						
Frank Cox	5,380							
Derek Payne	7,540	5,300	3,380					
Barry Radford	4,650							
Tim Carter	3,070	2,290						
Charlie Gildersleve	2,110							
*Gina Sherratt	6,110	7,050	3,100	4,920				
Jed Long	1,440							
Steve Huntley	6,250	1,920						
John Smith	1,220							
Mark Allfrey	2,500	2,180	2,260					
Charlie Cooper	2,210							
Micky Leader	6,280	1,940						
Pete Phillips	0							

	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Semi-finals (TWO LEGS)	FINAL (TWO LEGS)
PETE LEE		8,260	4,930	8,520	8,890	370
Dino Clark	8,900	4,550				
*Jenny Abbott	0					
Steve Denny		7,210	4,440			
Steven Sheard		4,830				
Alan Peters		4,850	1,680			
Bill Kerr		2,720				
Ian Moss		7,330	5,990	2,050		
*Samantha Field		2,660				

* DENOTES BREAKS over 9,000: *GEOFF JUKES 9,390 PETE FARRELLY 10,600 & 9,730*

PRIZES

WINNER £250, RUNNER-UP £125, LOSING SEMI-FINALISTS £65, QTR-FINALISTS £25, FOURTH ROUND LOSERS £15, PLATE WINNER £20, PLATE RUNNER-UP £10

HIGHEST MEN'S BREAK (£25) KEITH SHEARD (OXON) 23,800

2nd HIGHEST MEN'S BREAK (£10) JOHN BURROWS (BUCKS) 18,530

HIGHEST LADIES' BREAK (£25) DAWN FLATTERY (BUCKS) 3,870

HIGHEST PLACED LADY (£25) RUTH HARRIS (SUSSEX)

on countback aggregate score - otherwise level with Jane Wood and Jenny Parsons

HIGHEST LOSING TOTAL ROUND 2 TONY MARTIN (OXON) 11,360

HIGHEST LOSING TOTAL ROUND 3 ERNIE JORDAN (BUCKS) 14,450

HIGHEST LOSING TOTAL ROUND 4 BERNIE McCLUSKEY (BERKS) 16,130

WHO SCORED MOST GAMES (£20) SUE LEACH (OXON) SIX

MAJOR RAFFLE PRIZE (HOLIDAY AT THE De NORMANDIE, JERSEY) JAN BURROWS

ATKINS NEARS BRITAIN'S TOP TEN AS HE BEATS ONE OF HIS HOUSE GUESTS, WHO IS STILL IN A STREET OF HIS OWN. WE ARE LEFT TO WONDER WHO MADE BREAKFAST!!!

Dennis Atkins will be happy with winning the Oxfordshire Open, being staged within a stone's throw of his Didcot home, but it will give many players on the circuit (and many, many players who do not enter Opens for fear of failure) much heart to know that he only made one break of over 10,000 during the day.

Everybody thinks that they have to get lots of big breaks to win Grand Prix events, but Dennis proves this is not always the case. Dennis' progress was made with a low key win over young Samantha Field from Portsmouth, and then his one and only 10,000 break saw him easily oust Tony Webster. But although this form was solid, he did not look like a championship contender until he narrowly defeated Jim Millward in Round 4, Tony Walsh in the quarterfinals and then produced probably his best form to prevent Ray Sturgess getting to his second National final. But he used all his vast experience to beat young Ian Street in the final.

Against Jim, Dennis found himself over 9,000 down at half-way but won by 2,000. Against Tony, he had held a 13,450 lead but Walshy only just failed to catch him. The semi-final was a classic. Ray opened with a good-looking 6,730 but allowed Dennis to make a 9,950

reply. Dennis was stunned when he only added 670 to his lead at the start of leg 2, but Ray only made 50 and Dennis was quickly back. A 7,380 effort won it, making Ray's final 7,330 break a lost cause.

The final was, unfortunately, staged on a tough table. Ian Street from Eastbourne, along with girlfriend Ruth Harris and a "few" others, were invited to stay with Dennis, hardly thinking it likely that they would face each other in the final.

No sign of what was to come when Ian opened well until sticking at 1,570. Dennis made 1,110 but, after playing the break too thick, he missed a ball near the 20 hole. Ian did the same and Dennis made just 20. Ian missed again and Dennis took his score up to 410. Ian's 200, 60 and 130 were followed in turn by Dennis' 310, 60 and 30, as it was became a very nervy game. Ian lost a 290, leaving Dennis to make a crucial 1,820 to the bar. He also added the 100 when Ian missed. So Dennis held what became a handy 770 first leg lead.

The lead proved vital when Dennis settled his mind to make an opening 4,910 break, and Ian's mind seemed haddled so the required 6,000 was unlikely. Just 130 for Ian was followed by 1,290 for Dennis which just about clinched it although a whip out the 100 could have been dodgy. Ian made 110 and Dennis 40, so Ian needed nearly 7,000 in 5 minutes. He made 2,330 before conceding.

Well it was now 10.35 p.m., 12½ hours into the tournament.

Ian was previously best known as an 18-yearold when he beat Mark Sawyer for the 1995 National Under-22 Championship, when the losing semi-finalists were Lorin Clough and Darren Isard. Ian also lost to Peter Mitchell (Kent) in the 1996 final when a late 6,000 break was foolishly thrown away.

Ian produced some superb performances on the way to the final, progress which jumped him from 96 to 54 in the rankings. After a first round win over Richard Hockey, he faced Gary Johnson. Gary lost a 14,000 break and Ian made a winning 9,050 in the 2nd leg, going on to beat a seemingly out-of-touch Paul Sainsbury in the 3rd round, and Pete Burton in the 4th.

His best result was, however, making a 15,970 break to beat Keith Sheard in the quarter-finals. Tony Willis was ousted in the semi.

There were many fine performances throughout the event. What about Tony Walsh, who made breaks of 14,350 and 10,400 in his first match, and went on to beat that man named Katie in the next. Kevin Tunstall rarely loses early on, not even when it is his event and he is busy with organising. Katie only made 1,200 in his opener and somehow only made another 810 in the two legs. Tony also beat Kevin Godfrey with a last ball 200 shot before losing to Dennis in the last eight.

