

# brentwood DARTS



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## A dangerous game?

WE'VE BEEN WONDERING whether darts ought to carry a Government health warning . . .

The thought struck us when we heard about **Barnie Roberts**, who plays in the Coventry League and has just decided to quit because darts has damaged one of his hips and his back.

Apparently **Barnie** has been playing every night for years and the continual leaning forward to aim caused injury to his spine. And he developed arthritis in one of his hips..

Now he has been told he will have to wear a surgical collar and lose a lot of his seventeen stones if he is to lead a normal life.

It is also possible he will need an operation. **Barnie** says a specialist told him the trouble began when he was excessively overweight.

"I had been twenty-five stones," he said. "And in constantly leaning forward the excess weight caused a strain."

A local doctor told **Brentwood Darts** it would need a lot of extra weight and a lot of dart-playing to cause the sort of trouble **Barnie** is facing.

"The players around here are more likely to suffer with injuries caused by excessive use of the right elbow," he said !



Owen with the new cup

## New cup

A NEW competition is being introduced into the **Ind Coope League** this winter.

A fours competition, it will be open to all member clubs, who may field as many combinations as they like provided they are composed of registered players.

Announcing the competition, **League Secretary Owen Hunt** said: "We have competitions covering singles, pairs, eights and tens, so the fours will fill a gap in our activities.

"We have never, to my memory, had a fours competition in the **League** and it will lengthen the season a bit and give more interest among the clubs."

**Ind Coope** have given a splendid new trophy, and the matches will be on a knockout basis, 601, best of three legs.

Ties will start in the **New Year** and closing date for entries will be **January 1, 1980**.

## Brentwood League

# THE STORY SO FAR

### SECRETARIES CUP

First round of the Secretaries Cup:

- A. Podd (Hutton Com. Centre A) beat F. Phipps (Woodpecker) — claimed  
 R. Horsnell (K. Harold) beat G. Smith (Bardswell B)  
 M. Kilroy (Morris Dancer) lost to W. Groves (Saxon King B)  
 P. Crozier (Good Intent A) beat A. Wilson (Moat) — claimed  
 T. Edwards (Hutton Comm. Centre B) beat S. Thompson (Pompadors B) — claimed  
 T. Browne (Cathedral Social Club A) beat N. Hammond (Bentley C.C.)  
 K. Windley (Gardeners Arms) lost to D. L. Brown (Sir Charles Napier A) — claimed  
 C. C. A. Finch (Bardswell A) beat S. Beney (Hendersons)  
 T. Izatt (Swan High Street) beat N. Spanjar (Sir Charles Napier B)  
 K. Schultz (Golden Fleece) beat D. Rees (Cherry Tree A)  
 A. Moffatt (Cherry Tree B) beat M. Sargeant (Cathedral Social B)  
 E. Kuyper (Good Intent B) lost to A. Sanderson (Saxon King A) — claimed

### KNOCKOUT RESULTS

Results of the knockout cup, first round, are as follows:

- Cherry Tree A 3, Pompadors A 0  
 William the Conqueror 3, Cherry Tree B 1  
 Hutton Community Centre A 3, Bentley C.C. 0  
 King Harold 3, Bardswell A 2  
 Saxon King A 3, Good Intent A 0  
 Hendersons 1, Eagle and Child 3  
 Golden Fleece 3, Hutton Community Centre B 2  
 Sir Charles Napier A 1, Bardswell B 3  
 Cathedral Social Club A 3, Sir Charles Napier B 0  
 Gardeners Arms 1, Moat 3  
 Woodpecker 3, Cathedral Social Club B 1  
 Artichoke 0, Saxon King B 3  
 Swan High Street 2, Pompadors B 3  
 Swan Kelvedon Hatch 3, Selo A 2  
 Selo B 0, Morris Dancer 3  
 Good Intent B 0, Brave Nelson 3

### FIXTURES

#### SECTION 1

##### November 27:

- Cherry Tree A v Eagle and Child  
 Bardswell B v Pompadors B  
 Pompadors A v Swan Kelvedon Hatch  
 Cathedral Social Club A v Cherry Tree B  
 Sir Charles Napier A v King Harold  
 Saxon King A v Hutton Community Centre A  
 Hutton Comm. Centre B v William the Conqueror  
 Swan High Street v Saxon King B

