



Weald on top at NJL London Academy

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Division 1

Weald won Division 1 for a second time, although by a greater margin of four points this time. Graham Spicer, promoted from Division 2 on Day 2 outdid themselves, by being runners-up in Division 1 on Day 3.

No player fared better than 8/10 this time and that feat was achieved by Timmy Walters of Darenth A at the No 1 position and by both Alejandro Ito-Aramendia of South Croydon A and Shem Lejarde of Weald, both at the No 2 position. Horsham Spinners were without their No 3 player and struggled to make an impact and will find themselves in Division 2 for Day 4.

Division 2

A rampant London Academy A team won Division 2, only dropping three singles matches all day and so will be in the top flight for the final day. Their No 2, Octavian Aparaschivei, finished the day with 10/10. He was well supported by team-mates Sajad Ali (at No 3) with 9/10 & Daniel Oluwamayowa (at No 1) with 8/10.

Moberly A, previous winners of Division 1, could only manage second place in Division 2 on Day 3. Their No 1 & 2 players, Jack Sander & Nikolas Brown respectively both won a respectable 8/10. Darenth B fielded an understrength team, as they were missing their No 1 & 2 players and the team only picked up two points all day. They will therefore be in Division 3 for Day 4.

Division 3

South Croydon B won Division 3, four points clear of second-placed London Academy B and will move up to Division 2 for Day 4. The outstanding player in this division was Harshil Shah of Twickenham Brunswick A with 10/10 at the No 1 position, but another player to impress was 10-year-old Francesco Bonato of RBKC B, who won 9/10 at the No 1 position.

Saj Gandepalli of South Croydon B also got 9/10 (from the No 3 position) on his debut in NJL. Aryan Shrivastava

of London Academy B also did well, with 8/9 from the No 3 position. The team to be relegated from Division 3 is RBKC E.

Division 4

Twickenham Brunswick B achieved the same feat on Day 3, as their A team did on Day 2, as they both won Division 4 and are promoted to Division 3 for Day 4. Brighton City C was 2 points behind them in second place.

The best averages were achieved by the No 2 players from London Academy C and Brighton City D, George Jackson and Louis Vaughan-Drake respectively, who both scored 9/10. Brighton City E finished 6th & will compete in Division 5 on Day 4 (assuming there still are 5 divisions on Day 5-RBKC may lose a few teams on Day 4 so I hear).

Division 5

London Academy D was the most dominant team on Day 3, as they won Division 5, only conceding two singles matches and will therefore jump up to Division 4 on Day 4. Their No 1 Alex Armah, won 10/10 and was very well supported by his team-mates Sayan & Sienna Jetha (Nos 2 & 3 respectively), who both defeated nine opponents out of 10. RBKC H finished in second place, two points ahead of their F team, but were nine points behind London Academy D.

Please note that for Day 3, Divisions 5 & 6, previously two divisions of four teams, were merged into one division of six teams, as two teams did not attend.

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