

Tenpin bowling came to the UK in the late 50s and grew rapidly throughout the 60s. This was a great era for team bowling as new sponsors came into the sport sponsoring teams and tournaments alike. Household names such as Ovaltine, Rothmans, Booths Gin, Gillette, Double Diamond followed later on by Britvic, Coca Cola, Heineken, Carlsberg, Skol, Carling, Woolwich all wanting a piece of the action. Many Bowling companies also got involved such as Brunswick, Ebonite, DBA, AMF and Storm. Towards the end of the 70s singles bowling came into its own and although there were plenty of team events the great sponsored teams of the earlier years just weren't around and it was left to individual players to form teams. This report lists some of the Major Teams throughout the years together with lists of players, brief details of achievements and other players involved with each team. Photographs where available and links to files, video's and other information are also included. We need your help in completing this information so anything you have please contact David Grainger or Dom Gall on Facebook or e-mail: gravedanger300@aol.com.



Apaches

Video/Article

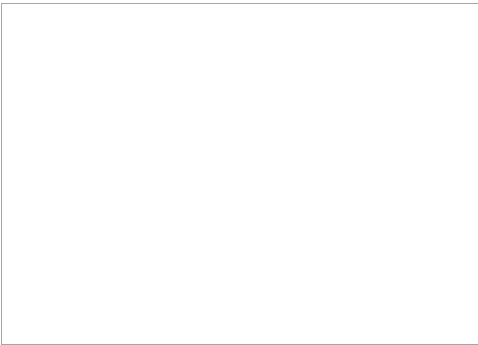
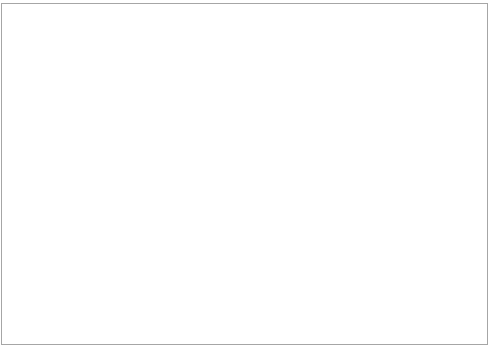
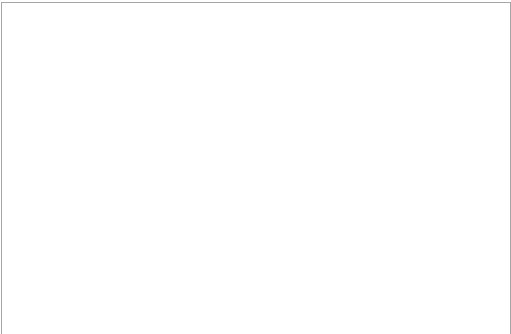


Stevenage

Players

Harry Meigham

Tom Owen



Autair

Video/Article

Crawley

Players

Kevin Hills

Syd Symonds

Graham Botting

Phil Scammell

Simon Brown

George Patel

Paul Carpenter

Attracting many of the Soutjs bowlers.

Brunswick Jets

Video/Article

London based team from the 60s and 70s, Other players D smith. Another of the "Greats" from a golden era of Team Bowling.

Various	
Players	
Joe Killan	Colin Presland
Brian Wilkins	
Chris Petty	
Steve Offord	
Jan Roze	
David Miel	



Brunswick Jettabelles

Video/Article

Various

Players

Mitzi Roze

Gita Fox

Muz Roberts

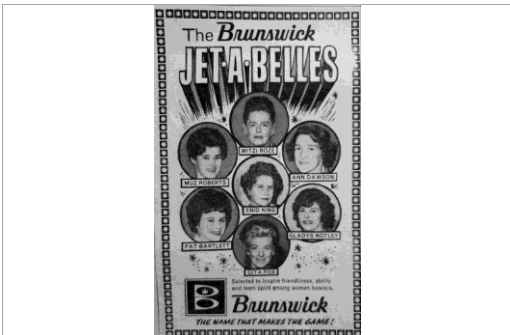
Ann Dawson

Enid King

Pat Bartlett

Gladys Notley

Top ladies team from the 60s.



Charrington House Team

Video/Article

Managed for many years by John High played tournaments in the UK and abroad. Held an annual challenge match with Stillorgan Bowl in Ireland.

Tolworth

Players

Jez Darvill

Micky Ross

Roger Peartree

Steve Offord

Colin Brown

Choppers

Video/Article

Newcastle

Players

John Strettle

John Tanner

Won Deryshire Shield in 1982 as played many domestic events.

Classics

Video/Article

Top Northern Team played all Major Events in the UK and many in Europe. Winners of the Coca Cola 5s, Britvic Inter Cities Cup, Ilkeston Sixes and the Derbyshire Shield to name just a few.

Belle Vue

Players

Norman Higginbot

Roy Higgingbottom

Del Delaney

Kevin Lamb

Mike Clancy

Loke Coleman

Steve Gomersall

Colin Grose



Committee

Video/Article

Various

Players

Buzz Morrison

Alan Chapman

Brian Newson

Colin Crowthorne

Mick Cope

Vaughn Clarke

Bill Preston

Alan Wilkinson

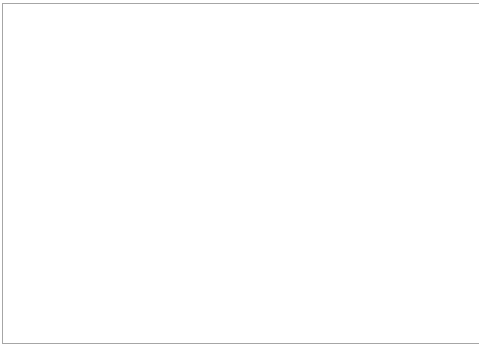
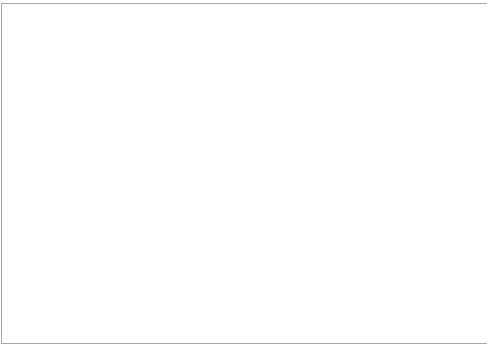
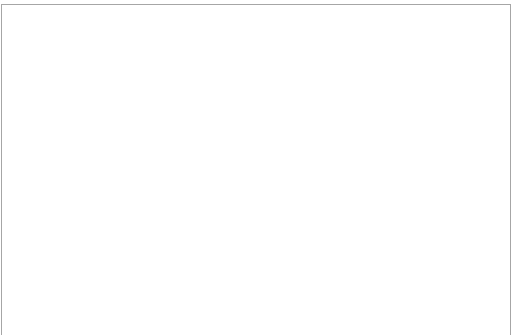
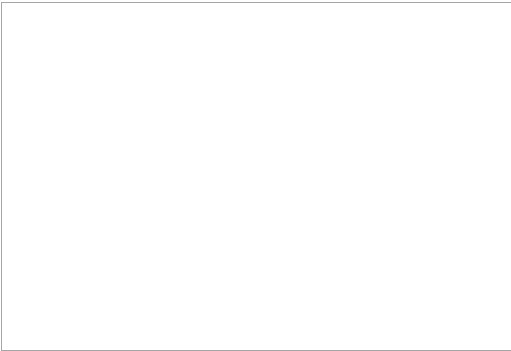
Jeff Davis

Steve Carnall

Pat Duggan

Kevin Raison

Started at Bexley Heath but added bowlers as they played many domestic tourbnaments and some in Europe. Other players Terry Saunders, Colin Rackley



Cossacks

Video/Article

Birmingham based formed in 1978. Other players Elsworth Torres, Mick Langley, Peter Holt, Kim Johnson, Billy Preston, Mike Connor, Jim O'Dwyer and Dave Taylor. Won Ilkeston Sixes in 1987 and 1989. Won SHAPE in 1984.

Acocks Green

Players

Martin Webster

Keith Hodge

Greg Turvey

Dave Huxtable

Geoff Brown

Lol Ellis

Gina Wardle

Trevor Wood

Brian Ashman

Alan Kirk

John Coote

Roy Bowers



DBA

Video/Article

Various

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L4zoLhZyL>

Players

Bernie Caterer

Cass Edwards

Ralston Reid

Nigel Thompson

Sam Pugh

Brian Michael

Alan Fawcett

Roger Creamer

Graham Maneers

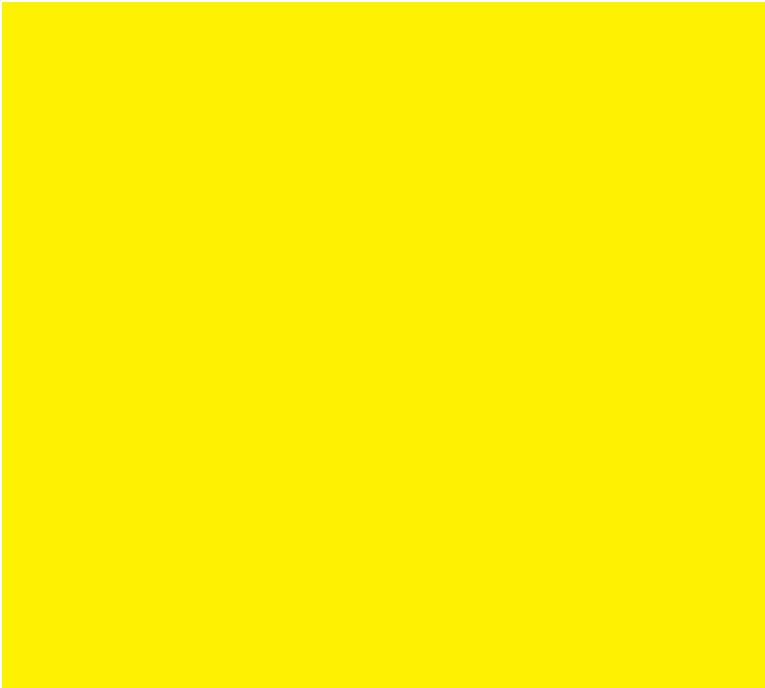
Paul Carpenter

London based attracting many of the top players of the time.