Ray Sturgess also had a superb day. The runner-up in the Wessex Open 1997 had a few hiccups before beating Micky Leader, but scores of 10,000 and 8,000 took out Gareth Lloyd. After Pete Welch was also beaten, Bernie McCluskey's 15,730 break could not catch Ray's 16,650. Mark James also fell to Ray in the quarter-finals before the match against Dennis.

It seemed like a good day for Sheardy. He made a 17,560 break in round 2 and put out Mark Turner in the next. Holding a 13,000 lead in round 4, he made a 23,800 break against Micky Jones, but then only 170 in two legs against Ian Street.

It was John Burrows who seemed destined to take his third Oxfordshire Open title. He made a 14,670 break to come from over 9,000 down against Barry Radford, an 18,530 break to beat Jane Wood, and a 14,340 break to come from over 10,000 down against Roger Bowen.

But then surprisingly lost out to Mark James.

The BBQ can still say what it likes about John Burrows as he has still NEVER subscribed to the publication. In fact, he and Bella Stoner are the only ones in the England squad who recently made the trip to Jersey who are not on the mailing list. Who will be the first of the existing contributors to embarrass them enough to join our club?

Regular readers may realise that when the BBQ lists scores from all Opens, the champion is listed first. But you should also be aware that the player named LAST is the player who lost in the first round to the player who lost in the 2nd round to the player who lost in the 3rd round etc. etc. Unfortunately, that rule leaves a very embarrassed Farrelly in last place.

The Plate was won by Geoff Jukes who had a stream of five-figure scores and averaged 11,400 per leg. Alan Messer also did well to reach the final.

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BRITISH OPEN PAIRS 2003

SATURDAY/SUNDAY MARCH 8th/9th 2003 AT THE QUEENS HOTEL, BOURNEMOUTH
 LAST YEAR'S FINAL: MARK JAMES/JIM MILLWARD (SUSSEX)
 beat KEVIN TUNSTALL/TONY MARTIN (OXON)

PAUL & BERNIE WIN THE PAIRS TOGETHER FOR THE FIRST TIME, BUT DINO IS THE STAR OF THE WEEKEND

RESULTS:	Cty	HP	RP	Round 1		Round 2	
		HP	RP				
BERNIE McCLUSKEY, PAUL SAINSBURY	Ber	14.1		7,620	11,420	10,090	11,780
Bill Trinder, Mark Sawyer	Ber	0.1		530	660		
Terry Gray, Ray Hussey	Buc			2,650	5,920	3,080	1,030
Jim Thomson, Tony Britten	Nor			640	1,260		
Pete Soanes, Andy Skinner	Oxf			910	2,700	3,240	2,580
Ron Britton, *Eileen Britton	Ber			1,780	1,490		
Roger Bowen, Mike Walton	Oxf	0.2		8,270	10,540	1,840	2,660
Geoff Powell, Brian Martin	Oxf			1,810	2,820		
GEOFF PITT, PAUL DORGAN	Ber	2.3		3,050	2,900	5,750	9,980
Dennis Claydon, Alan Chaloner	Han	0.4		2,550	870		
*Gill Saville, *Ann Green	Ken/Greece			2,280	1,860	1,140	1,080
Pete Witney, *Debbie Witney	Oxf			1,860	1,320		
Alan Brackenridge, *Jean Over	Sus	0.1		1,030	4,400	4,760	8,980
Chris Iago, Sid Cox	Oxf			2,710	910		
Chris Lawman, Steve Oram	Nor			3,750	5,330	3,820	0
Paul Wood, *Jane Wood	Oxf			1,150	2,350		
GEOFF JUKES, DENNIS ATKINS	Sur/Oxf	5.0		16,230	4,680	13,380	13,340
Andy Burns, *Janet Burns	Ber	0.2		0	2,400		
Bill Gosling, Dave Mitchell	Ber			2,430	1,580	840	230
*Pauline Gregory, *Sue Higginson	Han/Nor			1,090	1,140		
Ernie Jordan, Terry Isard	Buc	0.2		3,700	13,520	5,080	1,250
*Sue Haberman, *Amanda Smith	Buc			1,030	100		
*Myra Hawkins, *Penny Burch	Ber/Nor			3,240	5,690	1,840	2,590
Doug Dawson, Richard Wooton	Sus	0.1		2,040	1,290		