##### December 4:

- William the Conqueror v Cherry Tree A  
 Eagle and Child v Bardswell B  
 Pompadors B v Pompadors A  
 Cherry Tree B v Sir Charles Napier A  
 Swan Kelvedon Hatch v Cathedral Social Club A

- King Harold v Saxon King A  
 Hutton Community Centre A v Swan High Street  
 Saxon King B v Hutton Community Centre B

##### December 11:

- Cherry Tree A v Saxon King B  
 Bardswell B v William the Conqueror  
 Pompadors A v Eagle and Child  
 Sir Charles Napier A v Swan Kelvedon Hatch  
 Cathedral Social Club A v Pompadors B  
 Saxon King A v Cherry Tree B  
 Hutton Community Centre A v King Harold  
 Swan High Street v Hutton Community Centre B

#### SECTION 2

##### November 27:

- Selo A v Cathedral Social Club B  
 Woodpecker v Gardeners Arms  
 Morris Dancer v Bardswell A  
 Hendersons v Selo B  
 Moat v Brave Nelson  
 Good Intent A v Golden Fleece  
 Bentley C. C. v Sir Charles Napier B  
 Artichoke v Good Intent B

##### December 4:

- Sir Charles Napier B v Selo A  
 Cathedral Social Club B v Woodpecker  
 Gardeners Arms v Morris Dancer  
 Bardswell A v Hendersons  
 Selo B v Moat  
 Brave Nelson v Good Intent A  
 Golden Fleece v Artichoke  
 Good Intent B v Bentley C.C.

##### December 11:

- Selo A v Good Intent B  
 Woodpecker v Sir Charles Napier B  
 Morris Dancer v Cathedral Social Club B  
 Hendersons v Gardeners Arms  
 Moat v Bardswell A  
 Good Intent A v Selo B  
 Golden Fleece v Brave Nelson  
 Artichoke v Bentley C.C.

### RESULTS

#### SECTION 1

##### November 6:

- Cherry Tree B 0, Cherry Tree A 6  
 King Harold 5, Bardswell B 1  
 Hutton Community A 2, Pompadors A 4  
 Saxon King A 6, Cathedral Social 0  
 Napier A 5, Swan High Street 1  
 Swan Kelvedon Hatch 5, Hutton Comm. B 1  
 Pompadors B 3, Saxon King B 3  
 Eagle and Child 4, William the Conqueror 2

#### SECTION 2

##### November 6:

- Selo B 2, Selo A 4  
 Brave Nelson 3, Woodpecker 3  
 Golden Fleece 2, Morris Dancer 4  
 Good Intent A 3, Hendersons 3  
 Moat 5, Artichoke 1  
 Bardswell A 1, Bentley C.C. 5  
 Gardeners Arms claimed over Good Intent B  
 Cathedral Social 4, Napier B 2



Cherry Tree players line up for our cameraman



The King Harold team

## Ind Coope League

# Alex — on target for 47 years



THE ALEX STALWARTS

THERE has been a darts team at the Alexandra since 1932, so it's not surprising that the Warley Hill pub has become the hotbed of darts for the Ind Coope League.

Another obvious factor aiding this end is that the governor, Owen Hunt, is also the League's secretary and has been for many years.

Only the war years interrupted the Alexandra's progress on the board. But that apart the years have been filled with good sport and, above all, mounting success.

In those early years before the war the Alex men were never out of the top places in the league. In fact they won the title four times in the first six years.

That sort of foundation has been built upon ever since so that in 1979 the Alex are still at the top and collecting silverware as every season passes.

It was Owen's father, Douglas, who first launched the team

and he would be proud of today's teams. The Alex A take pride of place, but that doesn't mean they have things all their own way.

If anything, some of their toughest matches each season come from the B and Saloon sides that operate from under the same roof.

"You can always bet that there will be keen competition whenever any of my teams meet," said Owen. "No one gives any quarter and we've had some fierce tussles over the years."

The present A line-up includes some fine players — none more so than their latest whizz-kid, 17-year-old Patrick Keane, who featured in the last issue of Brentwood Darts.

