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Coach Phil Adams leading 'no strings' session at Gosling Sports Park

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Level 1 Coaching Award Course, starts 12th May
HBA AGM Tuesday 4 June 2013
at Birchwood Leisure Centre, Hatfield.

BADMINTON England Update

Following the successful Olympic event last summer, the much-heralded “legacy” now appears more clear: Sport England funding for most sports will be **reduced** this coming year, and is likely to be **further reduced** in years to come. Increased participation (ie more new players playing badminton on a regular basis) is the prime target, and if the agreed new participation targets are not met each year, then funding will be greatly reduced the following year. There is also a likelihood that badminton, and other sports, will need to be completely self-funding within a few years.

Head Office are still negotiating with Sport England, so the Badminton Whole Sport Plan cannot be released until all details are finalised. However key points are as follows. BE will:

- continue to invest in successful CBNs
- further expand No Strings Badminton for those that want to play in an informal environment (see our front cover with Phil Adams leading No Strings sessions at Gosling Sports Parks),
- introduce new programmes to increase participation amongst casual players, and attract 14-16 year olds that want to play informally
- continue programmes to engage with colleges and universities, and continue the Para Badminton programme increasing club and competition opportunities.

In response to the need to become financially self-sufficient, BADMINTON England has begun a complete re-organisation of its structure to deliver badminton – more cost-effectively, hopefully - to its members and the wider public. Although details have still to be announced (expected date: early April) helpful meetings have been held with CBA representatives, and we understand the re-organisation will be as follows:

The 8 Regional Delivery Teams will be reduced to 5 teams, each team consisting of a Regional Manager, who will translate national strategy for regional and local delivery; lead relationships with CBAs and regional partners at a senior level; and lead the following regional team members :

- Participation Manager, responsible for growing casual participation and working primarily with identified leisure centres.
- Partnership Manager, responsible for working with region’s Performance Centres; CBNs, other other identified local partners who can help with delivery of badminton opportunities; also responsible for liaising with Facilities Investment Manager at Head Office on facilities investment opportunities
- Workforce Manager, responsible for working with CBAs, CBNs and Performance Centres to develop an effective and sustainable workforce to deliver badminton programmes.

The reduction from 8 to 5 Regions will mean that the current Eastern Region of Suffolk, Cambridgeshire, Norfolk, Bedfordshire, Essex and Hertfordshire will now also include London. The new system will operate from April, and we understand the Eastern Region Manager will be Paul Bickerton.

It is clear that Head Office will expect and rely on CBAs and CBNs to play a more proactive role – and this will necessarily require clubs to play a more supportive and proactive part within their county and local organisations. Head Office say there will be funding to support active partners through their CBN.

This will be a big upheaval for everyone. It will be some months before it becomes clear whether or not the restructuring works as a theory. At our briefing meeting with Head Office, represented by Derek Bachelor, George Wood, and new Director Sean Meadows, Malcolm Fraser, and Dave and Gill Bartlett made it clear that two-way communication and consultation is key: Head Office will need to share the information they collect with CBAs and CBNs as partners to enable them to help develop and support proposed new casual participation and schools programmes in their area. We also expressed the hope that Head Office will make use of local experience and previous successes.

Of course in practice a lot will depend upon the individuals appointed to the posts and the individuals they will have to work with. Head Office

is aware that Herts is in a particularly difficult situation, being currently without a BDO, as you know, since Lee Bent's secondment ended in December. It is important that we try to continue to move current initiatives forward in the meantime. Until the new structure is in place in April, Matthew Warren has agreed to be our Head Office contact and acting BDO.

Gill Bartlett

Membership & Affiliation

In addition to their restructuring of badminton delivery in order to become more cost-effective and prepare themselves for further cuts in Government/Sport England funding, Head Office have also been considering changes to membership structure and affiliation fees. These proposals, were discussed by email at length before the last General Meeting, and at the meeting itself on 31 January.

The most contentious issue was the proposed removal of JJC status, and the requirement for Junior Club members to pay the same JMC fee as young members of Senior clubs.

In the past Junior clubs have been able to affiliate all their JJC members to BE, HBA and HSBA for one club fee (currently £64), as opposed to the individual JMC fee (currently £7.35) paid by every junior member of Senior clubs. JJC membership provides the young player with an individual BE membership number, enabling them to play in BE tournaments, and the club with insurance for all their registered members. JMC membership also includes all the other benefits enjoyed by Senior members.