Cty	R/R		RP	Round 1		Round 2	
	Imp	Adv					
DAVE NEILAN, JOHN BURCH	Ber/Nor		2.0	5,680	3,240	2,600	2,880
Colin Chilton, Pete Stedman	Han			1,780	2,440		
Adam Bamsey, *Grace Mountain	Oxf			1,960	1,140	570	530
Steven Bamsey, Nathan Hewitt	Oxf			60	460		
*Sue Galley, Stuart Mephram	Sus			3,370	4,000	3,340	5,480
George Piggott, *Sarah Johnson	Oxf			540	230		
*Bella Stoner, Kevin Stoner	Sus			5,890	7,130	2,640	4,600
*Michelle Thomson, *Lisa Dunkley	Nor			490	270		
PETE PHILLIPS, STEVEN SHEARD	Oxf		6.1			5,190	3,740
Iestyn Pocock, Matt Brent	Nor					450	720
Chris Russell, *Leanne Higginson	Nor					2,010	1,850
*Audrey MacDonald, *Sue Barnes	Carr/Oxf					810	2,410
PETE SAINSBURY, JOHN BURROWS	Ken/Buc						
			2.4			7,450	9,510
*Jenny Dobson, *Roz Pierrey	Han/Buc					490	690
Roy Wain, Scott Gillam	Oxf					6,020	4,370
Jon Coe, Damien Coates	Nor		0.1			2,350	4,240
IAN MOSS, ALAN OLIVER	Oxf		4.1	5,310	3,030	10,550	3,550
Malcolm Squire, Andy McCormick	Sus			1,270	4,900		
Dave Roughton, Stuart Burgess	Han			3,660	650	760	670
Dave Nash, Monty Dobson	Han			1,580	1,670		
Nigel Senior, Mark Senior	Sus	24:-	26:-	0.2	5,450	8,710	2,140
Sam Goddard, Jason Giles	Oxf			1,710	990		
Malcolm Muspratt, Nigel Tarrant	Han			6,600	4,210	4,740	3,670
Syl Murphy, Merv Yearwood	Buc			3,470	3,120		
STUART GILES, TONY EWEN	Oxf		2.2	10,510	2,940	10,950	1,120
*Joyce Mannell, Dave Barnes	Han/Oxf			1,340	4,410		
Martin Atkins, Geoff Mace	Oxf		0.1	5,470	4,260	480	10,030
Brian Harrison, Trevor Wanstall	Buc			1,100	480		
*Jenny Parsons, *Enid Wain	Oxf			3,610	3,340	2,120	3,050
Frank Cox, *Jeannette Cox	Oxf			2,290	1,200		
*Diana Welburn, *Pauline Withey	Ken/Oxf			1,810	3,740	2,150	2,450
Mike Jepsom, Ben Foster	Nor			910	460		
DINO CLARK, ANDY HAINES	Buc	41:-	33:-	10.3		13,490	9,660
Marc Chipman, Lee Chipman	Sus					810	2,020
*Dawn Flattery, *Sue Leach	Buc/Oxf					3,080	4,810
Gary Johnson, Leon Beer	Oxf	10:-	11:-	0.4		2,470	4,930
PETE LEE, PETE WELCH	Oxf		2.0			4,780	4,100
Micky Leader, Paul Lovegrove	Oxf					410	5,340
Tony Walsh, Mick Lingham	Ber/Ken	12:-	12:-	0.3		980	14,220
Kevin Tunstall, Tony Martin	Oxf	1:22	1:47	1.9		14,220	0
MARK JAMES, JIM MILLWARD							
	Sus	5:8	5:8	4.7		13,020	5,850
Jason Cattermole, Micky Jones	Oxf					0	6,190
Harry Barbet, *Jill Barbet	Jer	18:-	18:-			4,500	5,520
Ray Jones, Len Harton	Han					1,730	1,310
*MICHELLE BADEN, TERRY MOLLOY	Sus		2.0			7,300	2,140
Chris Gregory, Chris Newson	Han	-:38	-:40			700	3,170
Dicko Pembroke, Kevin Murphy	Ber/Oxf					800	2,850
*Sam Baden, Jamie Byard	Sus					1,000	760

Cty	1st	2nd	RP	Round 1	Round 2
RICK DEWDNEY, GARETH LLOYD Sus					
	-1:09	-1:38	6.7		4,280 11,820
Brian Dawkins, Mick Gibbons	Ber				2,820 2,140
Keith Sheard, Ray Sturgess	Oxf	2:19 3:19	0.2		10,710 7,550
Paul Yeo, Keith Lewendon	Ber	-1:67 -1:68			300 5,330
MATT THOMSON, JASON DUNKLEY Nor 2.0					
Tony Rouse, Pete Kenyon	Oxf				1,950 4,400
*Gina Sherratt, Charlie Cooper	Sus				4,170 1,670
Glen Chubb, *Sheena Bullpit	Sus				3,630 3,100
					0 850
CHRIS SAVILLE, LES GREEN Ken/Greece					
	37:1-	38:1-	4.4		11,340 9,220
John Smith, Brian Jones	Buc				1,360 2,460
Steve Biggs, Pete Farrelly	Oxf	-1:23 -1:23	0.3		8,120 11,720
Keith MacDonald, Phil Buckle	Cam				1,680 1,390
TONY WILLIS, JON BAMSEY Oxf 2.4					
Phil Hawkins, Eric Hill	Ber/Dorset				11,590 260
		14:22 15:22	0.2		1,840 4,100
Lorin Clough, Paul Wing	Sco/Han	-1:7 -1:8	0.1		7,060 7,210
Paul Butcher, *Sandra Witney	Oxf				330 570

¹ DENOTES BREAKS of over 10,000 by the FIRST NAMED PLAYER:

GEOFF JUKES 16,230 DINO CLARK 13,470 MARK JAMES 13,020

² DENOTES BREAKS of over 10,000 by the SECOND NAMED PLAYER: **NIL.**

THE LAST 32

	Round 3	Round 4	Qtr-finals
B McCLUSKEY, PAUL SAINSBURY	7,810 10,840	3,740 ² 13,860	¹ 16,390 2,550
Pete Soanes, Andy Skinner	1,740 1,070		
Geoff Pitt, Paul Dorgan	4,040 3,990	¹ 11,490 2,570	
Alan Brackenridge, *Jean Over	2,170 2,940		
GEOFF JUKES, DENNIS ATKINS	4,820 7,110	1,260 14,380	100 7,940
Ernie Jordan, Terry Isard	1,310 3,010		
Dave Neilan, John Burch	3,810 2,470	7,230 0	
*Sue Galleymore, Stuart Mepham	2,800 3,460		
PETE PHILLIPS, STEVEN SHEARD	3,530 2,470	4,800 4,340	3,510 6,860
Chris Russell, *Leanne Higginson	1,490 1,320		
Pete Sainsbury, John Burrows	¹ 15,740 7,240	6,740 1,700	
Roy Wain, Scott Gillam	0 790		
IAN MOSS, ALAN OLIVER	3,620 3,340	4,550 2,740	1,600 2,800
Nigel Senior, Mark Senior	2,090 4,140		
Stuart Giles, Tony Ewen	3,930 5,120	2,730 1,550	
*Jenny Parsons, *Erid Wain	2,540 2,310		
DINO CLARK, ANDY HAINES	8,380 4,200	3,120 5,360	² 16,230 8,210
*Dawn Flattery, *Sue Leach	140 1,590		
Pete Lee, Pete Welch	7,690 7,570	910 1,910	
Tony Walsh, Mick Lingham	4,150 6,140		

