

OBA Men's League
Burford v South Oxford
 At Oxford 16th July 2026

	Burford	shots	points	South Oxford	shots	points
R1	J. Lafford	15	1	K. Mobley	13	0
R2	B. Parker	17	0	N. Whiting	25	1
R3	J. Hurren	20	1	D. Tidball	15	0
R4	S. Gould	16	1	R. Green	13	0
	Aggregate		2	Aggregate		0
	TOTAL	68	5	TOTAL	66	1

Division 2 leaders, South Oxford played host to second placed Burford and this proved a very tight match on all rinks. Burford's Bob Parker and his team were 11-11 after 8 ends, but Neil Whiting's team surged ahead for a 25-17 win after a strong second half. Burford won the other three rinks by relatively small margins and there was a lot of interest in the final game to finish, as overall Burford were only one shot ahead of their opponents with one end to play. South Oxford took the lead until, new bowler Dave Lewis produced an accurate draw to take the jack back slightly. Later players effectively blocked the routes to take this shot out, but Burford were delighted to retain this lead to win another shot and overall victory by 5 -1 points.

Witney Mills reminded the top two teams that they were still in the promotion race by beating Carton B by 67-58 shots and 5 points. Darren Wakeman's rink took the only point for Carterton beating Chris Weller by 19-21. All other rinks were close, but the Millers won all three to close the gap on the top two teams.

West Witney secured the other win in the division by beating luckless Banbury Borough 66-57, taking 4 of the points. Dave Leighfield and Andy McIntyre both won with 21 shots against their opponents, with John Brooks and T. Cooper taking a point each from their Witney opponents. The latter had a late scare as Shep found a 4 shot advantage on the last end. The win for West Witney should help to retain a place in the second division next year.