Formula

Video/Article



Manchester

Players

Mike Clancy

Kevin Lamb

Del Delaney

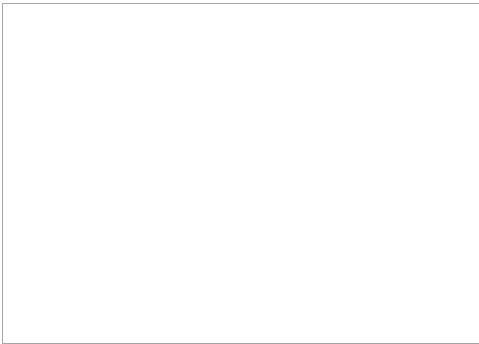
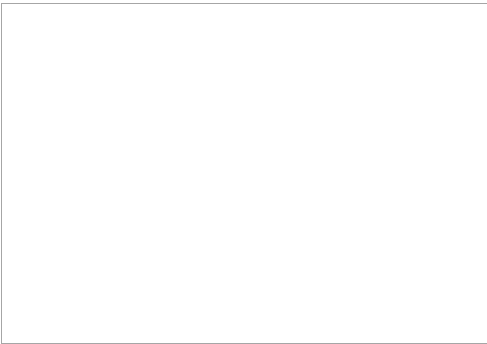
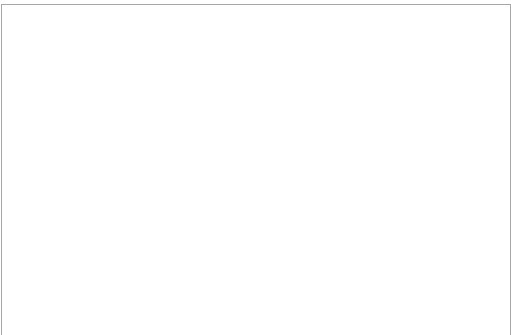
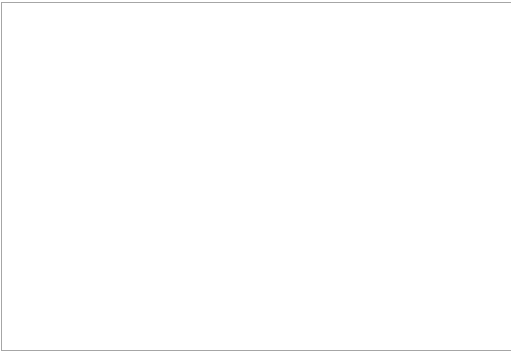
Barry Graham

Neil Chapman

Derry McCarthy

Mike Tierney

Les Sher



FS Pro Shop

Video/Article

Various

Players

Geoff Buck

Jez Darvill

Bill Middleton

Tony Collendan

Joe Pearce

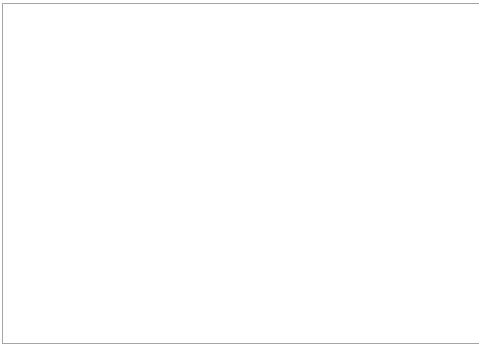
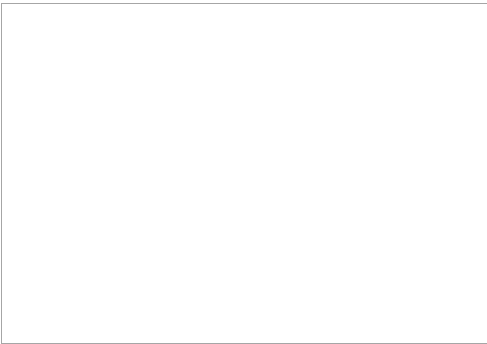
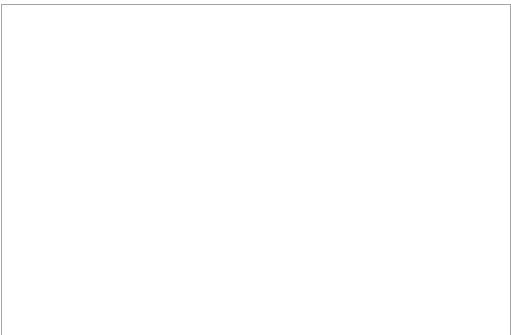
Tommy Marshall

Joanne Stametti

Shelaugh Leonnard

Norman Wilson

Frank Stametti Pro Shop sponsored team attracted bowlers from around the UIK to play major events in the UK and Europe. Winners of the Paris 5s B final in 1979. Brussels Millenium Trios winners in 1979.



Gane International (Datasc

Video/Article

Sponsored by John Egan of Gane International.
Won the BTBA Nationals in 1998. Other players,
Mark Smith, Nev Westcarr, Paul Thomas.

Leeds

Players

Paul Armitage

Craig Foster

Paul Loberman

Lol Ellis

Jack Smith

Ron Oldfield

Wayne Greenall

Nev Robinson

Nick Froggett

Stew Meadus

Ron Deacon

Paul Moor



Gateshead Metro

Video/Article

Formed in the mid 90s to play the Silk Cut National League winning in 95. Won the televised Baker Team Tournamnet in 95 shown on Sky Sports.

Various

Players

Jean Irvine

Norman Wilson

Mark Sturrock

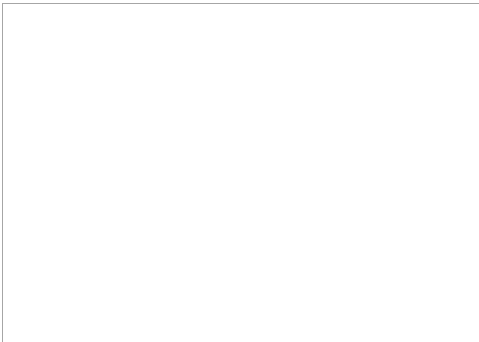
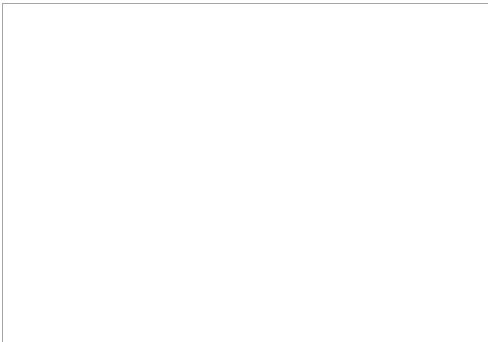
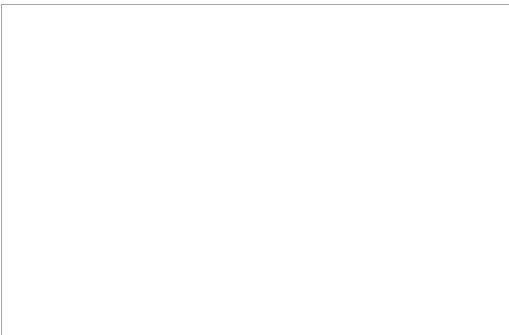
Jim Atkinson

Mick Barrett

Rickv Frolidi

Mickv Quinn

Alex Thompson



Greyhounds

Video/Article

Formed by Joe Michael, father of Brian in 60s.
London based team. Other players D Smith and J Michael.

Various

Players

Brian Michael

Len Gaston

Tony Samuels

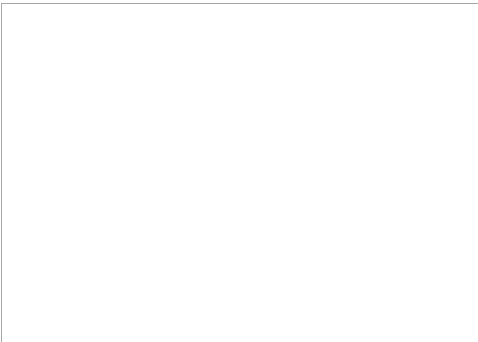
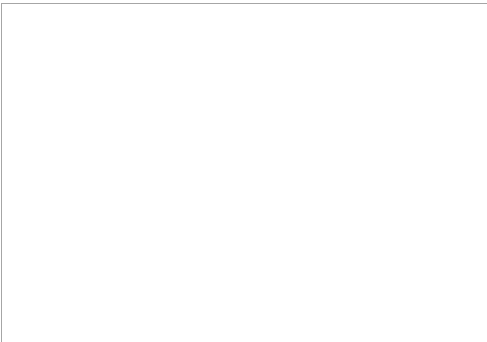
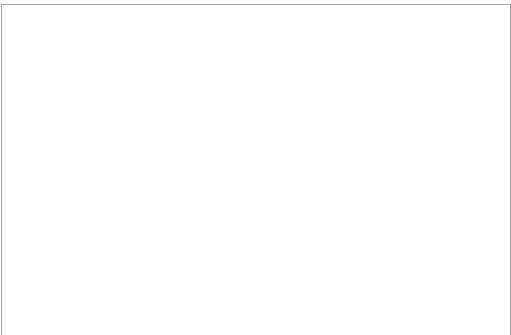
Eric Butcher

Billy Bullock

Bernie White

Brian Wilkins

Phil Russell



GT Pro Shop

Video/Article

Various

Players

Jan Hodge

Tracy Neal

Kim Oakley

Jane Turvey

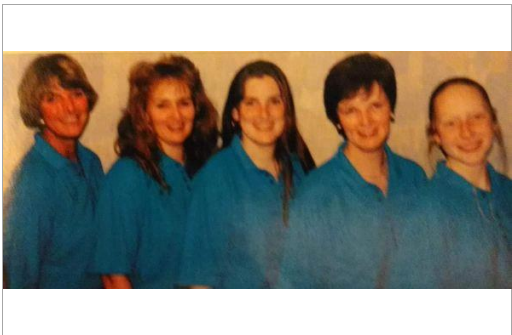
Tina Darvill

Judy Howlett

Leigh Dale

Lisa Avers

Great ladies team from the 80s and 90s not sure if there was a mens team. Won the Nationals in 1995.



