

Oxford & District Bowls League. Week 1 – 14/05/2009

Reigning champions Banbury Central A got off to a great start in the defence of their title in the Oxford & District Bowls League last Thursday. In a repeat of last year's opener they travelled to Headington A and came away with a 5-1 victory. Headington, many people's favourites this year, battled hard but despite a win for Paul Mabbutt's rink and a strong performance from Mark Charlett's three, the north Oxon team prevailed with good wins for captain Mark Sykes, and Les Campion. A superb last bowl from skip Ray Gaskins secured a one shot victory for City & County A over Carterton and in a battle of the newcomers, Bicester narrowly defeated West Witney.

In Division 2 Banbury Chestnuts secured full points over Cotswold, Dave Munslow winning 38-14. South Oxford and City & County B also secured good wins over Thame and Blackbird Leys respectively.

Division 3 saw newly promoted teams Charlbury and Watlington suffer defeats at the hands of Kidlington and Witney Mills. A good win for Kidlington captain Dave Snell secured the points in what was otherwise a close game. Bob Gilkes' 19 shot win wasn't enough for Watlington with a great last wood from Charlie Fisher securing victory for the Mills. In the other games Rover had a good win over Chipping Norton and, despite a draw Bloxham bagged a points win over Banbury Central B.

Witney Town, looking to bounce straight back up, comfortably beat OUP in Division 4 boasting highest winning skip of the day in Mike Jones whose rink won 34-5. A tighter game saw West Oxford beat Chadlington by five shots and at Florence Park, visitors Headington B secured a 23 shot win.

Results:

Division 1

Headington A 63.25(1pt) Banbury Central A 98(5pts) H.Watts 15, L.Campion 31; P.Mabbutt 22, P.Norton 19; I.Snowdon 9, M.Sykes 24; M.Charlett 23.25 (25% deducted), J.Tee 24.

Bicester 78(4) West Witney 74(2) L.Lewis 19, M.Hitchcox 23; A.Hall 22; T.Prew 17; M.Workman 22, H.Williams 14; K.Taylor 15, K.Alder 20.

City&County A 71(4) Carterton 70(2) A.Ley 10, G.Walker 21; R.Gaskins 28, R.Clanfield 11; M.Petersen 13, P.Sharman 21; P.Comley 20, D.Clanfield 17.

Division 2

Banbury Chestnuts 106(6) Cotswold 54(0) A.Northcote 27, M.East 15; B.Neal 17, J.Stowie 11; D.Munslow 38, T.Cox 14; D.Bryant 24, S.Cooper 14.

Blackbird Leys 63(1.5) City&County B 75(4.5) R.Brain 21, G.Kerr 16; G.Roper 11, N.Satchell 20; H.Payne 13, O.Sharif 21; S.O'Keefe 18, B.Slatter 18.

Thame 60(0.5) South Oxford 91(5.5) G.Lazaruk 20, L.Buckett 20; A.Jeffrey 16, M.Holland 20; L.Canfield 16, M.Keen 28; R.Slater 8, J.Hall 23.

Division 3

Banbury Central B 74(2) Bloxham 74(4) R.Cox 13, R.Hopkins 22; R.Havard 17, J.Viggers 21; B.Collins 26, A.Round 8; T.Mold 18; A.Jones 23.

Charlbury 73(1.5) Kidlington 92(4.5) J.Gray 21, J.O'Shea 21; C.R.Skidmore 12, D.Snell 32; C.I.Skidmore 18, P.McGrath 19; J.Stevens 22, P.Watts 20.

Rover 88(5) Chipping Norton 57(1) K.Hall 20, J.Benfield 16; M.Bracewell 14, B.Jarvis 19; A.Peters 26; T.Sealey 12; P.Barker 28, P.Rathbone 10.

Witney Mills 79(5) Watlington 77(1) C.Fisher 22, S.Gilkes 20; K.Dunsby 22, C.Evans 11; A.Auger 26, H.Franklin 18; R.Barnett 9, R.Gilkes 28.

Division 4

Chadlington 71(1) West Oxford 76(5) A.Hobbs 17, M.Alderson 21; C.Smart 11, P.Moffat 22; R.Arthur 27, B.Stone 14; P.Radbone 16, F.Buck 19.

Florence Park 62(1.5) Headington B 85(4.5) T.Thomas 10, T.Murphy 30; I.Gray 21, P.Sargeant 21; M.Ford 19, M.Kershaw 14; J.Simmons 12, R.Edwards 20.

OUP 55(1) Witney Town 93(5) J.Butler 17, V.Comley 24; J.Taylor 5, M.Jones 34; P.Tweddle 11, B.Buckingham 17; P.Cornish 16, F.Dawson 24.