Young Patrick seems destined for greater things and he gets solid support at the Alex from such as Johnny Turner — a member of the Brentwood Super League outfit — Alan Woodhouse and skipper Alan

Alderton, to name but three.

And sometimes the side gets backing from a member of that first team back in 1932, Albert Spearman, who likes to go along to see how the latest line-up is performing.

And while his team are displaying their skills on the board Owen stands back to watch it all. For in spite of his long association with darts at the Alex he has rarely appeared in the line-up.

"I've never played regularly," he said. "I have been in the line-up on occasions when they needed someone to make up the number, but that's about all."

In fact Owen has kept the Alex flag flying in the annual Governors' Cup with remarkable success. He has battled through to the final on fourteen occasions but has won the trophy only twice.

"I think the trouble is that by the end of the evening you get too much inside you to throw a straight dart," he laughed.

# On title trail

WITH only five weeks of the new season gone, Alexandra A are taking a firm grip towards another Ind Coope League title. The reigning champions made the short trip to Warley Hospital on November 6 and came away with all five points.

This success left the Alex men one point clear of their B string at the top, and with the bonus of a match in hand.

Alexandra B entertained the Chough and finished on the right side of a 4—1 scoreline to open up a three-point gap over the rest of the pack. And to complete a happy and successful evening the Alexandra Saloon got home by the odd game against the Robin Hood.

In the other match of the night Prince Albert went to meet Little John and wrapped up a 4—1 win which leaves the former in third spot. The Albert's victory was aided by a superb 180 from Roger Griffiths, the second maximum in the League this season.

## RESULTS

**November 6:** Warley Hospital 0, Alexandra A 5; Alexandra B 4, Chough 1; Alexandra Saloon 3, Robin Hood 2; Little John 1, Prince Albert 4; Spread Eagle—bye.

### TABLE (up to November 6)

	P	W	L	Pts
Alexandra A .....	4	4	0	19
Alexandra B .....	5	4	1	18
Prince Albert ...	5	4	1	15
Chough .....	5	2	3	11
Little John .....	5	2	3	10
Alexandra Saloon	4	2	2	10
Robin Hood .....	4	1	3	9
Spread Eagle ...	4	1	3	5
Warley Hospital .	4	0	4	3

## FIXTURES

### NOVEMBER 27

Spread Eagle v Alexandra A  
 Little John v Robin Hood  
 Prince Albert v Chough  
 Warley Hospital v Alex. Saloon  
 Free—Alexandra B

### DECEMBER 4

Robin Hood v Spread Eagle  
 Chough v Warley Hospital  
 Alexandra A v Alexandra Saloon  
 Prince Albert v Alexandra B  
 Free—Little John

### DECEMBER 11

Robin Hood v Alexandra A  
 Alexandra Saloon v Prince Albert  
 Spread Eagle v Warley Hospital  
 Alexandra B v Little John  
 Free—Chough



**DELICIOUS DEBBIE** is a game girl when it comes to darts. "I just aim at the board and hope," she says.

It's a policy which often pays off when she plays at her local because the lads who take her on seem to find it hard to keep their eyes on the target.

Debbie has recently been modelling the special darts shirt she is wearing for the Dave Roblin sports shop. We reckon it puts her in the top flight as a model.

## Ladies' League

# IT'S HELLO TO A GOOD BUY

CONGRATULATIONS ! Brentwood Darts to me was a good buy for 20p. It is very interesting to be able to read about local teams and how their games are going.

I would like to put this point to you. I am captain of the Napier A team (ladies). I have nearly always played for the Napier and am very proud to do so.

The only thing that bugs me is the prices of the drinks. I think it is about time publicans realised that when they have a good team, drawing in good custom, they should drop their prices on darts nights.

This, I feel, would be fair, especially as we have the privilege at such places as the Bardswell Club and the Hutton Community Centre.

Okay, they might reply, they are clubs and can do it. So

can the pubs. I have found that people are more willing to come and support if we are going to a club.

Teams need supporters. They improve the game. (Who wants to lose when they've brought along their supporters?) Just think, it would soon get round that it was a cheap night when the darts team was playing at the so-and-so.