	Round 3		Round 4		Qtr-finals	
MARK JAMES, JIM MILLWARD	5,430	¹ 12,150	8,210	11,790	0	480
Harry Barbet, *Jill Barbet	2,530	140				
*Michelle Baden, Terry Molloy	2,920	5,070	4,110	0		
Dicko Pembroke, Kevin Murphy	630	0				
RICK DEWDNEY, GARETH LLOYD	¹ 19,590	9,150	7,180	2,000	6,310	7,230
Keith Sheard, Ray Sturgess	100	8,780				
Matthew Thomson, Jason Dunkley	5,220	4,820	3,100	2,890		
*Gina Sherratt, Charlie Cooper	970	3,210				
CHRIS SAVILLE, LES GREEN	3,180	8,170	7,490	7,110	3,370	2,300
Steve Biggs, Pete Farrelly	4,850	2,440				
Tony Willis, Jon Bamsey	1,900	11,120	5,310	6,050		
Lorin Clough, Paul Wing	10,200	1,610				

¹ DENOTES BREAKS of over 10,000 by the FIRST NAMED PLAYER:

BERNIE McCLUSKEY 13,800 16,390 GEOFF PITT 10,880 DINO CLARK 16,230

² DENOTES BREAKS of over 10,000 by the SECOND NAMED PLAYER:

JOHN BURROWS 15,640 JIM MILLWARD 10,520 GARETH LLOYD 19,590

THE LAST FOUR

	SEMI-FINALS (4 legs)				FINAL (4 legs)			
McCLUSKEY/SAINSBURY	2	AGG	26,450		3	AGG	41,090	
4,840 3,700 8,530 9,380				¹ 18,750	0	² 18,920	3,420	
Pete Phillips/Steven Sheard	2	AGG	17,370					
5,300 9,390 2,680 conc.								
Dino Clark/Andy Haines	2	AGG	17,010		1	AGG	21,440	
2,490 3,590 9,390 1,540				0	² 17,880	0	3,560	(leg 4 conceded)
Rick Dewdney/Gareth Lloyd	2	AGG	15,910					
3,910 3,470 890 7,640								

¹ DENOTES BREAKS of over 10,000 by the FIRST NAMED PLAYER:

BERNIE McCLUSKEY 18,920 DINO CLARK 17,880

² DENOTES BREAKS of over 10,000 by the SECOND NAMED PLAYER:

PAUL SAINSBURY 18,400

THE QUEENS HOTEL PLATE

	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3
KEVIN TUNSTALL, TONY MARTIN Oxf		180 10,190	² 11,020 9,810
Micky Leader, Paul Lovegrove Oxf		1,150 1,900	
Gary Johnson, Leon Beer Oxf		13,030 12,140	4,170 5,720
Marc Chipman, Lee Chipman Sus		1,010 1,080	
CHRIS GREGORY, CHRIS NEWSON Han		2,290 4,440	6,860 0
*Sam Baden, Jamie Byard Sus		1,440 580	
Jason Cattermole, Micky Jones Oxf		2,060 3,630	1,210 140
Ray Jones, Len Harton Han		1,100 3,570	
PHIL HAWKINS, ERIC HILL Ber/Dor		6,630 5,210	2,610 5,920
Paul Butcher, *Sandra Witney Oxf		920 310	
John Smith, Brian Jones Buc		2,390 7,060	4,160 2,950
Keith MacDonald, Phil Buckle Cam		4,680 340	

		Round 1	Round 2	Round 3
TONY ROUSE, PETE KENYON	Oxf		740 3,040	6,150 4,980
Glen Chubb, *Sheena Bullpit	Sus		2,970 200	
Brian Dawkins, Mick Gibbons	Ber		5,520 4,280	2,860 1,640
Paul Yeo, Keith Lewendon	Ber		530 3,730	
JON COE, DAMIEN COATES	Nor		W/O	4,020 6,360
*Jenny Dobson, *Roz Piercey	Han/Buc		WITHDREW	
*Audrey MacDonald, *Sue Barnes	Cam/Oxf		2,360 600	480 650
Iestyn Pocock, Matt Brent	Nor		410 2,040	
FRANK COX, *JEANNETTE COX	Oxf	2,310 4,520	W/O	W/O
Mike Jepsom, Ben Foster	Nor	1,820 1,280		
Brian Harrison, Trevor Wanstall	Buc	1,440 3,240	WITHDREW	
*Joyce Mannell, Dave Barnes	Han/Oxf	1,320 0		
Dave Nash, Monty Dobson	Han	1,450 4,590	2,670 2,060	WITHDREW
Malcolm Squire, Andy McCormick	Sus	1,470 740		
Sam Goddard, Jason Giles	Oxf	1,070 5,710	3,260 1,450	
Syl Murphy, Merv Yearwood	Buc	4,240 1,030		
DOUG DAWSON, RICHARD WOOTON	Sus	1,730 4,340	2,830 1,320	3,160 2,670
*Sue Haberman, *Amanda Smith	Buc	1,550 1,750		
Andy Burns, *Janet Burns	Ber	11,420 5,000	1,380 1,590	
*Pauline Gregory, *Sue Higginson	Han/Nor	270 1,100		
Colin Chilton, Pete Stedman	Han	2,430 2,780	5,190 4,160	990 3,960
Steven Bamsey, Nathan Hewitt	Oxf	790 320		
*Michelle Thomson, *Lisa Dunkley	Nor		W/O 370 0	
George Piggott, *Sarah Johnson	Oxf	G.P. went back to bed		
BILL TRINDER, MARK SAWYER	Ber	6,780 6,230	5,560 3,670	10,280 1,620
Jim Thomson, Tony Britten	Nor	860 150		
Ron Britton, *Eileen Britton	Ber	2,620 4,490	650 1,110	
Geoff Powell, Brian Martin	Oxf	3,510 2,750		
Dennis Claydon, Alan Chaloner	Han	2,740 3,940	4,530 12,070	0 11,120
Pete Witney, *Debbie Witney	Oxf	1,030 2,100		
Paul Wood, *Jane Wood	Oxf	5,000 6,140	6,450 630	
Chris Iagoe, Sid Cox	Oxf	1,070 300		

