

LONDON STUN BEDFORDSHIRE

London stunned Bedfordshire with a superb 31-8 victory in the BICC Division One clash on 15th/16th January at Greensides Social Club in Wandsworth, the weekend started with a 3-3 draw in the Ladies B match, Winners for London were Dee Belcher (14.53) who won 3-2, Jackie Saunders (17.48) was a 3-0 winner and picked up the Lady of The Match Award and Tina Hamilton (15.16) who won a close fought game 3-2. This was followed by a strong team performance from London Mens B side who dominated the match for an 11-1 victory, Winners were Lee Cocks (22.03) a 3-1 winner, Stuart Pickles (22.95) who won 3-2, Tony Hamit (25.10) was involved in a tight 3-2 but showed guts and determination in his deserved return to the County side, Graham Rackstraw (27.83) gained the Man of the Match Award in a dominant 3-0 performance to continue his rise through the London County ranks, London stalwart Alan Hardy (25.00) played with surprising passion to gain a 3-1 win, Tom McGurn (18.92) held his nerve in his 2nd appearance for a 3-1 win, George Killington (22.76) also playing in only his 2nd Senior County Game played very well in a 3-2 win, causing emotional scenes amongst the London faithful, Steve Dolan (23.48) won 3-0, Rob Edwards (21.35) won 3-1, Chris Copeland (21.98) won 3-1 on his return to the County side and finally Paul Hackett (21.75) rounded off Saturdays proceedings in his usual battling style in a close 3-2 victory, it was his 1st appearance of the season and the bottle he showed was immense.

Being 14-4 up is always going to be a great inspiration for any A side taking to the stage for Sundays A team games. London Ladies A team got off to a great start winning 4-2, with Hayley Plume (17.89) in only her 2nd appearance for the capital gaining a 3-0 victory, Clare Bywaters (23.86) also won 3-0 and received the Lady of The Match award yet again, Kerry Simmons (20.84) won 3-1 and Lisa Dunford (16.68) won a close fought battle 3-2. London Mens A team took to the stage knowing only one win would secure the bonus points and that win came in the first game with Dan Day (28.03) coming back from a leg down to win 3-1, hitting 3 x 180 in the last 3 legs, some teams would be forgiven for taking their foot off the pedal when the bonus points are secured but not with the passion running through this London side who went on to win 10-2, other winners were Lewis McGurn (25.54) who won 3-1, Robbie Hain (27.83) making his 175th appearance showed his pedigree in a dominant 3-0 win, Steve McHale (20.20) was involved in a proper ding-dong battle and held out for a 3-2 win, Chris Stevens (27.18) came back from 1-2 down to take the last two legs, with a 13 darter in the final leg to show his true quality, Paul Wright (30.67) was the Man of The match award winner in a 3-0 win, showing just what a powerhouse he can be on the County stage, World Professional quarter-finalist Ross Smith (26.22) was given all the trouble he could handle against the legendary Micky Reed and needed a 180 in the final leg to shake Micky off for a 3-2 victory, Graham Inniss (26.37) loves the stage and strutted his way to a 3-0 win, Jimmy Foster (26.59) was involved in the most entertaining game of the day against Barry Davies and was another one that needed a big 180 in the final leg to finally shake off a determined Barry for a 3-2 win and Paul Amos (24.68) high scored his way to a 3-2 victory in another close encounter.

Final Score was LONDON 31-8 BEDFORDSHIRE.....Well done to all those that took part over the weekend and also to the numerous County Officials, Callers and Stage Management Team who always work so hard to put on a great show for the supporters who it must be said are the inspiration behind the results.