Think of the custom that would come. Maybe not all darts enthusiasts, but I am sure the publican wouldn't worry.

Come on, you publicans. We play for your pubs; do something for us.

FRANCES ROSS

91 Heaton Avenue  
Harold Hill

Well, publicans, what do you say? — Ed.

## HOW THEY STAND

League points after five matches:

Bardswell B .....	17
Napier A .....	16
Cherry Tree .....	15
Hutton C.C. B .....	13
Napier B .....	11
Hutton C.C. A .....	11
Bardswell A .....	9
Swan .....	8

**Top scores:** 140 by R. Wilkes (Bardswell B), J. Wright (Bardswell B), E. Gent (Cherry Tree).

**Highest finish:** 106 by J. Wright.

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

**FOLLOWING** are details of the captains and secretaries of the Ladies' League teams:

**Bardswell A**—captain, L. Linton (Brentwood 227239); secretary, R. Batt (Ingrebourne 70477).

**Bardswell B**—captain, J. Wright (Ingrebourne 43346); secretary, K. Sear (Ingrebourne 75277).

**Cherry Tree**—captain, E. Gent (Ingrebourne 45996); secretary, F. Stevens (Ingrebourne 48794).

**The Swan**—captain, B. Walker (Ingrebourne 46048); secretary, J. Pickard (Ingrebourne 45968).

**Hutton Community Centre A** captain, J. Price (Brentwood 226175); secretary, S. Rooney.

**Hutton Community Centre B** captain, F. Pemberton (Brentwood 219295); secretary J. Carswell (Brentwood 212310).

**Sir Charles Napier A**—captain, F. Ross (Ingrebourne 74997); secretary, D. Mason (Brentwood 222030).

**Sir Charles Napier B**—captain, J. Hull (Coxtie Green 73604); secretary, E. Spanjar.

## RESULTS

### NOVEMBER 7

Napier A 4, Swan 1; Cherry Tree 5, Napier B 0; Bardswell B 5, Hutton Community Centre A 0; Hutton Community Centre B 2, Bardswell A 3.

## FIXTURES

### NOVEMBER 21

Napier A v Hutton C.C. B  
Cherry Tree v Bardswell A  
Bardswell B v Swan  
Hutton C.C. A v Napier B

### NOVEMBER 28

Cherry Tree v Napier A  
Bardswell B v Bardswell A  
Hutton C.C. A v Swan  
Napier B v Hutton C.C. B

## SIX OF THE BEST

LADIES of the Kings Head at South Green, Billericay, have won six trophies in less than two years in the Kidney Research Darts League. They have also raised more than £800 for kidney research.

# PROFILE

THERE haven't been too many competitions recently where the name of Rooney has not been engraved on a medal or trophy.

Because if Bill Rooney has missed out of the honours it is likely that son Phil has been among the winners. And Bill's wife, Sheila, has frequently hit the target if the men have been off form.

Add to their successes the information that daughter Rita is a former captain of the Hutton Community Centre ladies' team and you will see that the topic of darts is a pretty familiar one in the household at Bournebridge close, Hutton.

## FIVE WINS

Bill has always been interested in the game and began playing seriously at Ford's in 1965 when he helped run the company's league.

In 1968 he joined the Chough in the Ind Coope League and says he usually managed to win something with them.

In fact in one year the side held five cups.

But 1973 was Bill's big year, when he and Danny Moss took the league's pairs championship.

About this time Sheila took up the game and began playing for Hutton Community Centre ladies' team in the Havering League.

The couple took the runners-up place in the mixed doubles championship and in three successive seasons from 1976 were the centre's mixed pairs title-holders. In 1977 they won the Summer League mixed pairs competition.

Though Bill is currently the Centre individual champion and Sheila the ladies' champion, they both say that son Phil is the star of the family.

Phil, 22, spreads his darts playing around a wide area.