² DENOTES BREAKS of over 10,000 by the SECOND NAMED PLAYER:
TONY MARTIN 11,020

THE LAST EIGHT

	Qtr-finals	Semi-finals	Final
KEVIN TUNSTALL, TONY MARTIN	² 20,150 12,450	¹ 12,590 4,390	12,290 8,690
Chris Gregory, Chris Newson	0 2,860		
Phil Hawkins, Eric Hill	3,040 ² 11,170	2,130 6,720	
Tony Rouse, Pete Kenyon	2,070 1,880		
JON COE, DAMIEN COATES	1,030 5,960	10,600 1,460	1,260 1,770
Frank Cox, *Jeannette Cox	5,080 1,330		
Doug Dawson, Richard Wooton	1,770 7,080	990 9,080	
Bill Trinder, Mark Sawyer	4,390 0		

² DENOTES BREAKS of over 10,000 by the FIRST NAMED PLAYER:
KEVIN TUNSTALL 20,150 PHIL HAWKINS 10,040

¹ DENOTES BREAKS of over 10,000 by the SECOND NAMED PLAYER:
TONY MARTIN 10,590

PRIZES

WINNERS: £75 EACH plus WEEK-END FOR TWO AT THE QUEENS

RUNNERS-UP: £75 EACH

PLATE WINNERS: £25 EACH

HIGHEST LOSING SCORES

(each prize £20 each

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MAIN RAFFLE PRIZE (WEEKEND FOR TWO AT THE QUEENS): Chris Newson (Hants)

RAFFLE PROCEEDS NEARLY £600, THANKS ARE RENDERED TO ALL CONCERNED.

LOSING SEMI-FINALISTS: £25 EACH

PLATE RUNNERS-UP: £10 EACH

Rounds 1 & 2 K Tunstall & T Martin (Oxf) 14,220

Round 3 P Wing (Han) & L Clough (Sco) 11,810

Round 4 G Pitt & P Dorgan (Ber) 14,060

SPECIAL OFFER

IT WAS ANNOUNCED THAT THE PRICE WOULD RISE BY £1 TO £94.50 NEXT YEAR. ENTRY FORMS WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM LATE NOVEMBER. THE QUEENS ALSO ANNOUNCED A SPECIAL OFFER TO ALL A.E.B.B.A. PLAYERS. DURING JULY AND AUGUST (exc BANK HOLIDAY), THE HOTEL OFFERS A 20% DISCOUNT OFF NORMAL RATES FOR YOUR WHOLE PARTY.

PLEASE RING HOTEL DIRECT: 01202-554415 AND QUOTE CODE "AEBBA".

There were a few problems at the Queens Hotel this year. Hooligans wrecked the pool table overnight. Hopefully it was somebody who walked into the hotel from the streets, and NOT one of us. If it was, "I hope you see the error of your ways and never come to any of our events again." The BBQ editor's car was maliciously scratched on the bonnet causing about £200's worth of damage. If anyone knows of any other cars being damaged outside the hotel, please let us know so that he does not feel individually victimised.

On a lighter (and much wetter) note, the lucky couple in the top floor suite had to put a bucket under a very nasty leak from the roof when it rained on Friday afternoon. But they wish it to be known that they still like the hotel. So much that they seem to have had "QH" emblazoned on all their towels and bath robes. If David Burr reads this, it is only a joke!!

And well done Stuart Mephram, after battling back from a serious illness over the last few months. He not only became Coach Driver for the Sussex girls, but he allegedly also did their laundry according to Jim Millward. Jim failed to say what he did for them.

THE TEAMING UP OF TWO TOP PLAYERS ACTUALLY WORKS FOR A CHANGE: BERNIE WINS FOR FOURTH TIME AND PAUL FOR SECOND TIME BUT IT IS THEIR FIRST PAIRS TITLE TOGETHER; BUT DINO STARS!!!

It has happened before but never worked. Two top players get together and think they will win the British Open Pairs, but this time the amalgamation/partnership/marriage of Bernie McCluskey and Paul Sainsbury worked a treat!

Yes, they have won it before, but never together. Bernie won it with Will Leary in 1985 and 1986, and with Paul Yeo in 1993. Paul won it with Viv Wright in 1989. But who could deny that they deserved it this year, although it was in their favour that they were not called upon to play on Table 7 which soon became known as a favourites' graveyard.

Dennis Claydon/Alan Chaloner, Gary Johnson/Leon Beer, Diana Welburn/Pauline Withey, Roger Bowen/Mike Walton, Steve Biggs/Pete Farrelly, Pete Sainsbury/John Burrows and Rick Dewdney/Gareth Lloyd ALL LOST to arguably weaker opposition on that "wonderful" table.

In fact, only Geoff Jukes and Dennis Atkins of the more fancied pairs won on it. Unless you count Lea Green and Chris Saville who somehow beat the "diamond" pair from Rushden. But Steve was "pants" and Pete was "pants". Yes they were a real pair of pants!!!

Anyway, more of that later. Back to the final of this year's event.

Surprise participants were High Wycombe's "BARNEY RUBBLE" lookalike Andy Haines and his very own "DINO". We hadn't seen a final like this since the Stone Age. Well the 2000 final was similar....Kevin Tunstall making a 20,350 and a 19,550 break, but Kevin Clark's 19,010 and Mark Brewster's 23,500 taking the title by 1,950 overall. The 1986 final was a little closer, with Bernie and Will VERY, VERY lucky to beat Farrelly and Biggs by 1,720 when the bar dropped early (allegedly!). In fact, the only other final to go to aggregate was when it was decided over TWO legs in 1984 (Farrelly's 21,200 beating Sheard's 20,870 run out).

Again, back to this year... Paul Sainsbury was put in and played the entire first leg for 18,400 until he decided to "touch on" after the bar. Bernie's 350 with the last few balls gave them an 18,750 lead. Dino put that funny old cat in amongst the pigeons by heroically playing out the 2nd leg for 17,880, putting them only 870 behind.

