

## **Team Chichester –v- UWE Bristol – Round 5**

### **BRISTOL 2-3 CHICHESTER**

**Mohammed El Shorbagy** 3-2 Nafiizwan Adnan 11/5, 9/11, 8/11, 11/7, 12/10 (56m)

**David Evans** 3-0 Robbie Temple 11/6, 11/9, 11/4 (20m)

Lucas Serme 0-3 **Olly Pett** 10/12, 8/11, 9/11 (38m)

Tom Ford 1-3 **Anthony Graham** 11/9, 7/11, 4/11, 13/15 (52m)

Kip Quiney 0-3 **Lauren Briggs** 4/11, 4/11, 6/11

Last week Chichester Racquets & Fitness Club's Premier Squash League team travelled westwards to play UWE Bristol, in round 5 of the PSL. This was the final match of the first half of the season and with 2 wins and 2 losses to date the Chichester squad aimed to go into the second half with another victory; thereby keeping the team in contention for the semi-final play-offs.

On paper it looked set to be a close contest and on this occasion the supporters for both teams were treated to an evening of superb squash. Chichester's squad comprised Nafiizwan Adnan World Ranked 32, Robbie Temple WR61, Olly Pett WR66, Anthony Graham WR117 and Lauren Briggs WR35.

Lauren, who has proved to be an incredible replacement for Dom Lloyd-Walter over the past 2 seasons, was as reliable as ever. Lauren kick-started the team's quest for victory, with a commanding 0.3 win over junior player Kip Quiney.

0.1 to Chichester

Chichester's Olly Pett played a solid match throughout. Despite his opponent fighting back in both the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> games, Pett maintained control and concentration and closed out the match 0.3.

0.2

Robbie Temple was out of sorts in his match against former British Open Champion, David Evans, and, in a match lasting 20 minutes, lost 3.0; Bristol was back in the hunt.

1.2.

Anthony Graham sealed the win for Chichester with a 1.3 victory against Junior U19 No.4, Tom Ford. Graham is clearly a player to watch for in the future.

1.3 to Chichester and the match won

Finally Nafiizwan Adnan (WR32) went on court to face the might of World No.6 Mohammed El Shorbagy. Shorbagy started very strongly and hit ferocious drives to take the first 11/5. Adnan then changed his game plan and mixed it up and slowed it down. He hit some great lobs to carve out a 1.2 lead in games. He then faltered in the 4<sup>th</sup> to allow Shorbagy back in to set up a decider.

They were neck and neck until Adnan forged ahead 7/9 when he was denied a point to take him to 7/10 and 3 match points. Now at 8/9 the match was getting tense. Adnan had a match point at 9/10 but failed to convert and Shorbagy eventually took the match 12/10.

At the end of the night it was a 2.3 victory for Chichester. A fantastic contest overall, in particular the number one strings which was, arguably, one of the best seen in the PSL by many of the spectators.

Chichester reached its goal and now goes into the 2<sup>nd</sup> half with 3 victories and 2 losses and still with a chance of making the play-offs. The updated tables confirm that the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> (Chichester) placed teams all have the same number of wins and losses; it couldn't be much closer this year.

The next home match is on 31 January; Chichester's opponents will be the St. George's Hill squad, which is only 2 points ahead in Group B. With, hopefully, the top 4 men available on the night, Chichester needs to maintain its winning momentum to stand any chance of a semi-final place. Tickets are on sale now – Tel: 785664

Mike Phillips - Team Chichester Manager

## PSL TABLES (after Round FIVE)

	TiesP	TiesW	TiesL	MatchesW	MatchesL	GamesW	GamesL	Points
<b>Group A</b>								
Duffield	4	4	0	17	3	54	14	74
Oxford	4	3	1	13	7	41	35	56
Nottingham	4	2	2	10	10	41	36	51
Birmingham	4	1	3	5	15	23	48	28
Pontefract	4	0	4	5	15	23	49	23
<b>Group B</b>								
Surrey H&R	5	4	1	16	9	56	35	76
Exeter	5	3	2	15	10	55	38	70
St George's Hill	5	3	2	13	12	47	43	62
Chichester	5	3	2	12	13	45	52	60
Winchester	5	2	3	13	12	46	43	56
Bristol	5	0	5	6	19	24	62	24