

OUTSTANDING DOUBLE FOR WEST END!

West End's men went to Stony Stratford on Thursday evening very much the underdogs in the preliminary round of the National" Top Club "competition. After Ray East and Dave Vicentijevic both lost their singles matches it looked to be too much of an uphill task for the visitors but an outstanding recovery firstly saw Club Captain Roger Head and his partner Jim McLuckie win their pairs match. With one wood left they were in a losing position but Roger turned the match on its head, taking the final end by 3 shots to win the tie by 19-18. The triple of Mike Booth, Steve Cornell and Mike Briars then won their match 22-18. The tie was then even at 2 matches each with the rink match being the decider. With darkness falling, Stony's quartet went into the final end leading by 18 shots to 16 looking to be firm favourites but Rob Lawson, Keith Hofman, John Nash and Eric Evans had other ideas taking the end by 4 shots and the match by 20-18 leaving West End winners of the tie by three matches to 2. West End will be at home to Wolverton Town in the first round.

On Sunday morning, the ladies pulled off an equally memorable victory as they too beat Stony Stratford in their away tie in Ladies "Top Club". Maxine McLuckie, playing the singles match, went into a strong lead of 15 shots to 3 and although Stony pulled back to 18-14, Maxine won the match 21-15. The West End pair of Joelle Jones and Brenda Hopcraft, level going into 17th end of their match, managed a win by 20 shots to 18. The triple of Pat Costello Joan Brazier and Lyn East were up against very strong opposition and put up a good fight but the end result was a win for Stony Stratford. The four of Joyce Hedger, Angie Reeve, Adele Farmery and Jenny Evans End were always in front and despite a spirited fight back from the Stony quartet, won by 18 shots to 17 to give the tie to West End by 3 matches to 1. In the next round, they will be away to either Woburn Sands or Newport Pagnell.

In mid-week friendly matches, the Ladies beat Brackley by 42-38 (Brenda Filmer, Joan Brazier and Adele Farmery lost 12-13. Rita Banks, Joelle Jones and Maxine McLuckie won 17-15 and Joyce Hedger, Angie Reeve and Brenda Hopcraft won 13-10). They also beat Wingrave 36-26 (Pam How and Tula Boddy won 21- 8 and Anne Exelby, Angie Reeve and Lyn East lost 15-18).

On Saturday, away to Scot Bowls Club, West End lost 78-81. (Angie Reeve, Alan How and Eric Evans lost 12-23. Pam How, Geoff Shaw and Roger Head won 14-10. Herby Taylor, Arthur Rayner and Lyn East won 18-16. Pat Costello, David Hamilton and Steve Cornell won 28-8 and Mike Booth, Ray East and Jenny Evans lost 8-24).

On Sunday, a Yorkshire League team visited West End and were victorious with an 86-97 score line. (Ray East, Mike Booth, Joelle Jones and Roger Head won 21-11. John Cooper, Keith Hopcraft, Adele Farmery and Eric Evans lost 8-26. Joyce Hedger, Ian Roberts, Steve Cornell and Mike Briars lost 14-20. Jim McLuckie, Jan Roberts, John Cunningham and Joan Brazier won 1-11. Wendy Cooper, Ian Jones, Mike Farmery and Brenda Hopcraft won 20-10 and John Brazier, Herby Taylor, John Nash and Maxine McLuckie lost 7-19.)