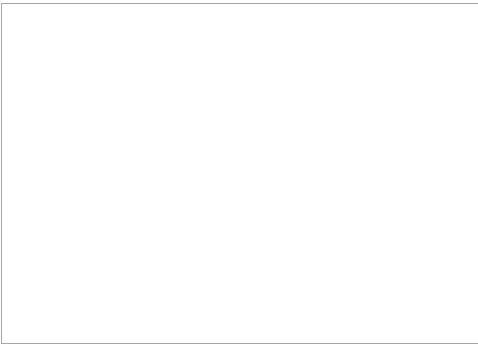
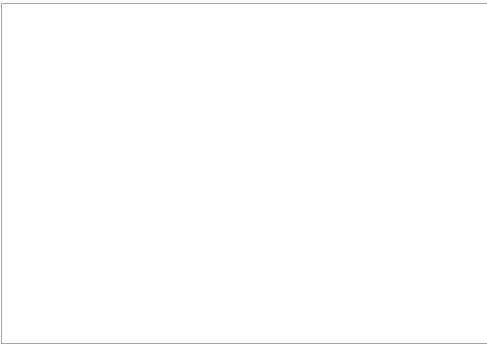
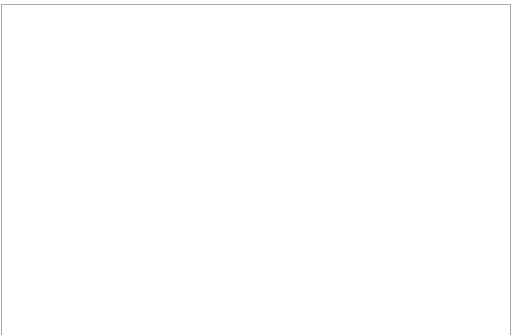
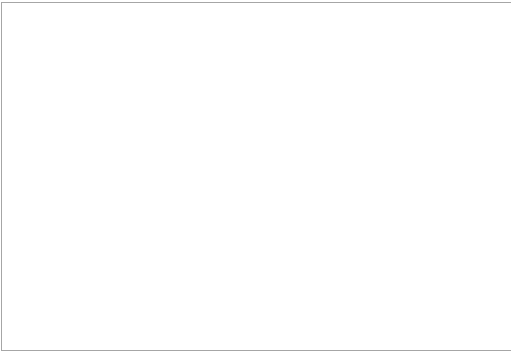
Harry Stillers Classics

Video/Article

Jon Revs other Team when he had many bowlers in his fold.

Various

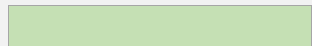
Players



Harry Stillers Racers

Video/Article

Jon Rev teams, won Paris 5s in 1968 and in 1971.
One of the dominant teams in the 60s and 70s.



Players

Ron Deacon

Dave Taylor

Edmund Claus

Tom Wooton

Jon Reeves

Bernie Caterer

Dave Staples

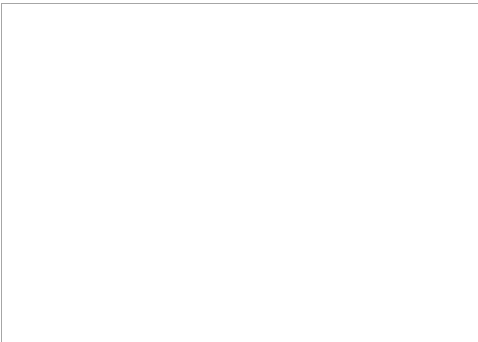
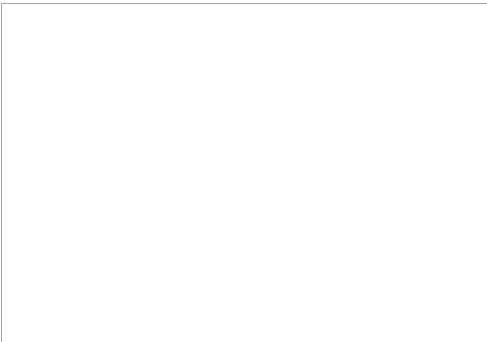
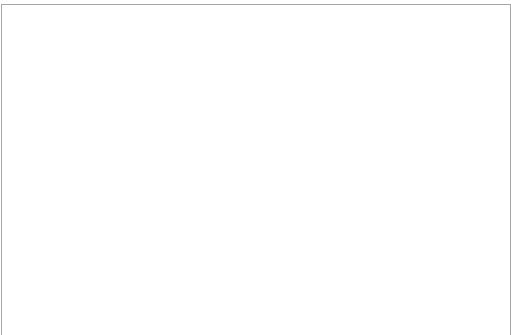
Chris Buck

Clive Thomas

Phil Russell



The Harry Stillers Racers, the most successful British team on the continent of Europe, winners of the Randol, Kewen, and runners-up in Paris. Our picture shows, left to right, standing, Bernie Caterer, Edmund Claus, John Rev (Team Manager), Tom Wooton, kneeling, Dave Taylor, Jon Rev.



London Pro Shop

Video/Article

Won Paris Fives in 2013.

Airport

Players

Richard Teece

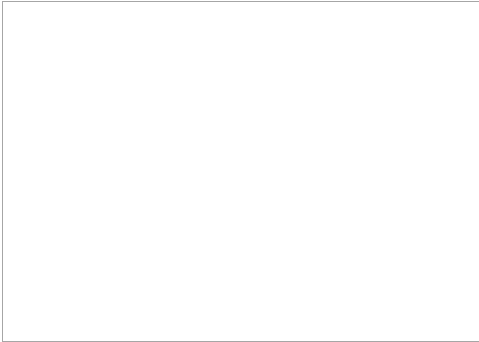
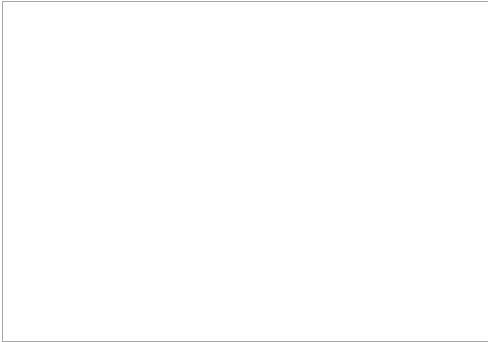
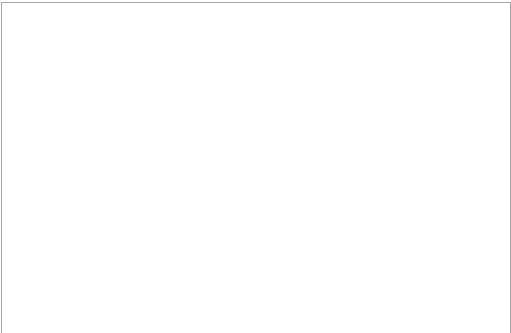
Ray Teece

Mike Quarry

Matt Miller

Leon Devlin

Ash Iacona



Mallory Chargers

Video/Article

Various

Players

Andy Maclaren

Roy Bowers

Brian Lever

Tommy Marshall

Neil Lever

John Snyder

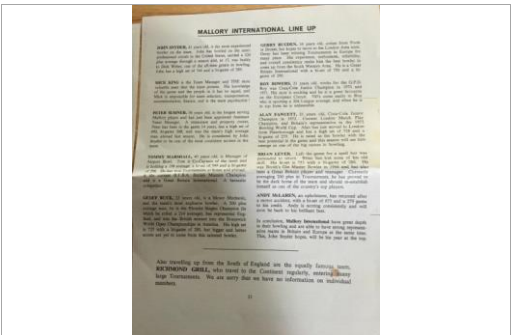
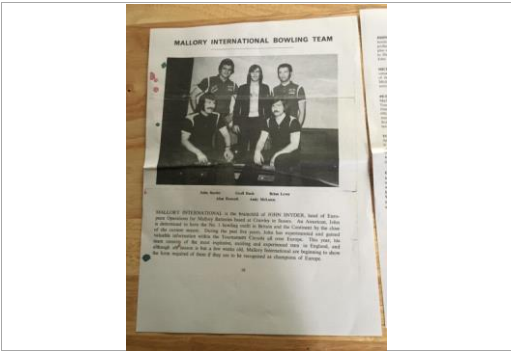
Phil Russell

Alan Fawcett

Geoff Buck

George Patel

Mainly played in the 60s. Also played Mick King and Peter Sumner. Forerunner to the Sceptres.



Matchplay(STFU)

Video/Article

Formed in late 90s winning the Scott Banks Trios 4 times. Won Paris 5s in 2000. ? Luke Hampshaw Won Derbyshire Shield in 1999, 2000 and 2003.

Various

Players

Wayne Greenall

Micky Ross

Paul Boyle

Mel Seelev

Norman Hamed

Phil Scammell

Tony Staples

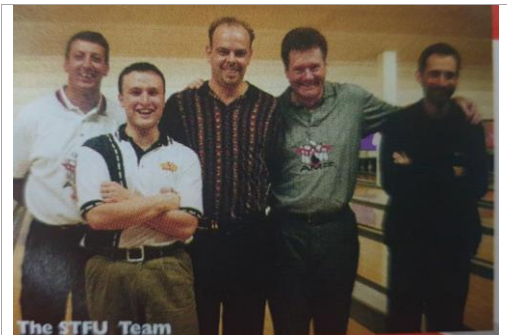
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Paul Evans Jnr