He has been in leagues at



BILL



SHEILA

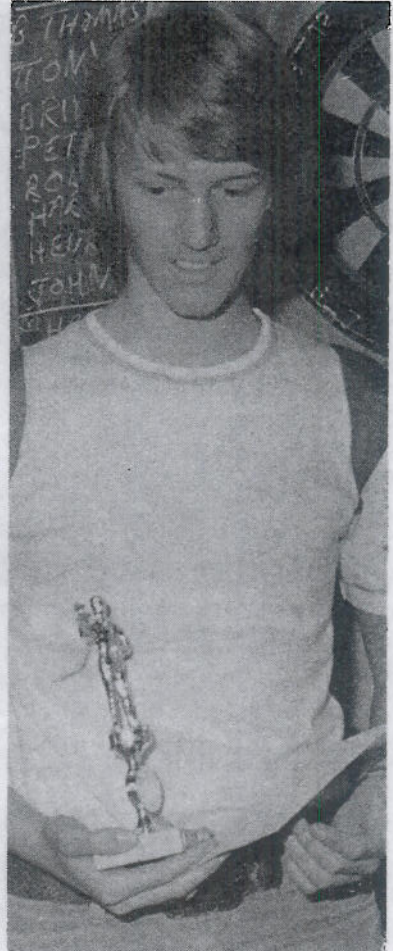
Southend, Chelmsford, Collier Row, Mountnessing and Brentwood and is currently playing for Brentwood in the Super League on Wednesdays and in the Grand Pier Hotel at Southend on Fridays.

He began playing four years ago with the Chough in the Ind Coope League. And in his first year brought home a league runners-up medal and got into the semi-finals of the knockout cup.

The following year was his most successful.

He won four trophies at the Grand Pier Hotel and took the Southend second division cup for player losing fewest games.

## THE ROONEYS



PHIL

He played good games for Collier Row in the Essex Super League, was runner-up in the league singles championship and was chosen to play for Essex.

The next year Phil collected a Brentwood League championship medal with Hutton Community Centre and was the league's individual champion. He also took the cup for the most 180s in the season.

He reckons last year was a disappointment. He won only a Summer League winners medal with the Chough and Ongar Round Table open fours competition.

## Super League



The Brentwood Super League team

# Dave loses twice but Benfleet are no match

### Benfleet 4, Brentwood 11

BASEMENT side Benfleet were no match for high-riding Brentwood in this Super League clash on November 7, but at least they had the distinction of inflicting two defeats on Dave Chandler.

It was the first time in three years of playing in Brentwood colours that Chandler had lost both his games and the first came in the opening encounter of the night.

Brentwood sent out the "big guns" for the first pairs, with Alan Lomas partnering Chandler, and they looked to have everything under control as they built a big lead, Chandler scoring four tons.

But when it came to nailing the victory double the Brentwood duo couldn't find the magic touch.

In an out-of-character display they threw fifteen darts without hitting the mark and allowed Benfleet to hit back and snatch victory from under their noses.

So Brentwood found themselves in the familiar position of trailing from the start, but Joe

Stamper and Ray Smith repaired the damage with a ton apiece.

Phil Rooney and Bill Allen were next up and they put Brentwood in front, Rooney grabbing the double after chalking up three tons to Allen's two.

Dave Jarvis and Bill Barclay increased the lead while Steve Peck and Bud Smith made it 1-4 at the end of the pairs, Smith adding two tons to the visitors' tally.

Ray Smith led off the singles with a 140 start but it wasn't a lucky omen as he tasted defeat, but Bill Barclay romped in with two 100s and a 140 in a 21-dart victory.

Bud Smith made it 2-6 in his first singles of the season while Phil Rooney broke a losing sequence and saved himself another pay-out night with a timely victory which included two "tons".

When Chandler came to the board he was expected to secure the win which would give Brentwood overall victory. But although he hit 140 and 135 and was throwing for double on his twenty-second dart, the Benfleet

man came through to pip him at the post.

So it was left to Joe Stamper, with 100 and 140, to see Brentwood safe at 3-8 before Benfleet closed the gap again at the expense of Maurice Jones.

However, Brentwood mopped up the three remaining games, Dave Jarvis playing steady darts to go out in twenty-six throws while Bill Allen hit a couple of tons in his victory.

It was left to Alan Lomas to put the finishing touches to a solid if uninspiring Brentwood success, going out in twenty-two darts and commanding two 140s and 100 on the way.

On the night Brentwood's supremacy was reflected in the "ton" count, with thirty-two against Benfleet's thirteen.

