

Oxford & District Bowls League sponsored by Yarnton Nurseries
Week 8 – 01/07/2010

15 year old Jamie Wilkinson making his league debut helped Banbury Central A take all six points at South Oxford to go level at the top of Division 1 of the Oxford & District Bowls League sponsored by Yarnton Nurseries. Wilkinson joined elder brother Lee and Jon Jordan in a trio of Under 25s. With former Oxon junior captain Will Champion and current Under 31 AJ Docherty also playing, Central's team had a distinctly youthful feel to it. Headington A, by no means pensioners themselves, doubled Bicester's score in their game at Osler Road but could still only manage wins on two rinks; Captain Nick Rae-Welsh notched up the highest score of the day and team mate Howard Watts scored the biggest winning margin. City & County A could yet have a say in the title race with both top teams still having to play them. The Oxford side won convincingly away at Banbury Chestnuts and are now only 4½ points off the top themselves.

Witney Mills beat their green mates West Witney for the second time this season and are now seven points clear at the top of Division 2. Thame go second after their home win against Shiplake and City & County B move into fourth by virtue of their victory over Cotswold.

Division 3 saw Blackbird Leys regain top spot with a solid away performance at Charlbury. Second placed Woodstock slipped up at home against Headington B who keep taking points in very close encounters. Captain Martin Kershaw reported that again the result was in the balance until the final ends of the game. Witney Town secured a good away win at Rover and in the north of the county Banbury Central B beat Bloxham who are now a little off the pace at the bottom.

With leaders Watlington resting this week the race was on to close the gap in Division 4. Hanborough now go second with a fine victory at Florence Park for whom Bob Harris managed a consolation draw. Chadlington's recent good run came to an end at the hands of West Oxford and now slip a point behind their promotion rivals. Bottom club OUP, despite being a man down, still managed a creditable win against South Oxford B to close the gap between the two.

Results:

Division 1

Banbury Chestnuts 58(0) Oxford C&C A 87(6) B Neal 18, M Petersen 23; D Munslow 11, A Ley 20; A Northcote 13, P Comley 23; D Bryant 16, C Earl 21

Headington A 102(4) Bicester 51(2) H Watts 33, K Taylor 5; C Nicoll 18, A Hall 19; N Rae-Welsh 35, P Hooley 8; M Charlett 16, J King 18

South Oxford A 57(0) Banbury Central A 111(6) M Keen 19, W Champion 29; K Clarke 12, M Andrew 33; R Claridge 9, J Tee 28; G Young 17, M Sykes 21

Division 2

Oxford C&C B 77(4) Cotswold 70¼*(2) N Satchell 15, M East 11; M Charlett 24, D Cooper 18; O Sharif 20, S Cooper 20¼*; B Slatter 18, T Cox 21 (*25% rink score deducted-player short)

Thame 87(4) Shiplake 67(2) R Duncan 24, T Beaumont 17; R Slater 16, B Lambourne 17; L Westcott 27, G Kennedy 12; G Lazaruk 20, B Evans 21

Witney Mills 86(4½) West Witney 69(1½) A Auger 23, K Alder 23; J Mott 19, T Prew 22; L Days 26, H Williams 12; R Barnett 18, M Hitchcox 12

Division 3

Banbury Central B 92(4) Bloxham 55(2) B Collins 27, A Round 10; R Havard 16, J Crawley 20; R Cox 27, T Gardner 10; T McKenna 18, J Lucas 19

Charlbury 69(2) Blackbird Leys 84(4) J Stevens 24, R Brain 15; C Skidmore 24, G Roper 19; M Smith 6, M Major 31; D Dix 15, H Payne 19

Rover 71(1½) Witney Town 77(4½) J Warland 22, M Jones 22; M Bracewell 16, F Dawson 21; A Peters 12, B Bloomfield 18; K Hall 21, V Comley 16

Woodstock 70(2) Headington B 74(4) R Wright 7, M Kershaw 22; W Major 13, T Murphy 23; B Clarke 28, R Edwards 14; K Comley 22, P Sargeant 15

Division 4

Chadlington 65(2) West Oxford 75(4) A Hobbs 20, F Buck 16; P Radbone 16, P Moffat 23; R Arthur 17, M Alderson 16; C Smart 12, M Bostock 20

Florence Park 71(½) Hanborough 84(5½) R Harris 16, M Oliver 16; I Gray 20, G Thompson 24; A Thomas 18, G Haynes 24; S Green 17, J Edwards 20

OUP 73¾*(4) South Oxford B 68(2) J Trinder 20, D Portman 21; D Hessey 6¾*; M Freeman 19; P Cornish 28, D Bye 15; J Taylor 19, D Walker 13

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Division 1

Team	Played	Shots +	Shots -	Diff	Points
Headington A	7	636	433	+203	32.5
Banbury Central A	7	630	452	+178	32.5
Ox City & County A	7	580	478	+102	28
Carterton	6	468	446	+22	20
Bicester	7	464	604	-140	15.5
Banbury Chestnuts	7	460	579	-119	12.5
South Oxford A	7	430	676	-246	3

Division 2

Team	Played	Shots +	Shots -	Diff	Points
Witney Mills	7	586	488	+98	30
Thame	7	514	519	-5	23
Kidlington	6	450	426	+24	21.5
Ox City & County B*	7	524	540	-16	20
West Witney**	7	534	512	+22	19.5
Shiplake	7	518	546	-28	16.5
Cotswold^	7	499	594	-95	13.5

* ¼ shot to be added in event of tie. ** ½ shot to be deducted in event of tie

^ ¼ shot to be added in event of tie

Division 3

Team	Played	Shots +	Shots -	Diff	Points
Blackbird Leys^	8	656	548	+108	30.5
Woodstock^^	8	620	581	+39	29
Headington B	8	597	589	+8	27.5
Banbury Central B	8	620	611	-9	25
Witney Town	8	578	593	-15	23.5
Charlbury*	8	614	625	-11	22
Rover^	8	583	617	-34	21
Bloxham**	8	552	656	-104	13.5

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Division 4

Team	Played	Shots +	Shots -	Diff	Points
Watlington	8	728	548	+180	39
Hanborough	8	627	564	+63	30
West Oxford	8	622	560	+62	28
Chadlington^	8	660	554	+106	27
Florence Park**	8	610	633	-23	22
Chipping Norton	8	583	598	-15	19
South Oxford B*	8	505	723	-218	14.5
OUP^^	8	504	659	-155	12.5

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