In many ways the JJC fee is grossly unfair on smaller clubs. Using current figures, a small Hertfordshire junior club with 10 members pays £6.40 per member, while a club with 90 members pays about £0.71 per member; and a club with 50 members pays £1.28.

The financial implications for larger junior clubs having to pay a standard individual junior fee, and the possible damaging effect on junior recruitment, was discussed fully on 31 January. One suggestion was for clubs to identify the annual affiliation fee as such, separate from club weekly or termly fees, and payable when the player's free insurance period was over. Eventually a compromise was reached: all junior players to pay the same fee, reduced from the current JMC fee to £3 only, with full BE benefits. This will obviously benefit smaller junior clubs and those senior clubs who welcome young players.

At the January meeting, Malcolm Fraser stressed the need for Head Office to inform all clubs why these changes to the membership structure and fees were thought necessary. Now the Nationals and All England are over, we hope this will happen in the near future.

Another result of the abolition of the junior club fee, however, will inevitably be the increased administrative burden on junior clubs. There

generally tends to be more churn of members in junior clubs than in senior clubs, so registering and paying for new members throughout the year will be time-consuming. Let's hope some of the more club-unfriendly features of Vision will be sorted by then!

This change in status will also have an effect on County fees. HBA and HSBA have to consider the best way to maintain their income whilst making sure fees are affordable for all concerned. This newsletter is currently sent to JCMs (although we aim to provide only one copy per household). Hopefully older JCMs find something of interest in it, but it would be of little interest to younger junior club players. At the moment we cannot see a way of identifying which is which. With only one category of young players, should they all be entitled to a copy – or should none?

Current club membership figures for Hertfordshire are:

- Junior Club Member (JJC): 634
- Junior Club Member (JCM): 94
- Senior Club Member: 1086

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Development Committee

The Badminton Herts Development Committee currently consists of those marked * together with the following representatives of partner organisations

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Herts SDO Rep	Ben Vranjkovic, Stevenage SDO.

HBA AGM

The HBA AGM will be held on Tuesday 4 June 2013 at Birchwood Leisure Centre.

In addition to the now established tradition of refreshments (wine and nibbles), the Agenda will include the usual Reports on Activities, election of officers, President and Vice Presidents, and Presentation of Trophies to League winners. We also intend to invite a Head Office representative to discuss the BE Whole Sport Plan and explain how they hope the revised delivery structure will work in practice.

As usual there will be a vote on County fees for the coming season. The meeting will also be asked to approve a new Constitution, which will be sent out with AGM papers in due course, and is designed to replace the old Rules which were felt to be no longer fit for purpose.

REMINDER Paul Kempster requests that trophies are returned no later than the AGM so that they can be presented to this season's league winners. Trophies can then be engraved and distributed at the Fixtures meeting in August. He will also be asking Club secretaries to find out whether or not their club wants to continue with the custom of giving trophies.

GRASS ROOTS

Is this a record?

Over 50 years in the same badminton club

Neil Blake started playing badminton in 1947 at the age of 13 at a church youth club. He met his wife, Joan, when she was playing for an opposing team.

He joined All Saints Badminton Club, now playing in Ware Drill Hall, in 1962 and has remained an active member of the club ever since. Neil remembers that, at the time, the club was firmly part

of All Saints Church in Hertford, and met weekly to play in the small church hall, which was provided free, although the club paid for lighting. He recalls that any member of the church could join regardless of ability and the vicar attended the AGM! The hall only provided one court and the EXIT sign over one corner of the court ensured the demise of quite a few racquets! Because the playing time was limited, members spent a lot of time sitting on the stage waiting their turn, and this ensured that the members got to know each other well. Other activities, such as cards and cribbage, were popular, with a break for tea during the course of the evening.

Over the years the close links with the church ceased, and the club was charged for the hire of the hall. This new independence meant that All Saints BC was able to establish a playing-in standard, which resulted in a higher level of play, and the club has always been a strong contender in the Hertford Area League.

