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Andy is obviously disappointed with his Runner's Up trophy!

LUDC staged this year's doubles tournament on Wednesday 22nd of February. 12 pairs entered the competition this year to try and take the title off the 2004/05 Champions Lee and Elaine.

There were 30 matches in the group stages, 15 in each group. The draw had been particularly harsh on the people who were theoretical favourites with Paul and James, Alex and Drew, Chris and Ben, Punisher and Richard and Andy and Alan R all being drawn into League I.

Andy and Alan R won every match except their match against Chris and Ben, who recovered well after losing their opening two matches against Punisher and Richard and Alex and Drew. Ben and Andy hit the most 140s grabbing two each whereas Punisher was hitting form with 5 ton scores. The Ton-o-Meter has been updated to reflect these scores.

Will and Spooner were heading to go unbeaten through League II until a late slip up against Lee and Elaine meaning they were forced into a playoff match against Punisher and Richard. The League I pair had to win their last match against Alex and Drew by more than 62 points to proceed out of the group stage. Punisher hit the double with Alex and Drew back on 106 to set up a playoff with Willard and Spooner. Punisher and Richard battled through the nerves to take the playoff with Willard and Spooner back on 400+ to set up a semi final against League I winners Alan R and Andy.

Chris and Ben lost their opening two matches to come back strong, winning their next three including a nice 31 dart leg. This set them up against Shrek and Dave in the other play off match. Shrek and Dave took this to send them through to the semi final against Tibbers and Maverick, who finished top of their group with 4 wins and 1 defeat at the hands of Will and Spooner.

Madman and Robert failed to register a win, as did Jade and Charlie but it was great to see pairs taking part this year. Paul and James were relatively disappointing only taking victories against Punisher and Richard and Madman and Robert.

In the first semi final Tibbers and Maverick could not continue their good league form with a 2-0 defeat to the hands of Shrek and Dave. In the other semi final, Andy and Alan R took a tense encounter against Richard and Punisher.

This set up a tense and dramatic final between Dave and Shrek and Andy and Alan. Nerves obviously showed in the early legs as Andy and Alan R raced into a 2-0 lead and looked to have the title in the bag. Some strong scoring for Shrek and Dave (particularly Dave on the 19s) saw them pull the match back to 2-2. The final leg saw Alan R wire a 120 outshot and Dave straight after wiring a 92 outshot. However, Shrek doubled out on double 2 to take the winner's trophies in a dramatic come back!