Steve Thornton

Kirsten Penny

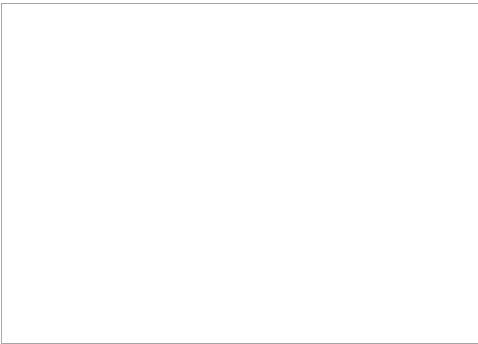
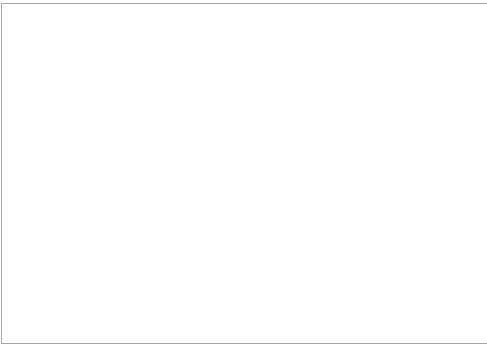
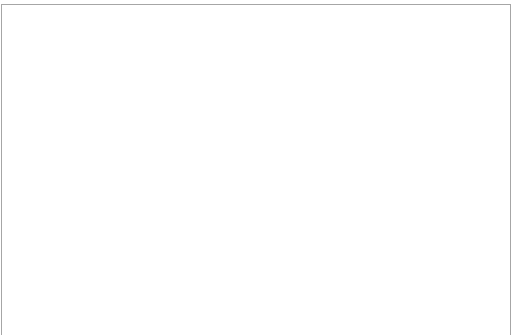
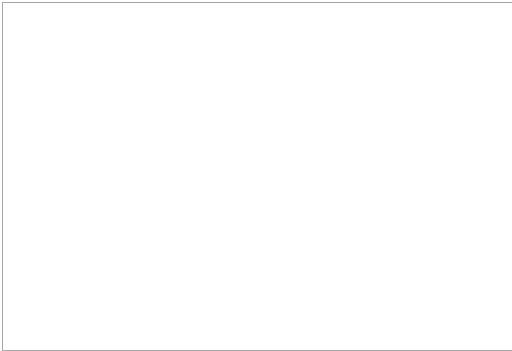
Steve Letchford



Mecca Sport Tree Top

Video/Article

Players



Mystery 5

Video/Article

Great Northern team from the 80s, won Paris B final in 1986. Won Derbyshire Shield in 1978.

Leeds

Players

Nigel Ogbonson

Paul Thomas

Eddie Simpson

Paul Creighton

Mick Lister

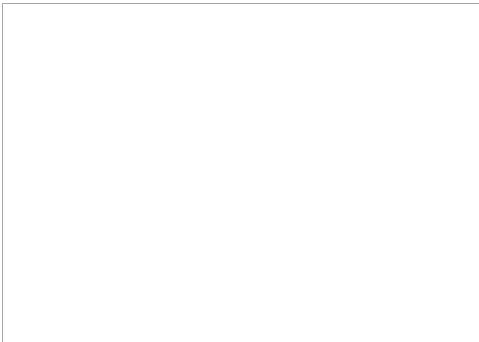
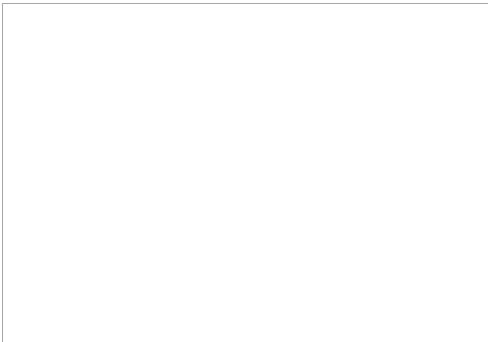
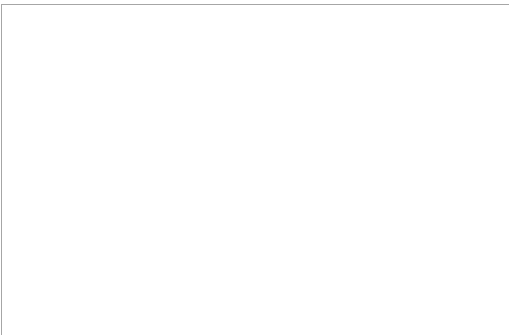
Keith Ashcroft

Jack Smith

John Chambers

Dave Taylor

Paul Armitage



Nomads

Video/Article

Players

NWS (In-Bank))

Video/Article

Nev Robinsons team played for many years in domestic events including Coca Cola 5s, were always a danger team. Won Ilkeston Sixes in 1979 and 1984. Won SHAPE in 1986.

Various

Players

Nev Robinson

Martin

Norman Wilson

Joan

Dave Pettit

Amos Burke

Paula Pettit

Rick Couldwell

Albie

Dave Taylor

Russ



Ovaltine 5

Video/Article

Players

Chris Buck

Tony Mercer

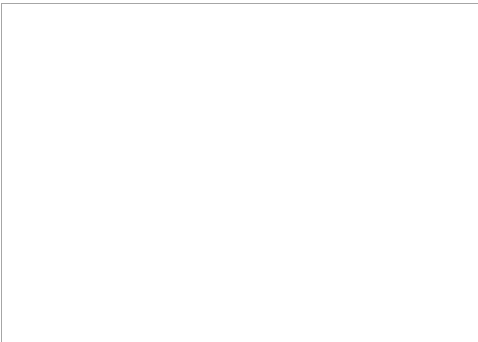
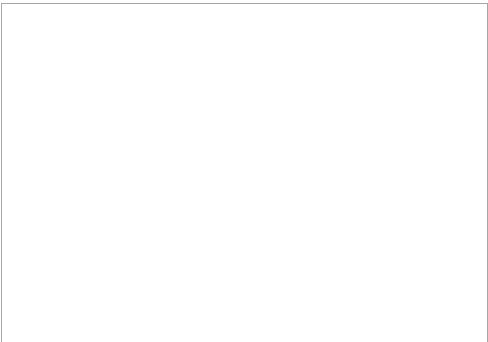
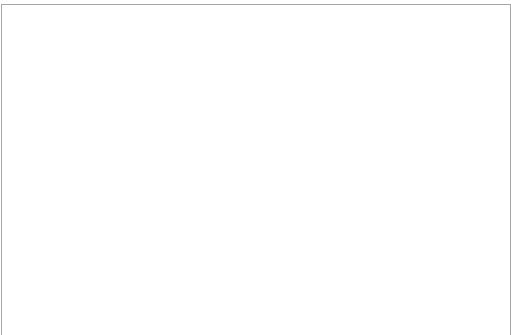
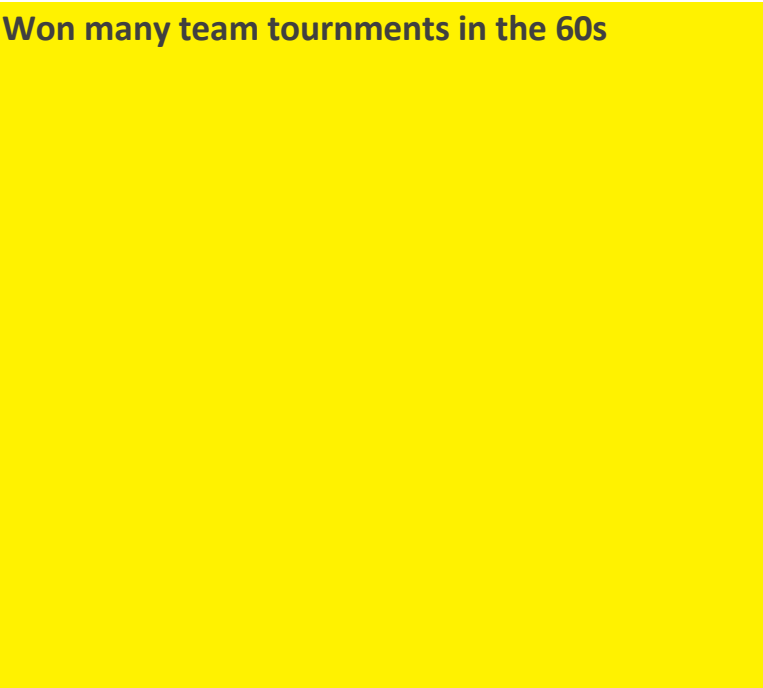
Mick West

Graham West

Jimmy Mullins

Tony Blanchett

Won many team tournaments in the 60s



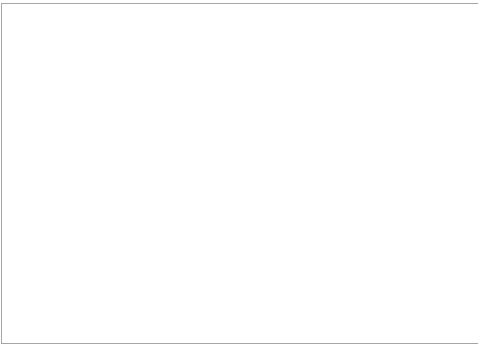
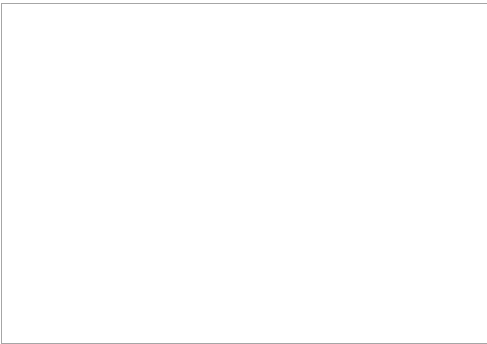
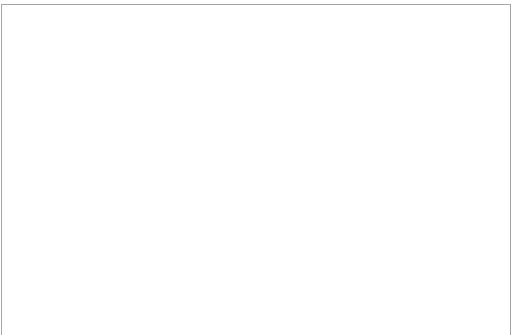
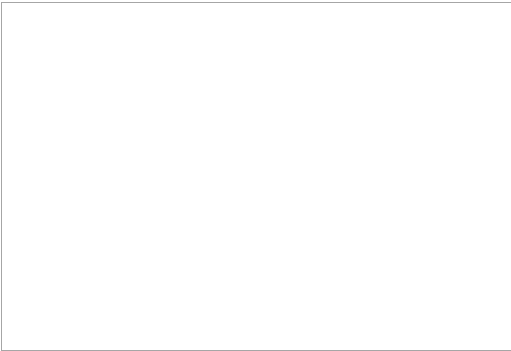
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Video/Article