In 1978 Neil passed the then Badminton Association of England Instructors certificate and started a junior



section of the club, which he has continued to run up until the present, now aided by coaches Jim Robson, since 2002, and Doug Clark, since 2003 (see picture of current club members above). Neil's son, David, was one of the founder members. Some years later Neil joined in an open day at Simon Balle School to establish the level of interest in different sports. The interest in badminton was overwhelming and Neil compiled over 2 pages of names of children keen to learn how to play. He took on as many of these as could be accommodated into the junior section and a team was entered in the County Junior League from 1994 to 2009, with Neil arranging all these matches. He has

The Junior Section has always played on the same night as the seniors, initially on a Monday and more recently on a Wednesday in Ware Drill Hall. Many of the juniors have moved on to play in the county squads and because there is a clash of nights this has meant a reduction in the numbers currently attending the club. Neil has always encouraged juniors to move up into the senior club, initially by letting them play for the first hour of club night, and

then, when fully integrated, they have been encouraged to try for a position in the club teams. This has helped to rejuvenate the club and ensure that there is always a source of new members.

Neil has undertaken coaching at the University of Herts (before it moved to Hatfield); Gosling Sports Park and Wodson Park. From 2002 to 2007 he was Badminton Team Manager for East Herts in the Youth Games. In 2007 he qualified as a Level 2 coach. He now runs a Get into Badminton Group. His other sporting interests include marathon running, swimming and water polo

Although no longer playing badminton with the senior club Neil still joins in with the juniors and is Club Chairman. There is no doubt that he has shown an extraordinary level of commitment both to All Saints BC and to the game of badminton.

Since receiving this article, we have learnt that Neil's bicycle skidded on the ice. He broke his arm in the accident, and is now at home on crutches after a stay in hospital. We wish him a speedy recovery.

More effects of reduced funding

Reduced personnel and funding this year have meant that some Local Authorities cannot support Herts Youth Games this year. As a result, they have all agreed that local clubs and their governing bodies must take the lead in organising coaches, managers, and players, although most LAs are still able to help find free courts for trials and practice. The HYG website (badminton webpage) will be updated, by Easter, with the local badminton coaching session details and contacts.

TOURNAMENTS

18th National Masters Championships 2012.

The 18th English National Masters Championships, held 7-9 December 2012, broke new ground with an all-time record high entry at the Surrey Sports Park in Guildford. Over 280 of the nation's finest Masters badminton players – a 15% increase on the Championships last season – turned out to compete for National titles, and, with reigning world and European champions amongst the entry, competition was fierce across all age groups, with some gripping action to delight onlookers.

The nation's strength in depth at Masters badminton, as displayed in the recent reclaiming of the Nations Cup from Denmark's grasp, was once again evident. All the more remarkable, then, was the success of so many Hertfordshire players including finalists shown below (in bold).

In the Over 40's Ladies singles, Tracey Hutchinson (Essex), who has marked 2012 with success both domestically and in Europe, added the Women's Singles title to her collection – beating an unseeded **Caroline Hale**, who ended as runner-up for the second consecutive Championships.

In the Men's Doubles Over 45's **Don Burden & Jim Teale** lost out to Rejeev Bagga & Mark Golds, despite having previously beaten top Yorkshire seeds Mike Adams & Norman Wheatley to reach the final.

The Over 45's Mixed Doubles event proved to be a real highlight with experience packed into all four semi finalists. The unseeded pair of **Jon Austin & Elaine Meagher** overcame the top seeds and current European Champions Mark Golds & Debbie Miller in the last four and emerged victorious to claim the national title, beating defending champions **Jim Teale & Sue Crompton**.

In the **Over 50's Women's Doubles** event the top seeded sister duo of **Christine Marsden & Elaine Meagher** beat the second seeds and 2011 champions to take home the title.

All in all, a truly great performance from Herts players.

Linda Reeve

Masters Inter-county Championships

In January of 2013 Hertfordshire Over 45s retained their National Masters Inter-county Championship title.

A true team effort was required to secure victories over Surrey, Yorkshire, Hampshire, Lancashire, Essex and West of Scotland over two days of play at Herts Sports Village. The victorious Herts Over 45 team emerged as clear and worthy winners of the Inter County premiership challenge for the second year running.

Congratulations to members; Chris Marsden, Liz Austin, Kim Maughan and 'super sub' Linda Riley, Don Burden, Eddie Lintott, Jim Teale, Martin Haddon and Jon Austin, and captain Elaine Meagher.

JUNIOR NEWS

HSBA Tournaments

Unfortunately, because of the delay in finalising and distributing this edition of the Newsletter, all HSBA tournaments for 2012-13 have now taken place. Results of the most recent are shown here. Other results can be seen at www.hertsschoolsbadminton.co.uk.