But when Bernie did the same for 18,920 in the 3rd leg, it set a target for Andy Haines of just 19,800. The Bucks hopes were bolstered when Bernie had reached 11,000. He had one ball whip out the 100 hole, but their chins dropped again when it sailed straight into the 50 instead. Good old Andy pulled himself up to his full height and said "Start the car!"

Andy could only make 3,560 and, when Paul made a modest 3,420 in reply, the Wycombe lads conceded the leg even though they were just ahead.

Bernie and Paul had had to face 1997 winners Bill Trinder and Mark Sawyer in one of the many classic first round ties, but the latter only scored 1,190 between them. Terry Gray and Ray Hussey suffered a similar fate, as did Eynsham pair Pete Soanes and Andy Skinner. So things did not start getting tricky for the eventual winners until round four when Geoff Pitt made a 10,880 break against them. Luckily Bernie was up there for a break of 13,800 in the 2nd leg. Bernie also made a 16,390 in the quarter-final against Jukes and Atkins.

They were virtually out at the four-leg semi-final stage, trailing 2-0 to Steven Sheard and Pete Phillips. The Oxford pair had won the 1st by 460 and then young Sheardy had made a 9,290 break in response to Bernie's disappointing opening effort of 1,150. With his break to come in the third, Sheardy was a big favourite but both he and Pete had a visit and were still only 2,500 ahead. Sainsbury made a big one and the Berks lads were now only 300 down. It was also the same player's opening break in the 4th....and it was decided quickly.

The other semi-final was also decided on aggregate. Gareth Lloyd and Rick Dewdney were favourites after Gareth had made a 19,590 break to put out old Sheardy and Ray Sturgess in an early round (Keith slipped up at 8,750 in reply), and then eliminated Green and Saville (Les and Chris that is) in the last eight. But it was Clark and Haines who came through.

They had made steady but unspectacular progress before ousting Pete Lee and Pete Welch in round four. But it was a 16,230 break by Dino in the quarter-final which put out holders Jim Millward and Mark James. Dewdney and Lloyd looked like going 2-0 ahead but lost the 2nd leg by just 120 before the Wycombites made an important 9,390 in the 3rd. Despite a Sussex comeback in the 4th leg, they were still 1,100 short at the death.

For the second time in a few weeks, Kevin Tunstall was beaten in an early round by Tony Walsh. It happened in the Oxfordshire Open, and it was doubly painful for Katie when Tony (partnered by Mick Lingham) sent them soaring....into the Plate. Katie had built up a lead of over 13,000 in the 1st leg, and looked comfortable when Tony blew up at 700 in the 2nd leg. Unbelievably, he got another go and made the required break in perfect time. Even stranger when Pete Lee and Pete Welch beat Tony and Mick in the next round.

At the same time, Gary Johnson and Leon Beer were going out to Dawn Flattery and Sue Leach.

Saville and Green were trying to regain their title, eliminating Smith and Jones (Alas) in

round one and Farrelly and Biggs (double Alas with knobs) in round two.

Another cracking first rounder saw Keith Lewendon and Paul Yeo easily beaten by Sheard and Sturgess.

Good progress was made by PETE Sainsbury and John Burrows (until caught on table 7 by Phillips and Sheard), Geoff Jukes and Dennis Atkins (until losing to the eventual winners in the last eight), and Ian Moss and Alan Oliver (who beat Nigel and Mark Senior on the way to the last eight also).

Our only visitors from Jersey, Harry and Jill Barbet, got through one round but then came up against James and Jim who were flying at that time, both having made big breaks in the early rounds.

Oxfordshire were the best represented county in the last 16 with 5½ pairs. Sussex had 3 left and Berkshire 2½.

So amazingly Katie and Tony Martin were in the Plate after that first round exit, and UNamazingly they made it to the final, where they met Northants youngsters Jon Coe and Damien Coates. Katie's initial 9,000 killed off any challenge there may have been.

Husband and wife Frank and Jeannette Cox were the luckiest pair in the Plate. They won their first round match and then were given two walkovers into the SEMI-FINAL.

Gary Johnson's wife Sarah was probably the unluckiest player. She had been due to partner Tracey Piggott. She dropped out and George Piggott substituted. They lost in the first round and Sarah was ready to play in the Plate on Saturday afternoon, only to find that George had gone back to bed.....

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DESPATCHES

WALLINGFORD: Sorry that the 2002 league info from Wallingford was somehow missed from the last two BBQ's:

	WINNERS	RUNNERS-UP
Div 1	Chequers	Horse & Harrow A
Div 2	John Barleycorn	Queens Arms B
Div 3	Fitzharris Arms	Berinsfield
League KO Cup	Horse & Harrow A	Chequers
B KO Cup	Fitzharris Arms	Fair Mile SC
Sports KO Cup	John Barleycorn	Queens Arms B
Chas Hill Triples	P Welch, D Atkins, P Lee	K Tunstall, K Godfrey, S Florey
Mixed Triples	R Sturgess, K Pringle, P Withey	M Shephard, A Ray, J Shaw
A Pairs	K Tunstall & T Martin	R Clough & K Pringle
B Pairs	G Mace & M Atkins	J Bennett & D Webb
Mixed Pairs	D Atkins & S Leach	R Sturgess & P Withey
Landlords Cup	J McCarthy (Black Lion)	A Stacey
Off the Spot	R Sturgess (Queens Arms A)	M Turner
John Payne H'cup	B Atkins (Fair Mile SC)	P Lawson
Blewbury Cup	M Turner (Chequers)	G Mace
John Denny Cup	B Atkins (Fair Mile SC)	P Butler
Gerry Tarry Cup	F Cox (Didcot Labour)	M Leader
Ladies' Singles	S Leach (Didcot Labour)	J Abbott
Men's Singles	P Welch (Horse & Harrow A)	P Lawson
Ted Watson Trophy (Most Improved Player):	Lulu Hudson (Fitzharris Arms)	
Player of the Year:	K Tunstall (Chequers)	