Players

Bruce Pearce

Peter Hood



Playboys

Video/Article

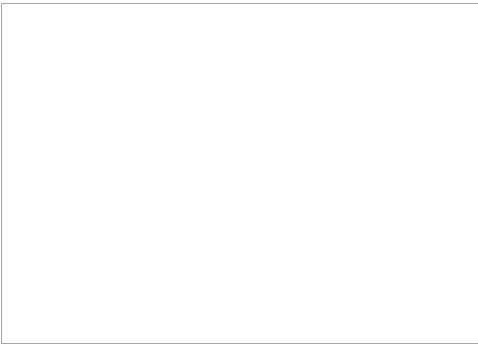
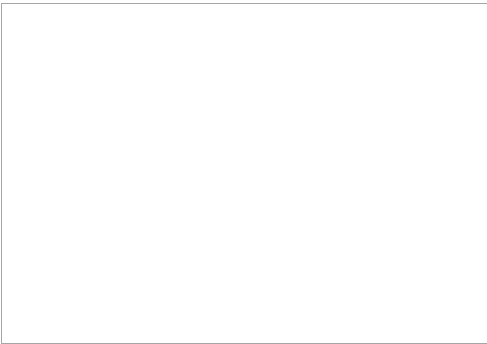
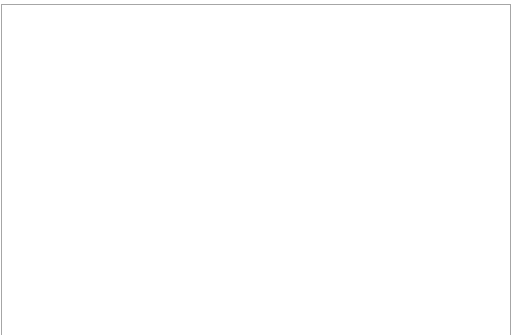
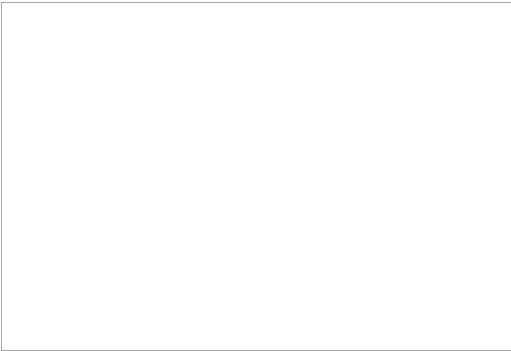
Cliftonville

<https://wp.talktenpin.net/2018/07/21/kents-pl>

Players

Kent based

Jerry Moll



Powerplay

Video/Article

Poerplay Pro Shop team started in early 2000s. Great bowling team theroughout the 2000s and 2010s.

Various

Players

Ben Zadel

Daniel Stride

Rob Thurlby

Zara Giles (Glover)

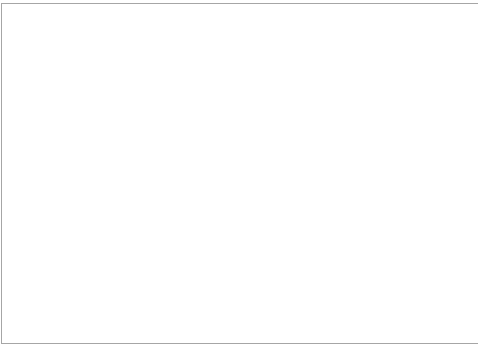
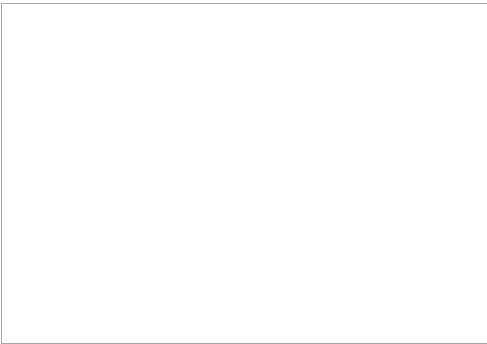
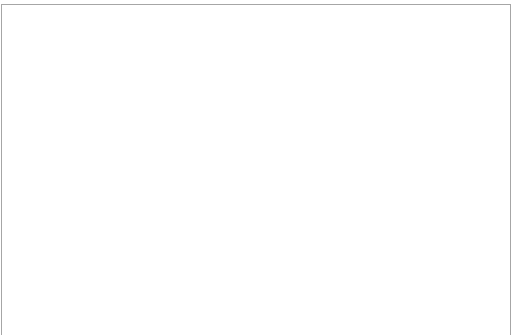
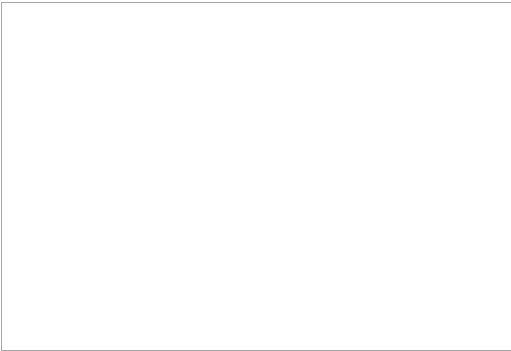
Ricky Frolidi

Steve Thornton

Mike Quarry

Jon Zadel

Alex Hamilton



RAF UK

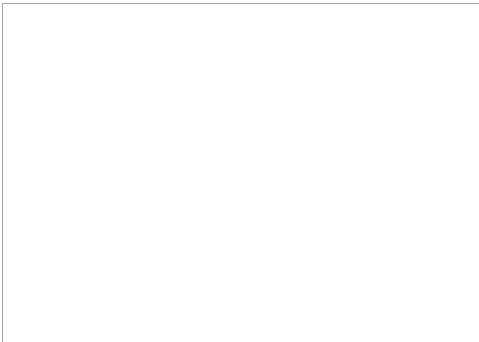
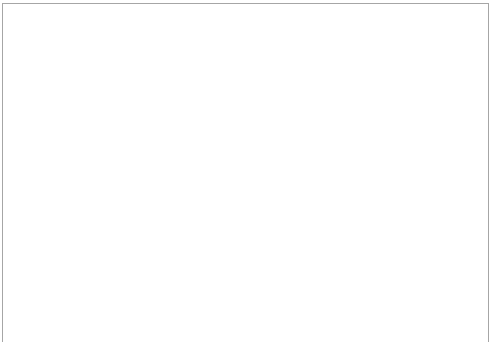
Video/Article

Played many events in the Uk and abroad for many years. Won Derbyshire Shield in 1981 and 2008 as the Vets.

Various

Players

Dave Gilbert	
Barry Mills	
Ray Kennedy	
John Self	
Bob Dav	



Richmond Grill

Video/Article

Portsmouth based, Mike Parker. One of the longest surviving teams with many members still playing. Won numerous events including Coca Cola 5s.

Portsmouth

<https://youtu.be/dxNbSHdUsAM>

Players	
Mo Knapp	Dave Sakkas
Paul LeManquais	Phil Jones
Neil Le Manquais	Paul Evans Jnr
Clive Thomas	Roger Creamer
Trever Birch	
Maurie Phillot	



Rollrite

Video/Article

Originated in Nottingham but quickly attracted the top players of the time. Won many tournaments in the UK and Europe including the Paris 5s, Coca Cola 5s, Euro 5s, BTBA Nationals, Scott Banks but perhaps their greatest achievement was coming 17th in the ABC Nationals in the USA out of 12,000 teams. Other players Mel Seely, Julian Cawthorne Lee Cooker. John Wells.

- Various
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- Players
- Mario Josef

Chris Snashall

Nick Froggett

Dave Parker

Paul Moor

Leon Devlin

Rob Thurlbv

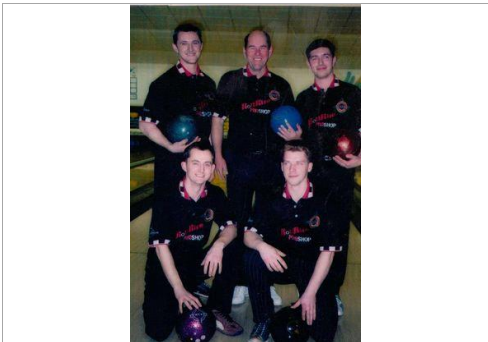
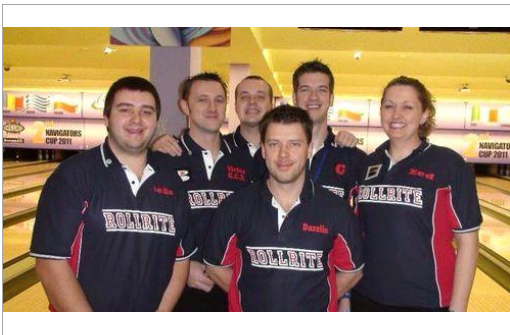
Donna Ellis (Adams

Darren Cundv

Matt Giles

Keith Hodge

Zara Giles (Glover)



Rota (Trap 5) (Delta)

Video/Article

Leeds and Sheffield primerily, played for a number of decades throughout the UK and abraod.

Sheffield

Players

Ron Deacon

Al Jenkins

Ron Oldfield

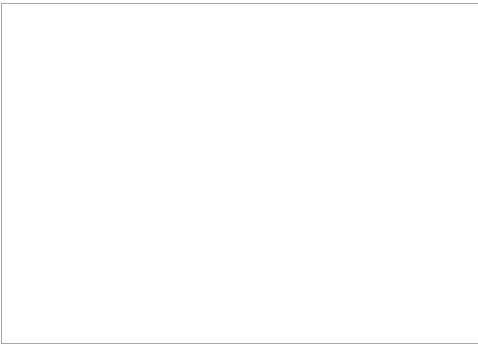
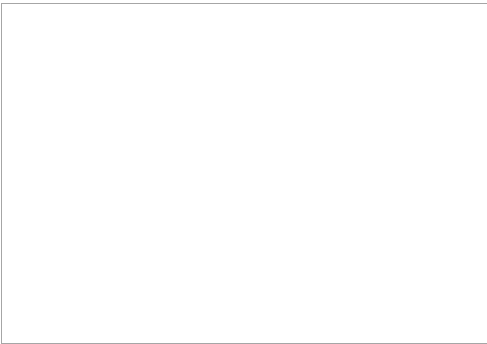
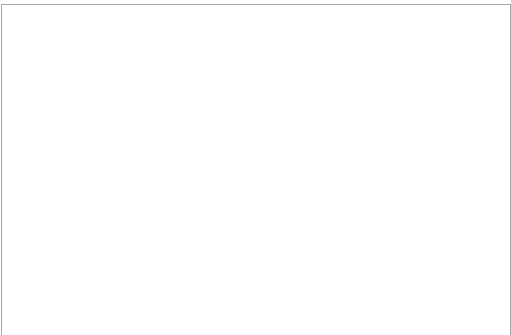
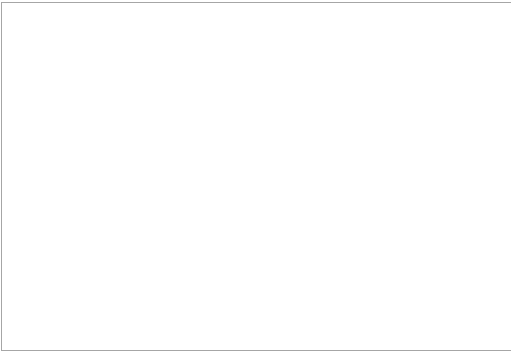
Jack Smith

Rick Couldwell

Gary Barlow

Amos Burke

Al Turner



Scepters

Video/Article

London based team from the 60s and 70s. Other players P Robinson and Dez Richardson. Great team and great players.