Primary Schools Tournament

The Primary Schools Tournament took place at Stevenage Leisure Centre on 3 March 2013. As usual, the day started with a coaching session. Groups of about 6 players were allocated to each of the 8 courts, and a team of coaches came round at (roughly) 15 minute intervals to help them to develop their skills in a different stroke.

STOP Press!
Government to inject £150M into Primary school sport! See HBA website.

Then it was time for the tournament. In all 11 schools entered 29 teams and about 100 children took part !!! New Schools this year were Whitehill, Fleetville, Our Lady's and St John the Baptist. Some schools had the depth of players to enter more than one team. Ladbrook entered most teams - six altogether.

Ten Girls teams entered the tournament: Winners were Bushey Manor, with runners-up Ladbrooke A. A total of 16 Boys teams were entered, with both Ladbrooke and Fleetville entering three Boys teams. Winners were Little Heath A, with runners-up Tewin Cowper.



Schools which were able to enter teams in both the Girls and the Boys events were also ranked: Sacred Heart coming first, and Bushey Manor second.

Although less experienced players found it tough going when they came up against much more experienced players, we hope they all enjoyed the long day and want to try again next year.

Thanks to the HSBA tournament organisers and helpers, particularly mastermind Barbara Lewczynska, and to the coaches who helped with the coaching session.

Center Parcs National Schools Championships

This year Head Office reported a record number of entries for the Center Parcs National Schools Championships.

Since the last HBA Newsletter, local rounds of the competition have been played in all ten districts. Winners of the local rounds met on 4 December at HSV to win the chance to represent the County in this fast-growing and prestigious Schools Championships.

With a total of 44 teams of 4 players competing in the four events, action was fast and furious, with some excellent and hard-fought games. Ultimately, however, schools with most experienced teams won through.

Verulam won the **U16 Boys** event, with a team of Daniel Fox, Harry Kuill-Jones, Pavitar Singh and Charlie Holmes. Hitchin Boys were runners-up, with Habs and Richard Hale third and fourth.

The team of Kate Hill, Mollie Georgina Graham, Charlotte Clarke & Eloise Tarry gave victory to

Presdales against The Royal Masonic in the **U16 Girls**. The Highfield beat Dame Alice Owens in the play-off.

Winner of the **U14 Boys** event was Monks Walk.



The team of Chris Adey, Jack Kimber, Matthew Harden, Nima Karshenas and Calum Wilson, all U13's from Year 8, met last year's winners, Hitchin Boys, in the final.

Having lost to Hitchin by the narrowest of margins in last year's event, the boys were determined to win on this occasion and secured a well-earned 3 -2 victory in a closely fought final match. Verulam and Watford were third and fourth.



St Clement Danes' team

U 14 Girls was won by St Clement Danes' team of Ellen Jennings, April Miller, Ashley Eales and Olive Coles who beat St Georges in the final, with Roundwood and JFK in the play-off. April and Ellen had particular cause to celebrate; not only had they been County finalists for three years running, winning through to the Regional finals this year, but they had the chance to go and play with the Olympic team immediately after the tournament.

The winning team in each event go through to the Regional Finals, which will be played at Cambridge Regional College on 20 March.

Junior Squad News

This month Herts development squad players will begin monthly fitness training sessions with Tony Septon, head of performance at Herts University, and a strength and conditioning coach for the eastern region, and his team.

Although sessions start with the development squad, who are all Under 11 years old, eventually all the Herts Junior

squad players will be involved. Sessions last for one hour and will run once a month. Sangeeta Dhall

First Junior Club Tournament

At the beginning of the second season running when too few clubs had been able to enter teams to make HSBA leagues viable, it was decided to try a flexible tournament-style event for junior clubs. Sponsored by Welwyn Hatfield CBN, this first Junior Club Tournament aimed to provide enjoyable competitive playing experience, primarily for players who would not normally play competitively outside their own clubs. The tournament was therefore not open to squad members.

With no idea what the response would be, four hours of court time on 11 November were booked at Birchwood Leisure Centre. Nine clubs put forward players in four different age groups - year 5 and under, year 7 and under, year 9 and under, and over year 9; a total of 60 players. Next challenge was to devise a suitable format for that number of players within the time available. Because of the time limitation, together with the club entry flexibility, singles games were played half-court to 15.

On the day a few things went wrong: on the way there a large plume of smoke in the sky identified a sizeable fire somewhere near - not the Leisure Centre but towards Smallford, which meant road closures in the area delayed some arrivals; a poorly worded letter meant other entrants arrived earlier than expected (so we weren't set up when they arrived); in the confusion the questionnaires were misplaced and weren't given out to all players as intended.

