

Altrincham Bridge Club Teams report

Manchester County League - June 2015

There are 7 divisions in the Manchester League and ABC is represented in every division.

Division 7

Conjurers has 5 ABC members, Jennie Birchall, Jeanette Owen, Margaret Harris, Pat Turner and Judith Eva and the team finished 8th in the league.

Division 6

Overtricks Lunatics (Faye Georgiou and Sanjeet Kamath) came second and are promoted to Division 5 but The Unconventionals (Christine Brierley) were 8th and are relegated.

Division 5

A Late Quartet (Patti Chetham, Jacqueline Rich, Marsha Gee, Adrienne Stone and Michelle Boven) finished 7th, Radbroke Bandits (Jim Regan, Steve Reynolds) finished 8th while The Four Dummies, (Barbara Eastabrook, Lilian Syme, Karen Jones, Judy Yates, Adam Wiseberg, Jonathan Engler and Susan McGeechan) finished last and are relegated but after being promoted two years running shouldn't be downhearted.

Division 4

There were 4 teams with ABC players in this division. Congratulations to Altrincham Z (Roy Higginbottom, Stephen Halstead, Liz Halstead and Joan Lewis) who were runners up and are promoted to Division 3 for the first time. There were also good performances from Skaters (Vivian Newgrosh and Barry Newgrosh) and The Transfers (Jeffery Marks, Sandra Marks, Susan Lentin and Ruth Bertfield) who finished 3rd and 4th respectively. Unfortunately, Monton Misfits (George Wilson) finished last and are relegated.

Division 3

New Connections (Roger Hopton, David Fussell and Janet Tolan) finished runners up and are promoted to division 2. Rejuvenated (John Fitzgerald, Howard Kay and Richard Acaster) were 4th, City Aces (Harold Weinstock) 7th and Altrincham A (Anne Jordan, Ann Edwards, Geoff Hull, Ken Hughes, and for the last match Joan Lewis and Roy Higginbottom) had a difficult season due to Geoff's eye operations and just escaped relegation.

Division 2

DASH (Ken Hassell, Raymond Semp, David Olliver, Ian Kane and Sid Travers) won the division fairly comfortably and return to Division 1. Tempo (Steve Mattinson, Pauline Lang) came 4th and Red Bull (Ed Glinert) 8th while Cheap Tricks (Mohammed Jabbar) and Farokh's Googlies (Carol Maman, George Leigh and Peter Jackson) came 10th and 11th respectively and are relegated to Division 3.

Division 1

St Titus (Gary Hyett) finished second for the second year in a row.

Higson Cup and Plate

Tempo, Red Bull, Altrincham A and Cheap Tricks qualified for the Cup final and finished 6th, 8th, 9th and 11th respectively while City Aces won the Plate Final.

The Northern League

This is an 8 county competition for teams of eight, with 3 divisions, A, B and C. This season, Manchester entered two teams in Division A and one each in the other two Divisions. Manchester A, first team, won the division and go through to the National Super Final. Gary Hyett represented this team while Ken Hassell, Ian Kane, Raymond Semp and Sid Travers represented the other A team and David Olliver, Steve Mattinson and Pauline Lang the B team. Roger Hopton, Roy Higginbottom, Joan Lewis, Geoff Hull, Ann Edwards and Ken Hughes represented the C team.