Players

Eric Butcher

Geoff Buck

Geoff Liddiard

Tony Samuels

Brian Michael

Chris Buck

Dave Staples

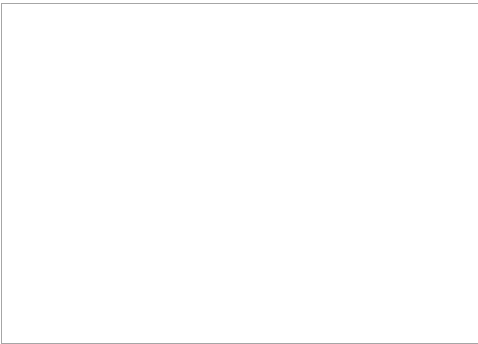
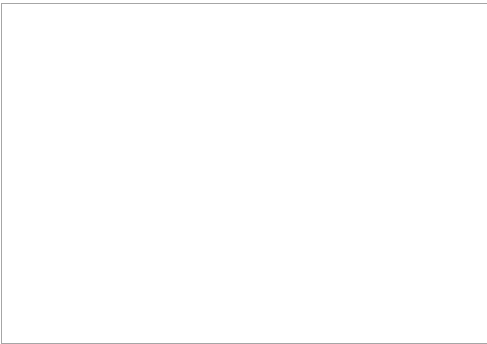
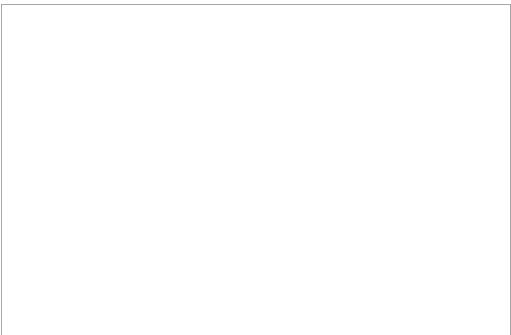
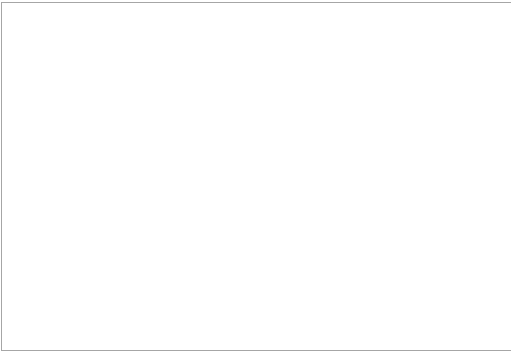
Tony Blanchett

Stu Bradlev

Chris Wheeler

Tommy Marshall

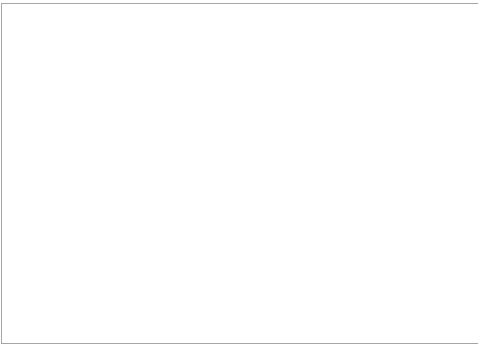
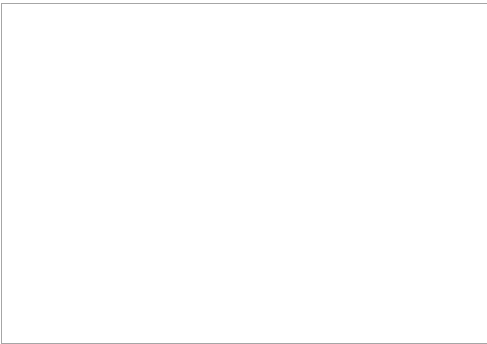
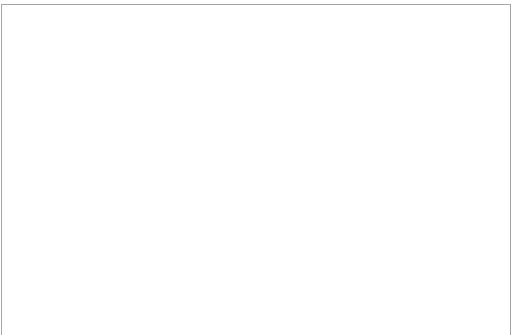
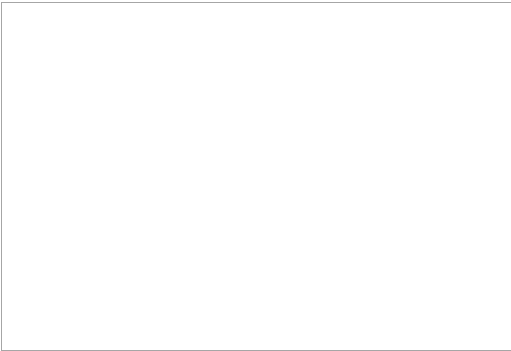
John Dawson



Schlitz All Stars

Video/Article

Players



Sherborne Rubber Rollers

Video/Article

Birmingham

Players

Tony King

Maurice Depoivy

Larry Lalone

Jim Walters

Norman Webb

Les Williams

Great team from the 60s.



Southend Travellers

Video/Article

Southend

Players

Sure Peter Baboy played for them??

Tara

Video/Article

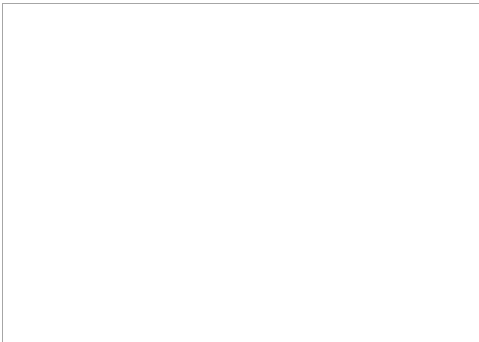
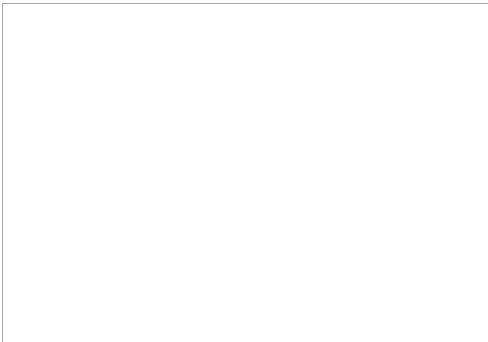
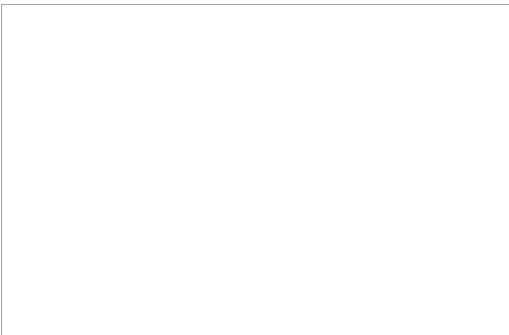
One of Tenpin Bowlings longest established teams.

Harrow

Players

- Steve Wright
- Ian Buckland
- Barry Wiggs
- Guv Lipscomb
- Mike Dobson
- Mike Wolrond

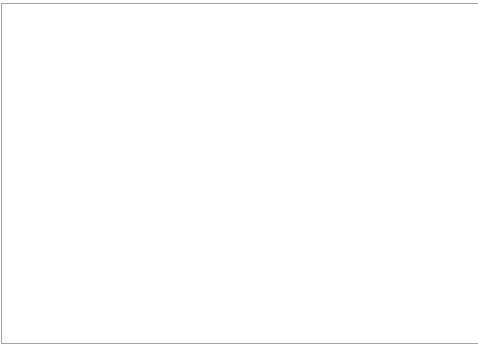
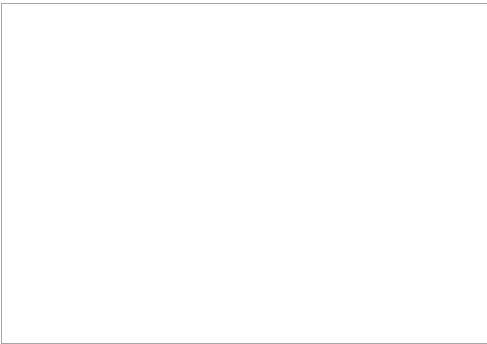
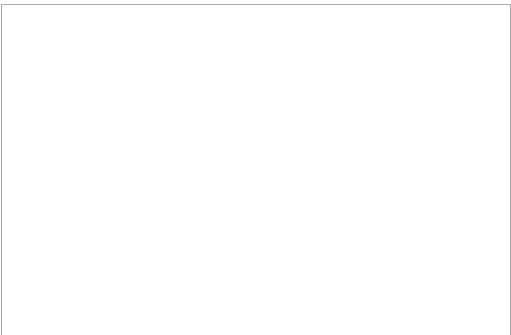
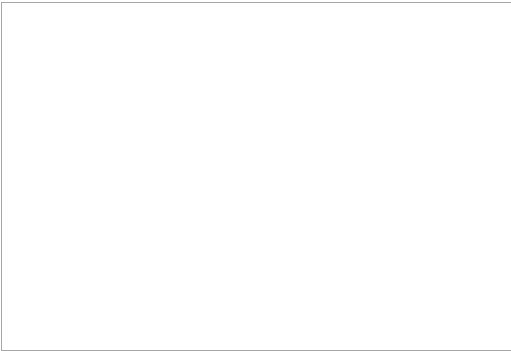
- Phil Stein
- Martvn Lambert
- Ken Wheeler
- Scott Wilson
- Andy Giles
-