Once play started, however, everything went well, thanks to the order of play organised by Megan and Ceri Lumb. In all events players were organised into two rounds: first round with all girls in one group, and separating players from the same club as far as possible; second round into groups according to round 1 results, ie all group winners together, runners-up together, and so on, with the girls now integrated with the boys. This was possibly hardest on the older girls, especially in the over Year 9 event where the second round was played as full court singles. In each event the individual winners were the winners of Group 1 in Round 2. The club positions were identified by adding up all the points (in each round) for each club and divided by the number of players to give an average.

All-in-all the tournament appeared to achieve its aims. There were a few one-sided and mis-matched games, but players threw themselves whole heartedly into the games, all of which were hard-fought and fiercely contested. Players were keen and quick to get back on court, and looked as if they were enjoying themselves most of the time, as confirmed by most of the questionnaires which were returned.

Year 5 & Under Results:

Joint Club winners: Stevenage (1 player) and Swifts (2)
Individual winners: Girls - Hope May (All Saints)
Boys - Shashank Madhukiran (Swifts)

Year 7 & Under Results:

Club winner: All Saints (1 player)
Club runner-up: Marshals (1)
Individual winners: Girls – Rachel Jones (Marshals)
Boys – Sam Jarman (Swifts)

Year 9 & Under Results:

Club winner: Shephall (1 player)
Club runner-up: Harpenden (4)
Individual winners: Girls – Emily Pearson (Harpenden)
Boys – Chris Malpas (Swifts)

Year 9 & Over Results:

Club winner: Much Hadham (1 player)
Individual winners: Girls – Sophie Day (Swifts)
Boys – David Moss (Much Hadham)



(Year 9 & Under players shown above with their certificates)

Thanks to all the helpers - particularly Beth Kirby; Megan and Ceri Lumb; Conor Quinn and other junior club helpers who helped keep score for the younger events and generally helped where necessary to run the groups and get players on court.

Not perfect, but definitely something to build on!

Gill Bartlett (Comets JBC) & Marion Conway (SwiftsJBC)

Oaklands Badminton Academy

Post School Badminton Course Opportunities at Oaklands College –

Would you like to progress your badminton interests as well as continue to study locally? Oaklands Badminton Academy, working with Herts Badminton Association, can help.

Oaklands college will be offering a combined coaching and academic programme of study, with access to daily Badminton coaching sessions as well as to a variety of academic programmes. This might be A Levels, BTEC Diplomas in Sport and Exercise Science, Development, Coaching and Fitness or a Level 2 Diploma in Sport.

Come and discuss your possibilities at the Oaklands Evening 17:30 - 20:00 Wednesday 24th April, St Albans Campus, Hatfield Road, St Albans, AL4 0JA

- Impartial advice and guidance
- Wide variety of local and national education and training providers
- Apprenticeship presentations and information

For further information visit:
<http://www.oaklands.ac.uk/> or email:
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COUNTY TEAMS

(from website: 11th March)

Premiership		Played	Won	Draws	Lost
Yorkshire	45	6	6	0	0
Nottinghamshire	35	6	4	1	1
Avon	35	6	3	2	1
Cheshire	34	6	4	1	1
Warwickshire	34	6	3	2	1
Lancashire	28	6	1	4	1
Surrey	25	6	0	3	3
Hampshire	24	6	0	2	4
Hertfordshire	23	6	0	1	5
Glasgow & NS	17	6	0	2	4

Division 2 - East	Points	Played	Won	Draws	Lost
Middlesex 2	15	6	5	0	1
Norfolk	13	7	5	0	2
Kent	8	6	2	0	4
Hertfordshire 2	8	7	3	0	4
Essex 2	7	8	2	0	6

Division 3 - East	Points	Played	Won	Draws	Lost
Sussex 2	13	6	5	0	1
Kent 2	12	6	4	0	2
Middlesex 3	10	8	2	0	6
Hertfordshire 3	8	7	3	0	4
Suffolk	8	7	3	0	4

Herts 40+ Veterans – East Division

Rank	Points	Played	Won	Draws	Lost
Middlesex	9	4	3	0	1
Essex	9	3	3	0	0
Hertfordshire	6	4	2	0	2
Cambridgeshire	6	4	2	0	2
Suffolk	0	3	0	0	3
Bedfordshire	0	2	0	0	2

