

## Berkshire County Youth Match Report

The second home game of the season was against Hampshire and found Berkshire looking to continue their unbeaten streak.

The day started with Jamie Cross showing why he received last season's most improved player award by throwing a very very strong last leg, however so did the Hampshire player and Jamie lost 2-1 with a 17.72. Up next was Jordan Rawlings trying to continue that winning form from the game against Surrey however, he couldn't quite get over that finishing line and lost 2-1 with an 18.88. Next player on was Michael Biddle. Unfortunately Micheal came up against a very strong player in Nathan Street who took out a 147 in the first leg, he lost 2-0 with a 15.58. Debutant Tristan Wheeler was affected by nerves and lost 2-1 with an 11.31. This left Berkshire 4-0 down and needing to break that winning run, and Robson Clarke stepped up to the mark and won 2-0 with a 16.98. Another debutant Scott Biddle followed in his brother's footsteps and lost 2-0 with a 13.07. Jamie Yates was next but lost 2-1 with an 18.49. Justin Webb got another win on the board and put in another man of the match performance winning 2-0 with a 19.65. Last game of the under 18's was Harry Deamer who had a few missed darts at the double but was clinical enough to get that win, 2-0 with an 15.66. This left the score 6-3 to Hampshire.

It was down to the girls to try and get the score level; up first was Sophie continuing her unbeaten run winning 2-0 with a 13.36. Chloe then got her first win for Berkshire and secured that ladies win by taking a nice 62 checkout in the last leg to win 2-1 with an 11.65. That left Hayley playing the last game and securing a wonderful 3-0 win for Berkshire, against a Hampshire ladies team that hasn't been beaten for 3 seasons, she won 2-1 with a 17.48 as well as receiving the lady of the match award. With the score now 6-6 it was down to the Under 21's to try and get the third win for Berkshire.

Up first Nathan Cross tried to get back to winning ways but came up against a very strong Hampshire player and was beaten 3-1 with a 15.89. James Betts then played ex Berkshire Youth player Luke Humphries and even with a bit of crowd interference won 3-2 with a 20.70. This brought the scores back level and meant that we needed two from the next three to get that third overall win. Captain Ryan Newton didn't get one of those two wins, losing 3-1 in an under par performance by his standards, 17.51. This left the last two players needing to win, birthday boy Ian Sandland was the fourth player but unfortunately lost 3-0 with a 16.51. The last game of the day saw Scott Vickery play a very good game but unfortunately so did the Hampshire player and Scott lost 3-2, 20.65.

The overall result was a 10-7 win to Hampshire. However this is still a very good result against a very strong team who are top of the table. The last game of the year is home to Kent on the 15<sup>th</sup> December.