

HERTS LTA WINTER SENIORS DOUBLES LEAGUE – 2015-16 REVIEW

The season produced some amazing results with very close matches in both Over 45 & Over 55 groups.

The new points system of **1 point awarded for each RUBBER won, so that a 4-0 win =5 Points to the winning team 3-1=4 Points to the winners & 1 point to losers 2-2 (shoot out) 3 points to winners & 2 point to losers., made the competition much more interesting and competitive – thus losing a match, no longer meant that you could not win a group or indeed a promotion.**

In all, over the two age groups a total of 47 matches finished up at 2-2 draws -requiring the "shoot out" In the **Over 45's 24 matches were "shoot outs".** 3 matches to mention in particular in the Over 45's were:
Group 2a – Orchard v West Herts – Rubbers 2 all – 4 sets each - won by West Herts by ONE GAME (35-34)
Group 2b – Langley v St Albans 2 (Langley won by ONE GAME 42-41) Rubbers 2 all – Sets 5 all.
Group 2b – Riverside Northwood v Langley (Riverside won by ONE GAME 32-31) Rubbers 2 all – Sets 4 all.
Group 3a - Croxley Green 2 v Chorleywood (Chorleywood -5-4 Sets – Rubbers 2 all –games 34 each)
Group 3b- Leverstock Grn 3 v Enfield – (Leverstock won by ONE GAME 37-36) Rubbers 2 all – Sets 4 all.

Over 45

In the Championship division – **BISHOPS STORTFORD** won the title comfortably, with vastly improved **DAVID LLOYD – BUSHEY** finishing runners up, in a season they beat Harpenden 1 for the first time in this age group. The major surprise was the relegation of West Herts who have been relegated to Group 1a.

A special mention for newcomers Berkhamsted in 4A – absolutely ran away with the group winning all their matches and dropping only THREE sets all season. This team is "dangerous" and could present a real threat in the coming seasons superbly organised by captain **STEVEN PASSMORE.**

Congratulations to other group winners as follows:

GROUP 1A – Harpenden 2

GROUP 2A -Leverstock Green 1

GROUP 3A – Potters Bar 1

Group 4A – Berkhamsted

GROUP 1B – Harpenden 3

GROUP 2B – Riverside – Northwood

GROUP 3B – Northaw & Cuffley 2

Over 55

Dominated again by the rivalry between the stalwarts of **HARPENDEN & DAVID LLOYD BUSHEY** – the new points system allowed for David Lloyd to literally come from behind, and overtake Harpenden when they played their traditional Championship match – as the last match of the season - which in the end went very convincingly to David Lloyd, allowing them to regain the title they last held in 2013-14.

23 matches were close run "shoot out situations with 4 matches that deserve particular mention – so close!

Group 1A – HARPENDEN 4 v LEVERSTOCK GREEN (HARPENDEN 4 won by ONE GAME 39-38) Rubbers 2 all – Sets 5 all.

Group 1B – TOWNSEND 1 v WELWYN 1 (TOWNSEND 1 won by 2 GAMES 43-41) Rubbers 2 all – Sets 5 all.

Group 2A – BROXBOURNE v SARRATT (BROXBOURNE declared winners on count back to FIRST ROUND scores in **1st Rubber 11-9 in games**) **the sets were level 5-5 and games level at 37 each. This was an extraordinary result.**

Group 2B – CHORLEYWOOD v WELWYN 2 1 (WELWYN won by 1GAMES 40-41) Rubbers 2 all – Sets 5 all.

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