Herts 50+ Veterans – East Division

Rank	Points	Played	Won	Draws	Lost
Essex	18	6	6	0	0
Hertfordshire	10	5	3	0	2
Suffolk	8	5	3	0	2
Bucks	5	6	2	0	4
Cambridgeshire	1	6	0	0	6

County Match Secretary Wanted

- Point of contact with BE Head Office
- 1 meeting per year (Fixtures organised by BE)
- Confirm bookings with local venue & opposing side
- Responsible for ensuring results reported on-line

Unless someone comes forward to do this job, there is a risk we may not be able to field County teams. Paul Widdicombe is not able to continue in this role next season. We must have someone in place in time for the single meeting in May.

Offers/enquiries to Malcolm Fraser.

LEAGUE NEWS

County League

There are some outstanding fixture results to be entered, and Paul Kempster will be sending our reminder emails asking for the results to be posted or revised dates provided.

He also reports that unfortunately Cobra has had to withdraw its Ladies team from Division 1 through injury or attrition the team could not be sustained for the rest of the season. All results of played matches have been removed.

(results from website: 11th March)

Mixed

Division 1	P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	Pts
Ware 1	10	10	0	0	87	3	84	107
Asteroids	9	7	0	2	50	31	19	64
Hawks 1	10	4	0	6	39	51	-12	47
Ware 2	7	4	0	3	31	32	-1	39
Comets 1	9	3	0	6	33	48	-15	39
Academy Jr 1	7	1	0	6	15	48	-33	17
Cobra 1	8	1	0	7	15	57	-42	17

Division 2	P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	Pts
Ware 3	9	7	0	2	64	17	47	78
Sunnyside	8	7	0	1	49	23	26	63
Epping 1	8	3	0	5	35	37	-2	41
Bish.Stortfd 1	10	3	0	7	31	59	-28	37
Redbridge 1	7	4	0	3	28	35	-7	36
Boomerang 1	7	2	0	4	30	33	-3	36
Harpenden 1	7	1	0	6	15	48	-33	17

2 results awaited

Division 3	P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	Pts
Wizard 1	8	7	0	1	48	24	24	62
StanAbbotts 1	9	5	0	4	44	37	7	54
Masters A	8	5	0	3	41	31	10	51
BSCA 1	8	5	0	3	38	34	4	48
Hertford 1	9	2	0	7	32	49	-17	36
Comets 2	6	0	0	6	13	49	-28	13

2 results awaited

Mens

Division 1	P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	Pts
Asteroids 1	10	9	0	1	75	15	60	93
Ware 1	7	7	0	0	59	4	55	73
Masters 1	7	5	0	2	32	31	1	42
Sunnyside 1	10	3	0	7	30	60	-30	36
Cobra 1	10	2	0	8	26	64	-38	30
Wizard 1	9	2	0	7	25	56	-31	29
Comets 1	7	2	0	5	23	40	-17	27

Division 2	P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	Pts
Hawks 1	9	9	0	0	65	16	49	83
Ware 2	8	6	0	2	45	27	18	57
Comets 2	9	4	0	5	41	40	1	49
Bish Stortfrd 1	9	4	0	5	38	43	-5	46
Spartans 1	7	2	0	5	28	35	-7	32
Bish Stortfrd 2	8	0	0	8	8	64	-56	8

2 results awaited

Ladies

Division 1	P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	Pts
Ware 1	7	6	0	1	36	6	30	36
Boomerang FF 1	6	4	1	1	20	16	4	20
Epping1	6	4	1	1	19	17	2	19
Redbridge S C 1	6	2	0	4	19	20	-1	19
Sunnyside	4	1	0	3	10	14	-4	10
Harpenden 1	7	0	0	7	7	38	-31	7

5 results awaited

Division 2	P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	Pts
BSCA	9	7	1	1	44	10	34	44
Hawks 1	9	5	2	2	34	20	14	34
Ware 2	9	5	1	3	32	22	10	32
Hertford 1	9	5	1	3	27	27	0	27
Hawthorn Indies	9	2	2	5	24	30	-6	24
Bishops Stortfrd	8	3	1	4	19	29	-10	19
Comets 1	9	0	0	9	6	48	-42	6

3 results awaited

Hertford Area League

(from website: 8 March)