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LADIES INTER-AREA CUP FINAL 2002

READING L		3 OXFORD L		2 OXFORD L		2 READING L		3
9.2.03 at Sonning WMC				19.2.03 at the Tandem				
M Hawkins	5,420*	P Withey	4,040	P Withey	4,850*	J Watson	540	
J Josey	4,000*	L Rose	2,170	S Tebby	1,780	J Burns	2,630*	
J Watson	820	S Tebby	4,180*	M Tooke	1,860	J Josey	2,940*	
J Carless	2,180	S Leach	4,960*	J Abbott	5,720*	M Hawkins	1,000	
J Burns	6,260*	J Abbott	4,320	S Leach	1,120	J Carless	1,980*	
	18,680		19,670		15,330		9,090	

Reading Ladies won 6-4. This much-delayed match was finally decided three months behind schedule. But NOT in the way that Oxford would have liked after winning the group by a full EIGHT legs way back in July, courtesy of beating Reading 8-2 at that time.

Oxford trailed 5-4 with just one game to play, but led on aggregate, so just needed Sue Leach to beat Jane Carless. But it was Jane, the new Reading captain for 2003, who came out on top in a low scoring game. Highest break: JENNY ABBOTT 3,790

INTER-AREA CUP FIRST ROUND RESULTS

OXFORD A READING D READING D OXFORD A
Reading D were not able to fulfil the away fixture, and were disqualified.

EYNSHAM C		1 WYCOMBE A		4 WYCOMBE A		5 EYNSHAM C		0
22.3.03 at the Red Lion, Cassington				28.3.03 at the Gate				
K Willoughby	10,460*	D Clark	260	T Isard	15,820*	Colin Winstone	110	
M Winstone	110	E Jordan	11,610*	D Clark	14,490*	M Winstone	680	
P Soanes	0	J Burrows	16,790*	E Jordan	10,140*	B Martin	2,890	
Colin Winstone	5,070	R Hussey	8,570*	R Hussey	10,760*	P Soanes	2,850	
B Martin	400	T Isard	12,030*	J Burrows	9,830*	A Skinner	1,300	
	16,040		49,260		61,040		7,830	

Highest Break: J Burrows 16,690

Wycombe A won 9-1. Scoresheet from the winners not received so these stats are taken from the one sent in by Pete Soanes. John Burrows' score needed checking as his BREAK was recorded as 16,690, but the score could not be read properly. It looked like 16,690 or 16,790 but, when checking the additions, it must have been 16,590. Work that out!

READING A		3 EYNSHAM A		2 EYNSHAM A		2 READING A		3
23.3.03 at Sonning WMC				28.3.03 at the George, Littlemore				
P Hawkins	7,590*	P Farrelly	6,860	P Farrelly	11,750*	B McCluskey	320	
P Sainsbury	720	R Sturgess	11,500*	B Keenan	660	P Hawkins	4,040*	
T Walsh	11,720*	D Bartlett	130	R Sturgess	3,110	D Williamson	3,310*	
B McCluskey	19,050*	J Cattermole	0	D Bartlett	5,110*	P Yeo	850	
D Williamson	5,170	B Keenan	5,790*	J Cattermole	670	T Walsh	8,840*	
	44,250		24,280		21,300		17,360	

Reading A won 6-4. Eynsham were "robbed" of course. After picking up two legs at Sonning, they worried Reading by winning the first game at home. Phil Hawkins and Dave Williamson turned the tables, though.

OXFORD C		0 WALLINGFORD C		5 WALLINGFORD C		4 OXFORD C		1
2.3.03 at the Democrats Club				15.3.03 at the Chequers, Dorchester				
E Tebby	1,880	F Cox	10,000*	R Knedler	11,340*	T Green	1,350	
G Mace	1,470	I Moss	3,780*	P Lovegrove	9,980*	D Stowe	550	
P Clark	1,390	M Shepherd	6,080*	I Moss	2,730	M Murphy	4,400*	
T Green	4,490	P Lovegrove	5,300*	K Pringle	4,160*	P Clark	760	
M Murphy	1,860	K Pringle	6,800*	F Cox	8,330*	E Tebby	2,970	
	11,090		31,960		36,540		10,030	

Highest Break: F Cox 7,020

Wallingford C won 9-1. Well done Ian Moss for taking pity on the Oxford boys.

OXFORD B	5	NORTHANTS B	0	NORTHANTS B	1	OXFORD B	4
15.3.03 at the Masons Arms, Headington				29.3.03 at Overstone Road Snooker Club			
A Lacey	8,890*	J Thomson	1,620	D Williams	8,570*	D Rose	1,410
P Lawson	4,690*	D Williams	1,620	J Thomson	2,940	B Hill	5,080*
A Lowe	9,630*	K Ayres	480	P Burch	2,900	A Lacey	3,520*
D Rose	13,840*	T Dunkley	210	M Arwill	0	A Lowe	7,950*
B Jones	5,010*	M Arwill	4,140	T Dunkley	2,240	P Lawson	10,180*
	42,060		8,070		16,650		28,140

Highest Break: P Lawson 9,060
Oxford B won 9-1. Good old Dave Williams saved the blushes, but when did Northants B last get through the first round anyway. Answers on a postcard to.....

WITNEY B	2	WYCOMBE C	3	WYCOMBE C	3	WITNEY B	2
23.2.03 at the Lamb & Flag, Hailey				16.3.03 at the Gate			
M Friend	3,300*	T Hearne	3,060	C Slade	3,700	M Floyd	6,270*
M Floyd	3,150	C Slade	3,260*	C Gildersleve	1,690*	M Friend	1,240
R Wain	1,920	S Murphy	3,460*	S Murphy	7,800*	R Wain	3,150
S Gillam	1,240	M Yearwood	2,400*	T Hearne	2,690*	S Gillam	2,230
P Wood	4,020*	C Gildersleve	3,070	M Yearwood	310	P Wood	13,790*
	13,630		15,250		16,190		26,680

Highest Break: P Wood 10,590
Wycombe C won 6-4. Witney B gave themselves a chance when they won the first game of the 2nd leg through Mike Floyd, but it was all over before Paul Wood made a great break in the dead 5th game.

