

## H&D Report 2024-25

Last year I noted that our H&D team had “showed significant improvement”. This year, not so much!

Date	Competition	Division	Home	Away	Result	Score US-then
Thu 10/10/24	H&D League	North	Bishops Stortford	Hertford	W	3.5-1.5
Mon 14/10/24	H&D League	North	Royston	Bishops Stortford	W	3.5-1.5
Mon 11/11/24	H&D League	North	Stevenage	Bishops Stortford	W	4-1
Thu 09/01/25	H&D League	North	Bishops Stortford	Royston	L	2-3
Thu 13/02/25	H&D League	North	Hoddesdon	Bishops Stortford	L	2-3
Tue 18/03/25	H&D League	North	Hertford	Bishops Stortford	L	1.5-3.5
Thu 24/04/25	H&D League	North	Bishops Stortford	Stevenage	L	1.5-3.5
Thu 01/05/25	H&D League	North	Bishops Stortford	Hoddesdon	W	4.5-0.5

We made a good start at home to Hertford .

Bishops Stortford				Hertford			
Andrew Cowlin	1838	1	- 0	Andrew Du Boulay	1790		
Kai Rundall	1725	1	- 0	Duncan Marshall	1711		
Matt Farley	1675	0	- 1	Liam Warder	1557		
Charles Willbe	1606	0.5	- 0.5	Mike Humeniuk	1483		
Perry Greenberg	1437	1	- 0	James Green	1450		
		3.5	- 1.5				

... and followed up with an away win against Royston!

Royston				Bishops Stortford			
Board 1:	Stuart Smith	1723	0 - 1	Tim Acton	1829		
Board 2:	Stephen Pride	1584	0.5 - 0.5	Kai Rundall	1725		
Board 3:	Simon Cage	1545	1 - 0	Matt Farley	1675		
Board 4:	Arthur Andrews	1392	0 - 1	Adam Hirst	1675		
Board 5:	Peter Dargue	1368	0 - 1	Charles Willbe	1606		
			1.5 - 3.5				

... and another against Stevenage ...

Stevenage				Bishops Stortford			
Board 1:	Patrick Fitzgerald	1720	0.5 - 0.5	Neville H Twitchell	1868		
Board 2:	Meldrick Magsino	1728	0 - 1	Andrew Cowlin	1838		
Board 3:	Derick Price	1646	0.5 - 0.5	Tim Acton	1829		
Board 4:	Frank Trethewey	1631	0 - 1	Adam Hirst	1675		
Board 5:	Oscar Brod	1650	0 - 1	Matt Farley	1675		
			1 - 4				

It then went downhill! We (!) should have done better against Royston at home ...

Bishops Stortford				Royston			
Board 1:	Andrew Cowlin	1838	0.5 - 0.5	Paul Walton	1857		
Board 2:	Tim Acton	1829	0.5 - 0.5	Andrew Maclaren	1844		
Board 3:	Lara Osiyemi	1791	0 - 1	Brian Judkins	1793		
Board 4:	Matt Farley	1675	0.5 - 0.5	Stephen Pride	1584		
Board 5:	Charles Willbe	1606	0.5 - 0.5	Arthur Andrews	1392		
			2 - 3				

Away to Hoddesdon was a tighter match than it should have been – and we lost!

	Hoddesdon			Bishops Stortford			
Board 1:	Barry Lane	1791	0.5	-	0.5	Neville Twitchell	1868
Board 2:	Ashraf Hossain	1686	1	-	0	Andrew Cowlin	1838
Board 3:	Mark Beadle	1646	0	-	1	Lara Osiyemi	1791
Board 4:	Jim Ship	1638	1	-	0	Adam Hirst	1675
Board 5:	Alan Gore	1546	0.5	-	0.5	Charles Willbe	1606
			3	-	2		

... and, like last year, away to Hertford was another loss ...

	Hertford			Bishops Stortford			
Board 1:	Mark Buswell	1800	1	0	0	Tim Acton	1829
Board 2:	Andrew Du Boulay	1790	1	0	0	Kai Rundall	1725
Board 3:	Duncan Marshall	1711	0	1	1	Adam Hirst	1675
Board 4:	Nick Wooster	1693	1	0	0	Matt Farley	1675
Board 5:	Louis Cowell	1647	0.5	0.5	0.5	Charles Willbe	1606
			3.5	-	1.5		

Home to Stevenage was a bit of a disaster given that we out-graded them on every board ...