Tavern Automatics

Video/Article

Players



Team AMF (Honky Tonk)

Video/Article

Various

Players

Geoff Buck

Geoff Brown

Wayne Greenall

Richard Hood

Paul Boyle

Kirsten Penny

Jo Harries (Cundy)

Nikki Harvev (Hami

Lisa John

Gemma Burden

Jon Zadel

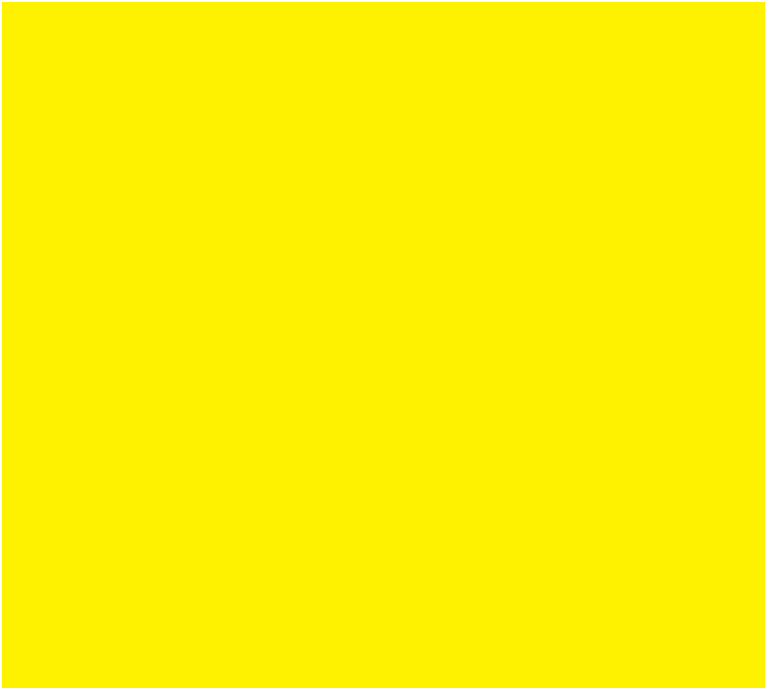
Greg Pullinger

Won Paris 5s and Coca Cola 5s n 1997. Ladies team won BTBA Nationals in 1999. Won Paris in 2002 under name Honky Tonk.Won Ilkeston Sixes in 1997.



Team Camel

Video/Article



Players

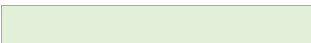
Lol Ellis



Kat Little



Lee Chatfield



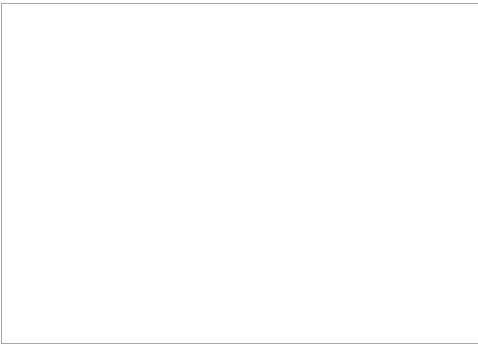
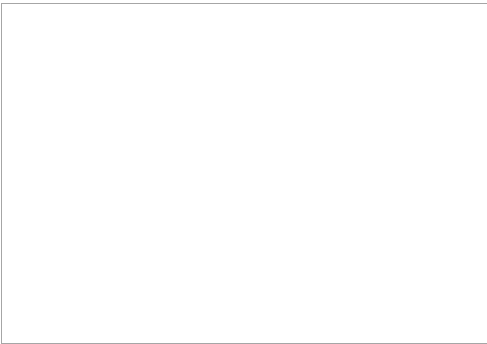
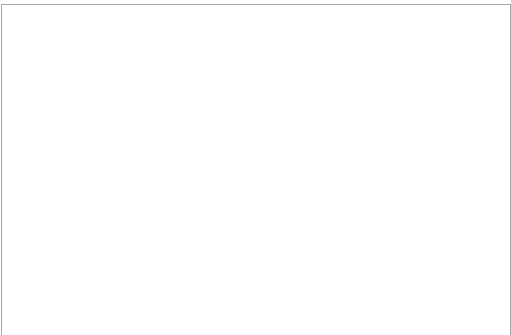
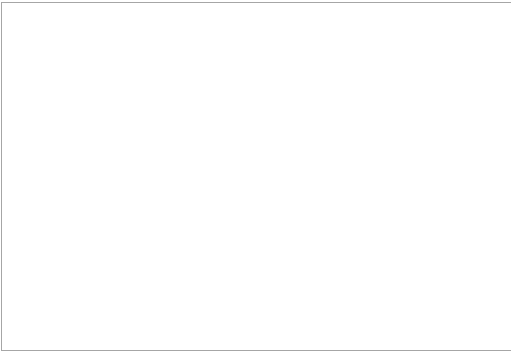
Josh Goldswain



Stuart Little



Chris Maughan



Team Ebonite

Video/Article

Sheffield

Players

Marcel Demery

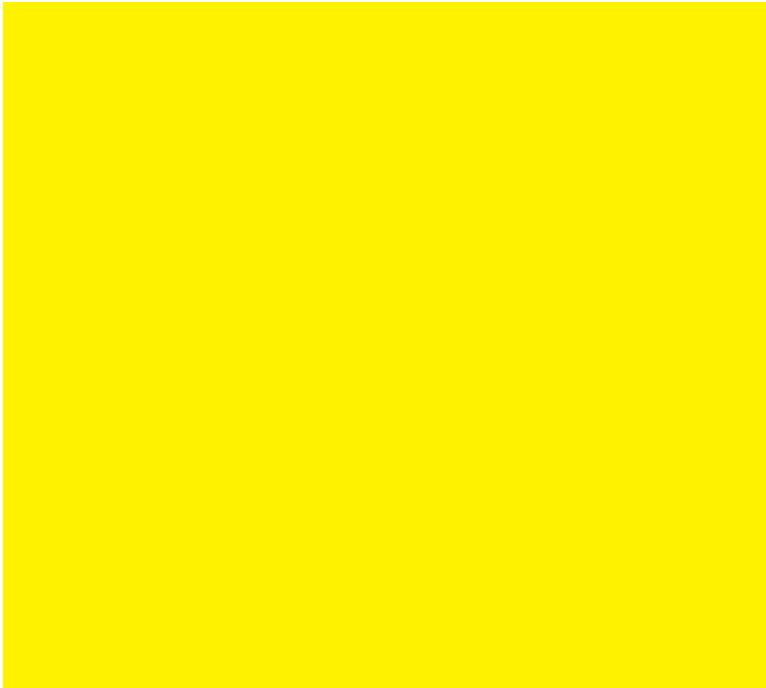
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Dave Wardle

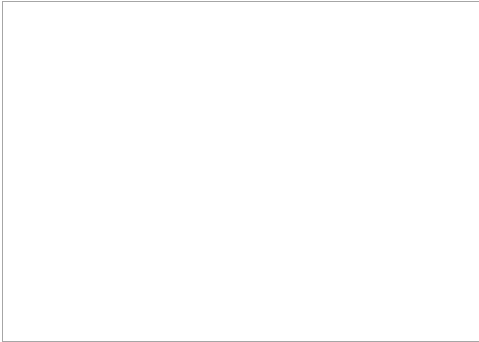
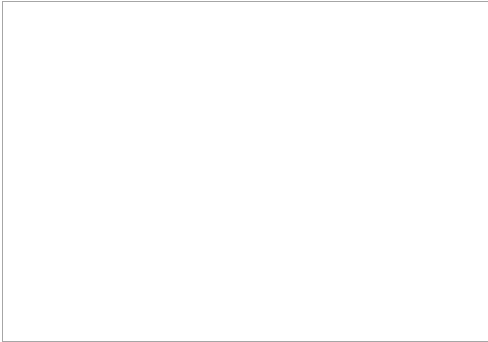
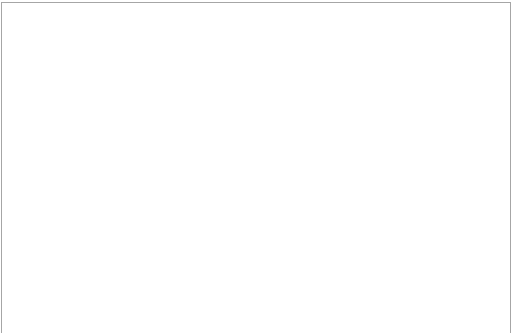
Geoff Megson

Rick Couldwell

Jim Demery



Marcel Demery (left) leads out the newly-formed Ebonite team.



Team Exmedia

Video/Article

Formed in the mid 90s.

Various

Players

Em Johnson

Paul Delany

Gemma Burden

Wayne Greenall

Jo Harries (Cundy)

David Tovev

Nikki Harvey (Ham

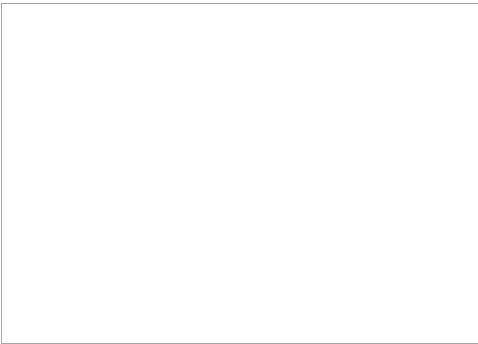
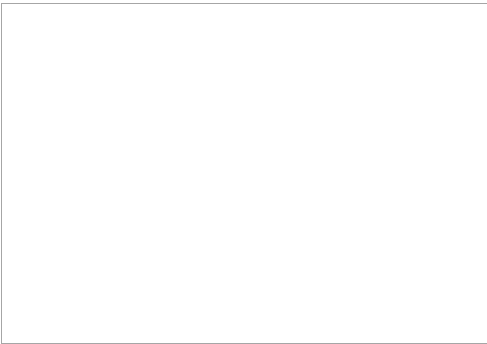
Paul Carter

Mel Isaac (Oates)

Peter Gibson

Kirsten Penny

Brian Michael



Team Instaflow

Video/Article

Various

Players

Formed in the 70s and won the last Sctatch Sixes at Sheffield.

