

# Double triumph puts the Rodbourne in the clear at the top

**RODBOURNE** Cheney have pulled 20 points clear of nearest rivals Wroughton at the top of Division One of the Stroud and Swindon sponsored Swindon and District 4-Rink Bowls League, writes RAY BURROUGHS.

In the latest round of matches Cheney rattled up 26 points from two matches with a 86-76 win over Town Gardens and a 95-64 success over Stratton Churchways A.

Winning on all four rinks against

## SWINDON & DISTRICT BOWLING ASSOCIATION STROUD & SWINDON SPONSORED 4-RINK LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

Town Gardens 76 (2) – Barry Pittuck 16, Les Sullivan 29 (2), Tom Pittuck 16, Dave Herold 15; **Rodbourne Cheney** 86 (12) – S Rose 20 (2), D Terry 8, Dave Jones 23 (2), Mike Sawyer 35 (2), 6; Town Gardens 66 (10) – Tom Pittuck 10, Dave Herold 10, Barry Pittuck 19 (2), Les Sullivan 27 (2), 6; **Wootton Bassett B** 52 (4) – Richard Buckland 16 (2), E Levine 17 (2), J Pincott 9, K Mitchell 10; **Wootton Bassett A** 75 (2) – S Tait 19, M Skull 25 (2), Vic Hilton 18, Dave Edmonds 13; **Highworth** 86 (12) – Robbie Allen 28 (2), John Emmerson 13, Clive Humphreys 20 (2), Martin Hope 25 (2), 6; **Faringdon** 79 (10) – Maurice Simpson 22 (2), John Durham 11, John Osbourne 20, Roger De Bank 26 (2), 6; **Westlecot B** 74 (4) – John Thomas 14, Jamie Titcombe 27 (2), Ian Henery 21 (2), Danny Gibbon 12.

**Wroughton** 91 (13) – Stan Clapton 29 (2), Jim Hunter 18 (2), Mo Lowes 19 (1), Roger Cornish 25 (2), 6; **Purton** 60 (1) – Eric Dodson 9, Vic Austin 12, John Williams 19 (1), R Wheeler 20.

**Rodbourne Cheney** 95 (14) – Dave Jones 25 (2), Mike Sawyer 22 (2), Steve Cornish 22 (2), Tony Flemington 26 (2), 6; **Stratton Churchways A** 64 (0) – Dave Humphreys 17, Alan Gough 16, Alan Bracewell 17, Ian Gough 14.

**Cricklade** 65 (4) – Colin Missen 9, Dennis Mitchell 14, Eric Collier 24 (2), John Witts 18 (2); **Shrivenham** 80 (10) – B Griffiths 26 (2), Roy Dixon 23 (2), Mike Teagle 15, Barry Hayward 16, 6.

### DIVISION TWO

**Marlborough** 57 (0) – S Haddock 15, Geoff Jones 17, Mick Bevan 8, S White 17; **Westlecot A** 97 (14) – John Garrett 20 (2), Dennis Glaister 28 (2), Keith Wiffen 25 (2), Denis Coombs 24 (2), 6.

**Haydon Wick** 92 (14) – Barry Crippen 30 (2), Dave Richards 18 (2), T Bluett 19 (2), Mark Richman 25 (2), 6; **Garrards** 61 (0) – Clive Herbert 8, John Wallis 17, Chris Payne 17, George Hart 19.

**Wanborough** 98 (12) – R Miller 29 (2), John Emmins 24 (2), Dave Woodbridge 30 (2), A Wells 15, 6; **West End** 63 (2) – Dave Richards 13, K Hillier 15, R Woo 16, A Brewer 19 (2).

**Supermarine A** 84 (11) – Kevin Mitchell 19 (1), Eddie Boulton 26 (2), S Axton 22 (2), Brian Brown 17, 6; **Supermarine B** 82 (3) – Peter Blackler 19 (1), Bill Jordan 23, Alan Wilkinson 15, Jack Peterson 25 (2).

**Swindon** 89 (14) – Don Clarke 18 (2), Norman New 26 (2), Geoff Porte 18 (2), Les Cox 27 (2), 6; **Stratton Churchways B** 58 (0) – Terry Brown 14, John Kirtan 15, Arthur Baker 15, Jack Haydon 14.

**Westlecot A** 74 (4) – Keith Wiffen 24 (2), Graham Roberts 26 (2), Dennis Glaister 16, John Garrett 8; **Swindon** 99 (10) – Norman New 10, Don Clarke 22, Geoff Porte 26 (2), Harry Langley 41 (2), 6.

**Garrards** 75 (12) – Dave Williams 23 (2), George Hart 20 (2), Chris Payne 14, John Wallis 18 (2), 6; **Penhill** 73.5 (2) – Irvine Miller 17, Brian Hillier 16.5, S Isted 23 (2), Jim Weeks 17.

**Supermarine B** 68 (4) – Peter Blackler 20 (2), Bill Jordan 19 (2), Alan Wilkinson 19, Jack Peterson 10; **County Ground** 81 (10) – Ivor Rumble 19, Peter Bazley 16, Tom Willis 20 (2), C Austin 26 (2), 6.

**Stratton Churchways B** 60 (2) – Terry Brown 16, Arthur Baker 12, John Kirtan 11, Jack Haydon 21 (2); **North End** 71 (12) – John Witcomb 20 (2), John Pheby 23 (2), Ray Dear 21 (2), Keith Baker 7, 6.

**West End** 62 (4) – C Harvey 5, K Hillier 17, A Adams 19 (2), I Wilmot 21 (2); **Supermarine A** 83 (10) – Kevin Mitchell 35 (2), S Axton 20 (2), Brian Brown 17, Eddie Boulton 11, 6.