	Bishops Stortford			Stevenage			
Board 1:	Neville Twitchell	1868	0	1	0	Dominic Robinson	1793
Board 2:	Andrew Cowlin	1838	1	0	0	Oscar Brod	1653
Board 3:	Lara Osiyemi	1791	0	1	1	Frank Trethewey	1631
Board 4:	Adam Hirst	1675	0.5	0.5	0.5	Richard Cocks	1500
Board 5:	Charles Willbe	1606	0	1	1	Andy Karn	1400
			1.5	-	3.5		

In our last match, home to Hoddesdon, we managed a victory ...

	Bishops Stortford			Hoddesdon			
Board 1:	Andrew Cowlin	1838	0.5	-	0.5	Mark Beadle	1646
Board 2:	Lara Osiyemi	1791	1	0	0	Jim Ship	1638
Board 3:	Adam Hirst	1675	1	d	d	DEFAULT	
Board 4:	Matt Farley	1675	1	d	d	DEFAULT	
Board 5:	Charles Willbe	1606	1	d	d	DEFAULT	
			4.5	-	0.5		

... but we can't take ALL the credit ;-) )

So the North league finished ...

North	P	W	D	L	M	As	Pos	Neg	For	Agin
Royston	8	5	0	3	10	0	0	0	21.5	18.5
Hertford	8	4	1	3	9	0	0	0	22.5	17.5
Bishops Stortford	8	4	0	4	8	0	0	0	22.5	17.5
Hoddesdon	8	3	1	4	7	0	0	0	17.0	23.0
Stevenage	8	3	0	5	6	0	0	0	16.5	23.5

... with us failing by one point to reach the knock-out stage despite the same board score as Hertford

Many thanks for all those who played for the H&D this season.

**Charles Willbe,**

H&D Captain

... and for the nerds ...

H&D	Bishops Stortford														
Date	Thu 10/10/24	Mon 14/10/24	Mon 11/11/24	Thu 09/01/25	Thu 13/02/25	Tue 18/03/25	Thu 24/04/25	Thu 01/05/25							
Team	Hertford	Royston	Stevenage	Royston	Hoddesdon	Hertford	Stevenage	Hoddesdon							
H/A	H	A	A	H	A	A	H	H	Played	Won	Drew	Lost	Points	%	
Neville Twitchell			0.5		0.5		0		3	0	2	1	1	33%	
Andrew Cowlin	1		1	0.5	0		1	0.5	6	3	2	1	4	67%	
Tim Acton		1	0.5	0.5		0			4	1	2	1	2	50%	
Lara Osiyemi				0	1		0	1	4	2	0	2	2	50%	
Kai Rundall	1	0.5				0			3	1	1	1	1.5	50%	
Matthew Farley	0	0	1	0.5		0		1	6	2	1	3	2.5	42%	
Adam Hirst		1	1		0	1	0.5	1	6	4	1	1	4.5	75%	
Charles Willbe	0.5	1		0.5	0.5	0.5	0	1	7	2	4	1	4	57%	
Sam Richardson									0	0	0	0	0	0%	
Perry Greenberg	1								1	1	0	0	1	100%	
Nathan Wong									0	0	0	0	0	0%	
Robert Hitchings									0	0	0	0	0	0%	
Craig Osborne									0	0	0	0	0	0%	
Result	Won	Won	Won	Lost	Lost	Lost	Lost	Won							
<b>Total</b>	<b>3.5-1.5</b>	<b>3.5-1.5</b>	<b>4-1</b>	<b>2-3</b>	<b>2-3</b>	<b>1.5-3.5</b>	<b>1.5-3.5</b>	<b>4.5-0.5</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>50%</b>	
<b>Opponent grades</b>															
Date	10/10/2024	14/10/2024	11/11/2024	09/01/2025	13/02/2025	18/03/2025	24/04/2025	01/05/2025	Sep						
Team	Hertford	Royston	Stevenage	Royston	Hoddesdon	Hertford	Stevenage	Hoddesdon	2024						
H/A	H	A	A	H	A	A	H	H							
Neville Twitchell			1720		1791		1793		1868						
Andrew Cowlin	1790		1728	1857	1686		1653	1646	1838						
Tim Acton		1723	1646	1844		1800			1829						
Lara Osiyemi				1793	1646		1631	1638	1791						
Kai Rundall	1711	1584				1790			1725						
Matthew Farley	1557	1545	1650	1584		1711			1675						
Adam Hirst		1392	1631		1638	1693	1500		1675						
Charles Willbe	1483	1368		1392	1546	1647	1204		1606						
Sam Richardson									1471						
Perry Greenberg	1450								1437						
Nathan Wong									1354						
Robert Hitchings									1258						
Craig Osborne									1250						
Wins against higher graded players are shown in				GREEN	Losses to a lower graded player are shown in				RED						