### FORTHCOMING SUPER LEAGUE FIXTURES

**Wednesday, November 21**  
East Ham (h), Gardeners Arms,  
8.30 p.m.

**Wednesday, November 28**  
Southend East (a)

**Wednesday, December 5**  
Ilford (a)



# Super League

## ALLEN PROVES THE ACE IN THE HOLE FOR BRENTWOOD

**Brentwood 8, Braintree 7**

BILL ALLEN proved to be the ace-in-the-hole that eased Brentwood through to the narrowest of victories against visitors Braintree at the Gardeners on October 31.

Coming to the board with Brentwood 7—6 in front through what was always a neck-and-neck tussle, Allen threw four tons, the highest being 140, to go out in nineteen darts and

give the home side the vital victory.

And it was just as well, for Braintree took the final singles when George Poulter beat Alan Lomas to leave the margin at just one leg. But it was enough to give Brentwood their first ever win over Braintree.

Earlier Brentwood made another faltering start when they lost the opening pairs, Bill Allen and Phil Rooney missing out in the shoot-out for the winning double. But Pete Chandler and Alan Lomas had little trouble in levelling the next match, both scoring 140.

Braintree went back into the lead against John Turner and Bud Smith, only for Dave Jarvis and Bill Barclay to square matters again at 2—2, Barclay scoring two tons and Jarvis finishing on double-10 after Braintree had staged a fine comeback.

However, for the first time this season Brentwood found themselves behind at the end of the pairs as Joe Stamper and Ray Smith also tasted defeat in spite of both scoring tons.

Again Brentwood levelled when Barclay took the opening singles comfortably, while Smith put the home side in front for the first time with two tons.

Stamper showed consistent if not spectacular form to make it 5—3, but Phil Rooney still couldn't escape from his losing streak against county man John Sibley.

Chandler grabbed two tons and went out in twenty-four darts to make it 6—4, followed by a win from Jarvis. But when Turner and Steve Peck lost to Colin Poulter and Peter Butcher the stage was set for Allen to put Brentwood beyond reach.

## Local boys play for Essex again

ESSEX resume their quest for the British inter-county title this weekend when they travel to Bristol to take on West of England (Avon) in their section of the championship.

Brentwood's Pete Chandler and Alan Lomas have retained their places in the A and B teams respectively and both will be keen to maintain their good form for the county.

The full Essex A team line-up is: Glen Lazaro, Bobby George, Ken Russell, Colin Baker (Hainault), Len Coles, Frank Adams (Barking), Pete Chandler (Brentwood), John Sibley (Braintree), Brian Figgins, John Brittain, Charlie Preston (Chelmsford) and Richard Scott (Clacton).

The B team is: Bobby Gower, John Jones, Mick Wells (Harlow), Roy Regan, Alex Barker (Barking), Len Baker (Romford), Peter Dillon, Colin Neale (Colchester), John Farthing, Ian Ness (Southend), Tom Patey (Maldon and Burnham), Alan Lomas (Brentwood) and Alan Derby (Basilidon).

## Chandler, Lomas battle to semis

BRENTWOOD'S Pete Chandler and Alan Lomas battled through to the semi-finals of the Clacton pairs competition only to go out to eventual winners and tournament favourites Bobby George and Glen Lazaro.

From an original entry of 260 pairs, Pete and Alan won their way through seven rounds before clashing for the first time with England international and News of the World champion George and his Essex County partner.

Each match, the best of three legs over 601, was closely fought with George and Lazaro claiming the first leg. However the Brentwood pair battled back to level, only to lose the deciding leg and the match.

### RESULTS

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31: Barking v Canvey Island (postponed); Benfleet 10, Epping 5; Brentwood 8, Braintree 7; Chelmsford 9, Southend East 6; Clacton 11, Witham 4; Colchester Griffins 13, Woodford 2; East Ham 7, Basilidon 8; Romford Central 8, Little Maplestead 7; Maldon and Burnham 8, Hatfield Peverel 7; Maldon Central 8, Harlow Owls 7; Romford 5, Harlow Harts 10; Southend West 8, Hainault 7. Free—Ilford.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7: Barking 10, Clacton 5; Basilidon 3, Chelmsford 12; Benfleet 4, Brentwood 11; Braintree 12, Canvey Island 3; Epping 3, Southend West 12; Hainault 11, Romford 4; Harlow Harts 13, Hatfield Peverel 2; Ilford 6, Harlow Owls 9; Little Maplestead 6; Colchester Griffins 9; Southend East 10, Romford Central 5; Witham 8, East Ham 7; Woodford 8, Maldon Central 7. Free—Maldon and Burnham.