Mens 6 Premier

	P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	Pts
Wizard	6	5	0	1	41	13	28	15
Stanstead Abbots	7	6	0	1	45	18	27	18
Lingwood	6	2	0	4	23	31	-8	6
All Saints	6	2	0	4	20	34	-14	6
Phoenix Feathers A	5	0	0	5	6	39	-33	0

Medley Premier

	P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	Pts
Wizard	7	7	0	0	38	4	34	21
Ware HABL	7	3	0	4	16	27	-11	8
Lingwood	6	1	0	5	14	24	-10	5
Strings Strings A	4	2	0	2	12	13	-1	5
Stan Abbots A	4	1	0	3	6	18	-12	3

Medley Division 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	Pts
Hertford Mx A	8	7	0	1	40	9	31	22
Wizard Mx B	7	5	0	2	25	18	7	14

	P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	Pts
Codicote A	5	3	0	2	17	13	4	9
Nazeing Mx	6	2	0	4	12	24	-12	6
All Saints Comp	6	1	0	5	12	24	-12	3
Strings B	6	1	0	5	9	27	-18	3

3 results awaited

Medley Division 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	Pts
Phoenix Feathers	6	5	0	1	26	10	16	15
Hunsdon	6	5	0	1	23	14	9	14
Warwick	8	4	0	4	27	24	3	13
Albury A	6	4	0	2	24	13	11	11
Saracens	7	1	0	6	15	28	-13	4
Albury B	5	0	0	5	2	28	-26	0

1 result awaited

Mixed 6s Premier

	P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	Pts
Lingwood	7	5	0	2	45	18	27	15
Stan Abbots A	7	7	0	0	41	22	19	21
Hertford A	5	2	0	3	19	26	-7	6
Allenburys	8	3	0	5	31	41	-10	9
Strings	7	2	0	5	31	32	-1	6
Datchworth	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Saracens	6	1	0	5	13	41	-28	3

1 result awaited

Mens 4 Premier

	P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	Pts
Wizard A	6	6	0	0	29	9	20	16
Hertford A	7	4	0	3	28	16	12	14
Stan Abbots A	8	5	0	3	32	19	13	14
St Johns	5	3	0	2	20	10	10	9
Datchworth	7	2	0	5	14	29	-15	7
All Saints A	7	0	0	7	1	41	-40	0

4 results awaited

Mens 4 Division 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	Pts
Lingwood A	5	4	0	1	23	7	16	12
Spartans	4	4	0	0	22	3	19	11
Codicote	8	3	0	5	21	28	-7	10
Strings A	7	2	0	5	17	26	-9	7
Owen's	6	3	0	3	15	22	-7	8
Saracens	4	1	0	3	6	18	-12	3

4 results awaited

Mens 4 Division 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	Pts
Stan Abbots B	5	5	0	0	28	2	26	15
Warwick A	8	4	0	4	23	25	-2	12
Hatfield A	6	3	0	3	20	18	2	9
Albury A	6	2	0	4	17	21	-4	8
Phoenix Feathers A	7	3	0	4	18	27	-9	8
Stan Abbots C	8	3	0	5	18	31	-13	8

3 results awaited

Ladies 4s

Premier	P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	Pts
Wizard A	6	4	0	2	27	11	16	14
Lingwood A	7	5	0	2	29	14	15	14
Allenburys	5	3	0	2	16	17	-1	8
Hertford A	5	1	0	4	10	22	-12	3
Epping 1	3	0	0	3	0	18	-18	0

1 results awaited

Division 1	P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	Pts
Stan Abbots A	7	5	0	2	28	16	12	15
Bish Stortford	6	4	0	2	23	15	8	12
Spartans	4	3	0	1	17	8	9	8
Wizard B	6	2	0	4	15	22	-7	7
Potter Street	4	2	0	2	13	11	2	6
Albury A	5	0	0	5	3	27	-24	0

7 results awaited

Division 2	P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	Pts
Hunsdon	7	5	0	2	28	16	12	15
St George's	4	2	0	2	13	11	2	6
Nazeing	4	2	0	2	11	14	-3	5
Saracens	3	1	0	2	9	10	-1	4
Hertford B	4	1	0	3	8	18	-10	3

2 results awaited

Letchworth and District Badminton League

(from website 11 March)

Division 1	P	Rbrs	Gms
Highbury	7	39	79
Royston	9	34	74
Cam Gears A	11	29	71
Spartans	9	27	60
Norton Baldock A	8	24	56
Redhoods A	10	20	50
St Johns A	7	17	43
St Johns B	7	14	32