ALL THE FOLLOWING MATCHES TO BE PLAYED DURING APRIL AND MAY:

REFER TO RULES FOR FULL INSTRUCTIONS IF NECESSARY, BUT CONTACT DATE IS APRIL 17 (OR ELSE), WITH BOTH LEGS HAVING TO BE COMPLETED BY MAY 31, and ALL RESULTS RECEIVED BY JUNE 5th.
.....NO EXCEPTIONS, NO MISUNDERSTANDINGS.

INTER-AREA CUP: SECOND ROUND FIXTURES:

WALLINGFORD A	v	NORTHANTS A
WITNEY A	v	EYNSHAM B
READING C	v	PORTSMOUTH
READING B	v	WALLINGFORD B
NORTHANTS C	v	WYCOMBE B
OXFORD A	v	WYCOMBE A
READING A	v	WALLINGFORD C
OXFORD B	v	WYCOMBE C

LADIES INTER-AREA CUP: SECOND SERIES FIXTURE:

OXFORD L	v	WITNEY L
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***C* TEAM SHIELD: SECOND SERIES FIXTURES:**

NORTHANTS C	v	WYCOMBE C	(GROUP A)
READING D	v	OXFORD C	(GROUP B)
READING C	v	EYNSHAM C	(GROUP B)

LADIES INTER-AREA CUP FIRST SERIES RESULT

READING L	3	OXFORD L	2	OXFORD L	2	READING L	3
5.3.03 at the Spredaeagle, Reading				29.3.03 at the Tandem, Kennington			
J Carless	2,700*	M Tooke	1,840	S Leach	3,240*	E Britton	1,350
A Rowley	1,200*	J Abbott	0	S Tebby	2,280*	D Rodwell	1,100
J Watson	1,960*	P Withey	1,950	J Abbott	2,190	J Carless	2,720*
D Rodwell	1,690	S Tebby	2,060*	M Tooke	1,380	A Rowley	2,400*
E Britton	650	S Leach	2,970*	P Withey	2,530	J Watson	4,500*

8,200 8,820 11,620 12,070

Reading L won 6-4. After winning this match 8-2 last year and then losing in the final (as above), perhaps this is a good omen for later this year. But surely Oxford should have won. Reading would seem only a shadow of their former selves, yet still won courtesy of two wins by Jackie Watson over Pauline, including the deciding game with Oxford up on aggregate.

"C" TEAM SHIELD FIRST SERIES RESULTS

WYCOMBE C		3 WALLINGFORD C 2		WALLINGFORD C 3		WYCOMBE C 2	
23.3.03 at the Gate				29.3.03 at the Chequers, Dorchester			
M Yearwood	2,120	P Lovegrove	7,650*	I Moss	4,910*	C Gildersleve	50
T Hearne	6,890*	F Cox	2,690	K Pringle	2,940	S Murphy	7,880*
S Murphy	480	K Pringle	8,240*	R Knedler	10,360*	T Hearne	2,350
C Gildersleve	6,330*	I Moss	1,710	F Cox	5,640*	C Slade	3,720
C Slade	5,820*	M Shepherd	4,230	P Barnes	3,380	M Yearwood	6,390*
	21,640		24,520		27,230		20,390

Wallingford C won on aggregate points 51,750 - 42,030. Closest match so far, but Merv Yearwood would have had to "swerve" his way to over 12,000 in the deciding leg.

READING D		2 READING C		3 READING C		4 READING D		1	
2.3.03 at the Queens Arms				23.3.03 at Caversham WMC					
S Elliot	1,670	T Vallis	7,720*	K Marjoram	4,560*	K Corp			2,050
K Corp	2,150	K Marjoram	8,140*	T Alder	1,650	D Stemp			8,520*
2C Ogden	4,900*	M Gibbons	850	T Vallis	6,440*	S Elliot			2,020
R Britton	5,030*	C Alder	470	G Alder	9,820*	R Britton			580
D Stemp	3,050	T Alder	4,800*	D Barefield	8,820*	C Ogden			2,340
	16,800		21,980		31,290				15,510

Highest Break: K Marjoram 5,020 D Stemp 5,560

Reading C won 7-3. Stuart Elliot was NOT registered for the 1st leg but did not win his game, so the disqualification does not affect the result.

OXFORD C EYNSHAM C EYNSHAM C OXFORD C
Eynsham C claimed match when Oxford captain failed to make arrangements for the match.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS	Winners	Runners-up
League	Rose & Crown A	Brenchley Club
Charity Cup	Rose & Crown A	Foresters A
Open Singles	Paul Sainsbury	Vinny Mitchell
Open Pairs	Paul & Pete Sainsbury	I Wright & D Chapman
Div 2 Singles	Greg Dennis	Martin Russell
Div 2 Pairs	M Russell & V Mitchell	D Fishenden & M Walters
Off-the-Spot	Bryan Stevens	Dave Warren

EDITOR'S POSTBAG

Well I asked for your letters, and I received a few notes with your BBQ subscription cheques. Here are the edited highlights, but most names are withheld:

(1) Thank you for continuing to produce all the facts and figures. I hope this will continue despite your forecasted redundancy....

(2) Forget the £8, have £10 instead. Thanks, See you soon....

(3) I enclose the BBQ subs and please accept an extra £10 towards running costs. It was nice to see the letter from Les and Annie in the last BBQ.....Terry Race is a total bar billiards player. I cannot praise him enough for his win in Jersey.....but doesn't he look a bit like Roger de Courcy. Even if he had Nookie on his hand, he'd still get a 15,000 break. (the editor says: "Pardon?") Don't tell Terry I said so. (Well, I left it ANON)

(4) Enclosing my subs....keep up the excellent work.

(5) Another year has gone by, and I wish I could be with you at the Inn-on-the-Park. I trust all is well and you have time to enjoy yourself. Regards to Peggy, do win something if only the raffle. Take care, Arthur Bedford

(well it has been a few years)