

Oxfordshire Mixed Triples League

v West Witney

At West Witney 29th July 2025

BURFORD		shots	points	WEST WITNEY		shots	points
R1	Bob Parker	10	0	Andy M		21	2
R2	John Hurren	18	2	Shep		11	0
R3	Steve Gould	15	0	Kevin A		18	2
R4	Jack Lafford	20	2	David C		9	0
	Aggregate		4	Aggregate			0
	TOTAL	63	8	TOTAL		59	4

Too early in the league for this match to be called a decider but it certainly will go a long way in setting the final positions. An overcast evening with rain threatening was further made gloomy when we saw the team West Witney put out, not many “top” players left in the cupboard.

This prophecy of doom looked to be correct when on Rink1 Bob Parker’s triple met with an opposition skip for whom nothing went wrong!! With us holding several shots his final bowl always seemed to either reduce our score or moved the jack to give them several shots. At the 10th end the score was 2-16 and projecting that forwards we were looking at a 20+ drubbing. Undaunted Bob kept plugging away but even at 5-21 at the 15th end it was still not going to be our evening. Five shots gained on the last three ends brought us to double figures and an 11-shot defeat which could have been so much worse! John Hurren on Rink2 found themselves 2-6 down at the 6th end but pulled back to 6-6 at the 8th end. The 9th end was tied and then seven-shots on the next two ends put John’s triple 13-6 up and this seven-shot advantage was maintained for the remainder of the game to finish 18-11. A great start on Rink3 saw Steve Gould take a 9-0 lead at the 4th end but this was reduced to parity at 10-10 at the 10th end. Losing eight-shots to five-shots over the final ends gave a 15-18 loss. Jack Lafford played the real captain’s role on Rink4 where his triple were 13-2 up at the 8th end and gave no quarter for the remainder of the game matching their opponents scoring shots to finish well deserved winners at 20-9.

The aggregate score was still not known when Rinks2 and 3 were both on the final ends with Rinks1 and 4 completed at -11 on Rink1 and +11 on Rink4. Going into the final ends Rink2 was +6 and Rink3 was -5 so +1 overall, +1 on Rink2 and +2 on Rink3 gave us an aggregate advantage of +4 so what could have been 4-8 against or 6-6 draw fortunately finished 8-4 to us. The old adage of every shot counts really was the case in this match.