**Wanborough** 92 (14) – Dave Woodbridge 22 (2), R Miller 17 (2), John Emmins 34 (2), A Wells 19 (2), 6; **Haydon Wick** 48 (0) – S Barker 14, Barry Crippen 11, J Hunt 8, Mark Richman 15.

## SWINDON & DISTRICT 4-RINK LEAGUE

### DIVISION ONE

	P	Pt	F	A	Diff
Rod/Cheney.....	15	164	1282	1021	261
Wroughton.....	15	144	1237	1056	181
Highworth.....	14	131	1160	1000	160
Westlecot B.....	15	113	1168	1143	25
Wootton Bass A...14	103	1107	1085	22	
Shrivenham.....	15	102	1158	1153	5
Faringdon.....	15	100	1076	1130	-54
Stratt Church A...15	96	1135	1146	-11	
Wootton Bass B...16	85	1135	1206	-139	
Town Gardens....16	85	1135	1263	-128	
Purton.....	15	65	1055	1213	-158
Cricklade.....	14	56	976	1140	-164

### DIVISION TWO

	P	Pt	F	A	Diff
Supermarine A....17	161	1296	1225	71	
Swindon.....	16	156	1396	1058	338
Wanborough.....	14	138	1148	915	233
Marlborough.....	15	135	1243	1077	166
Haydon Wick.....	17	132	1360	1265	95
Stratt Church B...17	124	1299	1204	95	
West End.....	17	106	1252	1375	-123
County Ground...16	103	1186	1186	0	
North End.....	15	94	1045	1172	-127
Garrards.....	18	93	1187	1438	-251
Supermarine B....17	92	1206	1317	-111	
Westlecot A.....	16	89	1157	1199	-42
Penhill.....	15	47	992	1335	-343

Churchways, Dave Jones beat Dave Humphreys 25-17, Mike Sawyer had six shots to spare over Alan Gough 22-16, Steve Cornish beat Alan Bracewell 22-17 and Tony Flemington weighed in with a 26-14 win over Ian Gough.

Second placed Wroughton beat Purton 91-60 with good rink wins by Stan Clapton, Jim Hunter and Roger Cornish. Mo Lowes and John Williams shared the spoils on their rink 19 shots apiece.

## BOWLS

Highworth kept in touch with the leaders beating Wootton Bassett A 86-75, winning on three rinks. M Skull picked up two points for Bassett beating John Emmerson 25-13.

At the other end of the table bottom club Cricklade lost at home to Shrivenham 80-65 despite winning on two rinks.

John Witts beat Barry Hayward

18-16 and Eric Collier accounted for Mike Teagle 24-15.

However match winners for the visitors were the rinks of B Griffiths who beat Colin Missen 26-9 and Roy Dixon who registered a 23-14 win over Dennis Mitchell.

In Division Two Supermarine A lead the section by eight points from Swindon with Wanborough staging a late dash for the honours in third spot.

Supermarine A gained an 83-62

victory over West End, both clubs winning on two rinks apiece.

Swindon beat Westlecot A 99-74, the Swindon rink of Harry Langley inflicting a heavy defeat on John Garrett 41-8.

Wanborough picked up all 14 points against Haydon Wick beating the visitors 92-48.

Penhill just failed to chalk up their second victory of the season going down 75-73 against Garrards.



## Emma-Kate sixth in Antwerp 'half'

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EUROPEAN amateur triathlon champion Emma-Kate Lidbury pushed the professionals to their very limits in her first ever 70.3 race in Antwerp at the weekend.

The former Advertiser reporter clocked a blistering time of 4:22:32 to finish sixth on her 'half Ironman' debut, including a personal best 1:26:30 for the running leg.

The 70.3 gets its name from the distance covered over the three disciplines – a 1.2 mile swim, 56 mile bike and 13.1 mile run.

Lidbury emerged from the water after 23:58 hot on the heels of multiple Ironman winner Belinda Granger, from Australia, who went on to win the race.

The Cricklade athlete then battled a rain storm and the onset of fatigue to dismount her bike in 10th place.

Expecting to drop down the field during the run, Lidbury surprised everyone, herself included, by posting her fastest ever half-marathon time.

She chased down four other athletes during the three-lap circuit through Antwerp City to finish a highly creditable sixth, much to her delight.

"Not only was this double the distance I usually race but I was also given a pro slot so was racing against some seriously fast professionals," Lidbury revealed.

"My top-end goal was to finish the race in four and a half hours, so to run 4:22 was a real bonus.

"All in all, it was a great first 70.3 race. I proved a lot to myself, proved I can cut it in the pro ranks and even won some cash".

Lidbury won't have much time to put her feet up however. She is racing against the professionals again on Sunday in the Mazda London Tri.



**EXHIBITION** Pictured (l-r): ABA coach Simon Knowles, middleweight Kelvin Young, former Penhill boxer Mickey Gilliver, Frankie Nicoll, senior coach Bobby Gwynne, Vern McGomery, Swindon professional boxer Jamie Cox, Freddie Nicoll, and Jordan Gilliver; front: Simon Knowles Jnr

## Penhill add some punch

### BOXING

PENHILL ABC showed their gratitude to 24-Hour Gym director Vern Montgomery by giving an exhibition of pad work at the facility's recent charity event.

Montgomery, a former Thamesdown ABC boxer, made his weights and training equipment available to the club as they honed their preparations for the start of the new season in September.

Swindon professional Jamie Cox was also on hand.