### TABLE

(up to and including November 7)

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Colchester Griffins	9	8	1	88	47	16
<b>BRENTWOOD</b>	9	8	1	85	50	16
Southend West	9	8	1	83	52	16
Harlow Harts	9	7	2	93	42	14
Hainault	9	7	2	91	44	14
Braintree	9	7	2	91	44	14
Chelmsford	9	7	2	86	49	14
Barking	8	6	2	73	47	12
Maldon & Burnham	8	5	3	72	48	10
Witham	9	5	4	68	67	10
Ilford	8	5	3	64	56	10
Romford	8	5	3	64	56	10
Southend East	7	5	2	59	46	10
Basilidon	9	4	5	68	87	8
Clacton	8	4	4	60	60	8
Romford Central	8	4	4	58	62	8
Harlow Owls	9	2	7	56	79	4
East Ham	8	2	6	55	65	4
Little Maplestead	8	2	6	49	71	4
Woodford	9	2	7	44	91	4
Maldon Central	8	1	7	41	79	2
Canvey Island	8	1	7	40	80	2
Benfleet	9	1	8	35	100	2
Epping	9	0	9	35	100	0
Hatfield Peverel	8	0	8	31	89	0

# Ingatestone League

NOVEMBER 1

## THE PLOUGH JUST MAKE IT

THE PLOUGH Chelmsford, challenging Red Cow at the top of the table, were a little fortunate not to suffer their second defeat of the season when they entertained Eagle from Margaretting.

Though they lost the first game, the Eagle hit back to shake the Plough by winning the next two to lead 2—1.

It took everything Plough could muster to first draw level, then take the deciding game for a 3—2 success. Both final games went to three legs.

It was easily the Eagle's best performance of the season and every member of the team played a part in what almost proved to be the shock of the week.

However, by taking only three points the Plough lost a little ground on leaders Red Cow, who maintained their progress with a 4—1 home win over the Anchor.

Two Brewers stayed in touch with a 3—2 home win over Blackmore Social, while Eagle Galleywood took the opportunity to climb one place with a 4—1 success over bottom team Beehive.

Royal Oak, who had been showing good form in the early matches, failed to shake off their losing sequence and went down again, losing 2—3 at the Rose and Crown.

Beehive were one of four

teams at the bottom to taste defeat, two others being the Bull Margaretting, 1—4 losers at the Bell Willingale, and Plough (Mountnessing), who lost by the odd game on their own board to the Bull (Chelmsford).

In a close-fought mid-table tussle Red Lion just got the better of the Green Man at Highwood.

**Results:** Plough (Mount.) 2, Bull (Ch.) 3; Bell 4, Bull (Mar.) 1; Eagle (Gal.) 4. Beehive 1; Plough (Ch.) 3, Eagle (Mar.) 2; Two Brewers 3, Blackmore Social 2; Red Cow 4, Anchor 1; Green Man 2, Red Lion 3; Rose and Crown 3, Royal Oak 2.

NOVEMBER 8

## BUT RED COW STAY TOP

THE RED COW have opened up a six-point gap at the top of the Ingatestone League table after recording their tenth win in as many outings.

Latest success came at the Red Lion where they maintained their one hundred per cent home record with a 5—0 victory. But the score line didn't tell the full story.

In a fine tussle the Red Lion, currently enjoying their best season, stretched the reigning champions all the way.

Most of the games were so close they could have gone either way. But it was the Red Cow's ability to claim the double which saw them home. Even so, the Red Lion did well and if they show similar form in their other matches they will soon be climbing the table.

Plough (Chelmsford) stayed in touch and with a game in hand could get even closer to the leaders. They had a 4—1 success at Blackmore Social.

This was a solid performance, but Blackmore had their chances and didn't take them.