Division 2	P	Rbr	Gms
Codicote	10	45	96
Redhoods B	10	39	84
Norton Baldock B	9	31	70
Onyx	7	23	51
Welwyn	7	18	48
Redhoods C	9	12	35
Strings	6	6	17

SW Herts Badminton League (27 February) Ladies' 4

DIVISION 1	P	W	D	L	Rbrs For	Rbrs Against
Vauxhall 1	6	5	0	1	31	5
Lockers Park 1	6	4	0	2	23	13
Vauxhall 2	5	3	0	2	16	14
Harpenden	5	1	0	4	8	22
Gadebridge	4	0	0	4	0	24

DIVISION 2	P	W	D	L	Rbrs For	Rbrs Against
Warners End	4	4	0	0	18	6
Bushey Barons	5	3	1	1	20	10
Cheverells 1	4	1	1	2	11	13
All Saints	4	0	3	1	10	14
Lockers Park 2	5	0	1	4	7	23

DIVISION 3	P	W	D	L	Rbrs For	Rbrs Against
Wendover	4	2	2	0	16	8
Vauxhall 3	3	2	1	0	15	3
Harpenden	4	2	1	1	13	11
Kings	3	0	1	2	5	13
Cheverells 2	4	0	1	3	5	19

Mixed 6s

	P	W	D	L	Rbrs for	Rbrs against
Gadebridge	7	7	0	0	54	9
Lockers Park	8	6	0	2	61	11
Bushey Barons	6	4	0	2	30	24
Bushey Eagles	*	2	0	4	14	40
Kings Langley	6	2	0	4	14	40
Harpenden	5	1	0	4	11	34
Harpenden	7*	0	0	6	4	40

Includes 1 void match

Medley

DIVISION 1	P	W	D	L	Rbrs For	Rbrs Against
Warners End	4	3	0	1	24	12
Comets	5	3	0	2	27	18
Kings Langley	5	2	0	3	19	26
Harpenden	4	1	0	3	11	25

DIVISION 2	P	W	D	L	Rbrs For	Rbrs Against
Cheverells	5	5	0	0	34	11
All Saints	5	3	0	2	19	26
Lockers Park	7	3	0	4	37	26
Gadebridge	4	2	0	2	21	15
Kings	7	1	0	6	15	48

Division 2	P	Home Pts	Away Pts	Total Pts
Icarus	10	23	17	40
Vauxhall B	9	22	14	36
Cam Gears B	11	23	10	33
St Johns B	10	15	15	30
Datchworth	10	23	5	28
Saracens	9	9	8	17
Lingwood	7	10	4	14

Mens 4s 26 February

DIVISION 1	P	W	D	L	Rbrs For	Rbrs Against
Harpenden Racqueteers	8	6	2	0	38	10
Warners End	7	6	0	1	32	10
Lockers Park	7	5	1	1	29	13
Wendover	9	4	1	4	25	29
Herts Toppers	7	1	1	5	15	27
Bushey Eagles	5	0	1	4	4	26
Little Bushey	7	0	0	7	7	35

Division 3	P	Home Pts	Away Pts	Total Pts
Academy	9	15	23	38
Knebworth A	10	15	21	36
Codicote	8	23	9	32
Great Ashby	10	12	18	30
Whitwell	11	17	13	30
Redhoods	7	8	16	24
Knebworth B	10	11	5	16
Strings B	7	6	4	10

Mens 6s 26th Feb 13

DIVISION 1	P	W	L	Rbrs For	Rbrs Against
Gadebridge	8	7	1	50	22
Comets	9	7	2	52	29
Hawks	8	5	3	45	27
Harpenden	8	3	5	30	42
Bushey Barons	9	2	7	25	56
Lockers Park	8	1	7	23	49

DIVISION 2	P	W	L	Rbrs For	Rbrs Against
Kings Langley	7	6	1	41	22
Harpenden Racqueteers	10	6	4	49	41
Little Bushey	7	4	3	29	34
Cheverells	9	4	5	37	44
Warners End	7	3	4	32	22
Kings	7	3	4	29	34
Comets 2	7	1	6	19	44

Stevenage League

Division 1	P	Home Pts	Away Pts	Total Pts
Masters	10	21	28	49
Cam Gears A	9	21	15	36
St Johns A	9	13	17	30
Purwell	10	10	12	22
Vauxhall A	8	12	9	21
Strings A	9	11	7	18
Norton and Baldock	9	12	4	16

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