In third spot now are the Eagle Galleywood thanks to a

4—1 win at the Bull Margaretting, while the Two Brewers won by the odd game on the Anchor's board.

The Two Brewers are one of three teams sharing fourth spot, being joined by Royal Oak — who ended their losing sequence at the expense of the Green Man 5—0 — and the Rose and Crown, 5—0 victors away to basement men Beehive.

The Bell from Willingale continue to make progress. Their latest victory came at the Bull Chelmsford, where they won 4—1. Ironically their only defeat was suffered by the Street brothers, who nevertheless showed the best form of the night.

**Results:** Bull (Ch.) 1, Bell 4; Bull (Mar.) 1, Eagle (Gal.) 4; Beehive 0, Rose & Crown 5; Eagle

(Mar.) 3, Plough (Mount) 2; Blackmore Social 1, Plough (Ch.) 4; Anchor 2, Two Brewers 3; Red Lion 0, Red Cow 5; Royal Oak 5, Green Man 0.

TABLE (November 8)

	P	W	L	Pts
Red Cow .....	10	10	0	41
Plough (Ch.) ...	9	8	1	35
Eagle (Gal.) ...	10	7	3	32
Two Brewers ...	10	8	2	31
Royal Oak .....	10	7	3	31
Rose & Crown .	10	7	3	31
Anchor .....	10	5	5	25
Bell .....	10	4	6	24
Blackmore Soc.	10	3	7	22
Red Lion .....	10	6	4	21
Green Man .....	10	4	6	21
Bull (Ch.) .....	9	3	6	19
Plough (Mount.)	10	3	7	19
Eagle (Mar.) ...	10	3	7	18
Bull Mar.) .....	10	1	9	17
Beehive .....	10	0	10	8

### FIXTURES

#### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 22

- Bull (Chelmsford) v Rose and Crown
- Bull (Margaretting) v Beehive
- Eagle (Margaretting) v Eagle (Galleywood)
- Blackmore Social v Bell
- Anchor v Plough (Mountnessing)
- Red Lion v Plough (Chelmsford)
- Green Man v Two Brewers
- Royal Oak v Red Cow

#### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29

##### CUP MATCHES

#### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6

- Beehive v Bull (Chelmsford)
- Rose & Crown v Eagle (Margaretting)
- Eagle (Galleywood) v Blackmore Social
- Bell v Anchor
- Plough (Mountnessing) v Red Lion
- Plough (Chelmsford) v Green Man
- Two Brewers v Red Cow
- Bull (Margaretting) v Royal Oak

## Ingatestone League



# WIN OR LOSE THEY KEEP BUSY AT THE BEEHIVE

LITTLE has gone right this season for the Beehive by way of results.

Currently they are rooted to the bottom of the Ingatestone League and still seeking their first win. But you won't find the boys from Chelmsford throwing in the towel through lack of success.

Under the leadership of their secretary and captain, Jim Reynolds, they'll be battling through to the bitter end because they love their darts.

But as Jim is also the League's chairman he has an obligation to keep them going.

The Beehive has a long tradition for darts in the Ingatestone League. They have been active members now for some

dozen years, but their trophy successes have been few and far between.

They have yet to record their first championship, but they have won the Dibble Shield and the singles cup thanks to the efforts of Geoff Course.

Most of the present players come from the Baddow area of Chelmsford, while the line-up is a mixture of youth and experience.

Longest serving player and stalwart of the team is Ernie Malsher, who has been almost an ever-present member of the team.

Most of the players only see action with the Beehive. But Derek Norman and George Brooks also turn out in neigh-

bouring leagues for the Victoria at Writtle and the Railway Club respectively.

A shortage of players has been the greatest problem for Jim Reynolds and is still a threat to the team's future progress.

"I suppose when you are at the bottom of the table and losing every match there is a tendency to turn it in," said Jim.

"But we won't be doing that at the Beehive.

"We'll stick together for the sake of the league and fight on regardless. I would think that given the same situation at another pub the team would have folded by now.

"But, come what may, we'll keep playing."

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## Unlike son

Patrick Keane — front page boy in our last issue — reached the last sixteen in the Suffolk Open Tournament. His father went out in the first round.