Stu Bradley

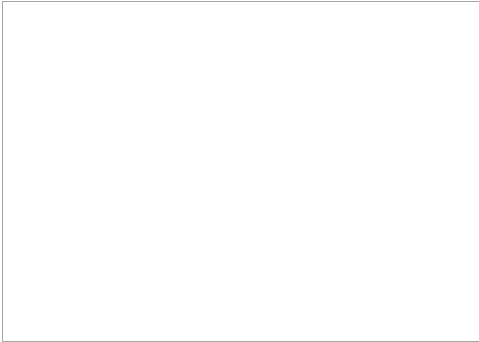
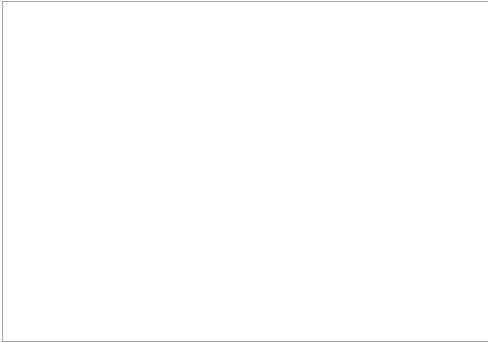
Geoff Buck

Chris Buck

Steve Gomersall

Tommy Marshall

Alan Fawcett



Team Midas

Video/Article

Sponsored by Stew Meadus played many events in the 2000s winning the 2002 Nationals. Won the European 5s in Norwich in 2002.

Various

Players

Stew Meadus

Mark Smith

Ron Oldfield

Jack Smith

Ron Deacon

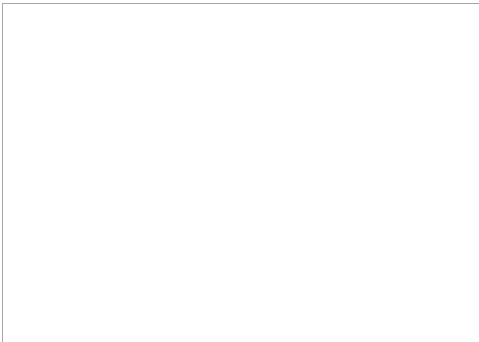
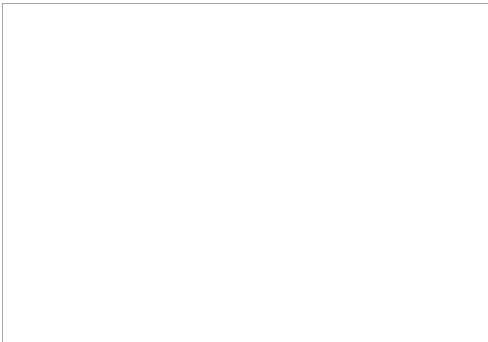
Paul Armitage

Simon Kay

Tony Heath

John Gamble

Nev Robinson



Team Solant

Video/Article

South Coast

Players

Dave Woods

Bradley Jerram

Steve Porter

Rob Tanner

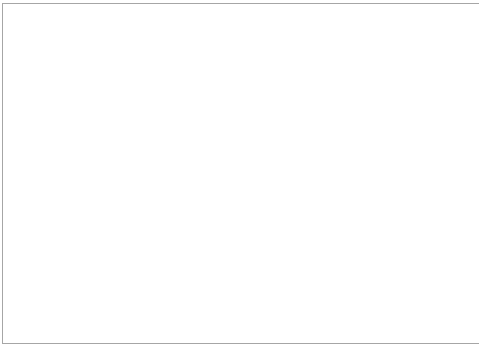
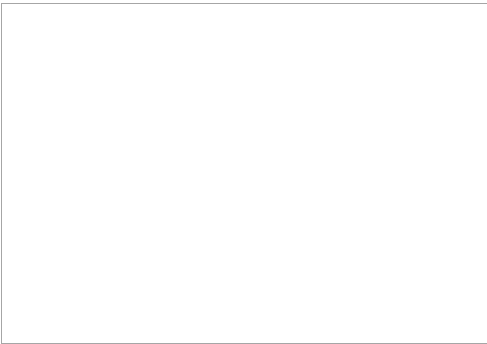
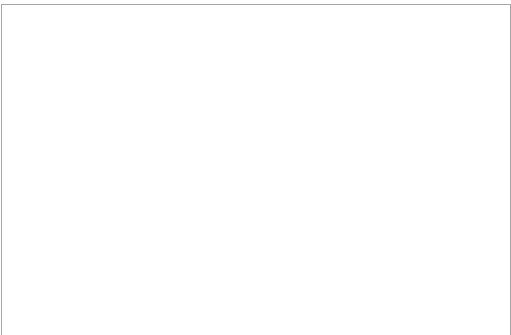
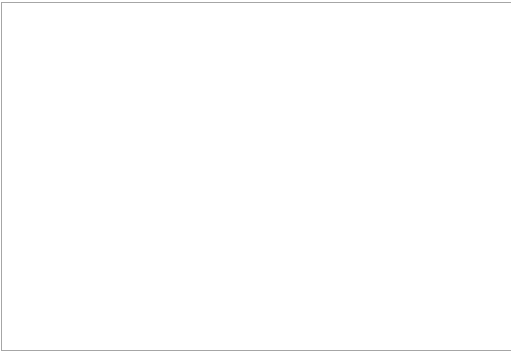
Scott Allison

Mark Heathorn

Daniel Stride

Steve Thornton

Players from Bitterne, Havant and Poole. Don't mention Paris 98.

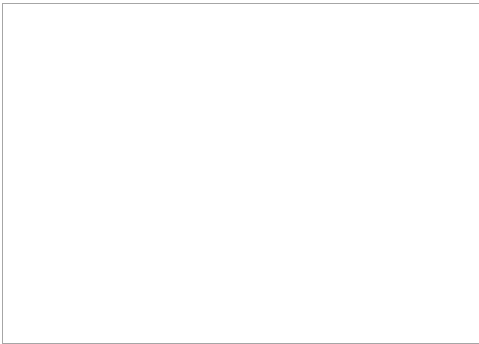
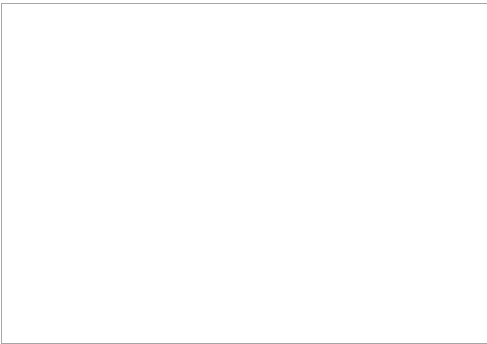
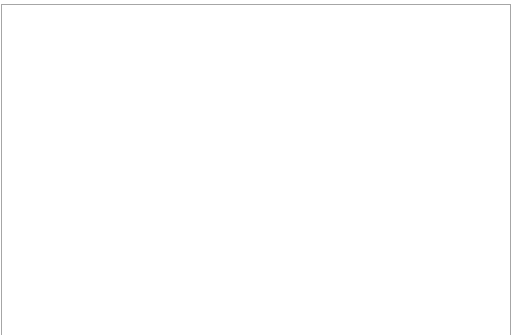
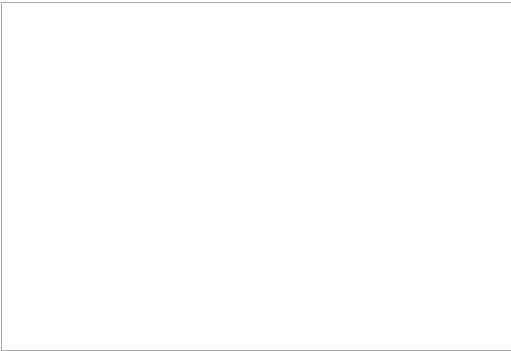


Tiny's Taxis

Video/Article

Southend

Players



Tutti Frutti

Video/Article

Various

Players

Pat Dew

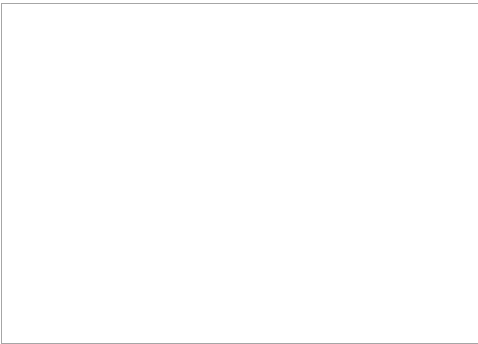
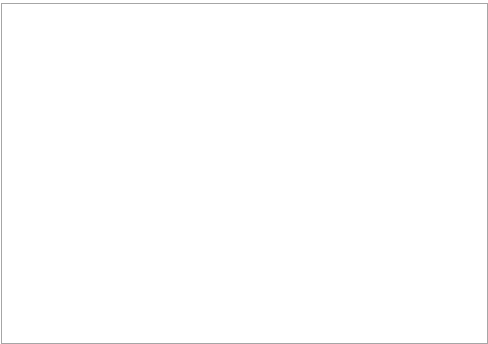
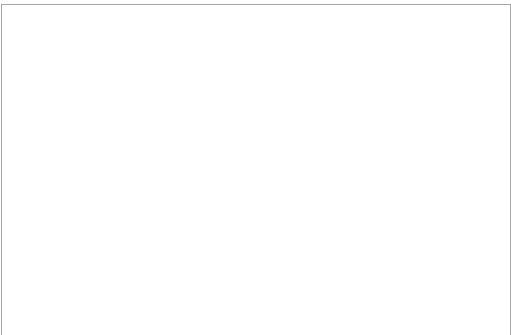
Jan Hodge

Jane Viot

Judy Howlett

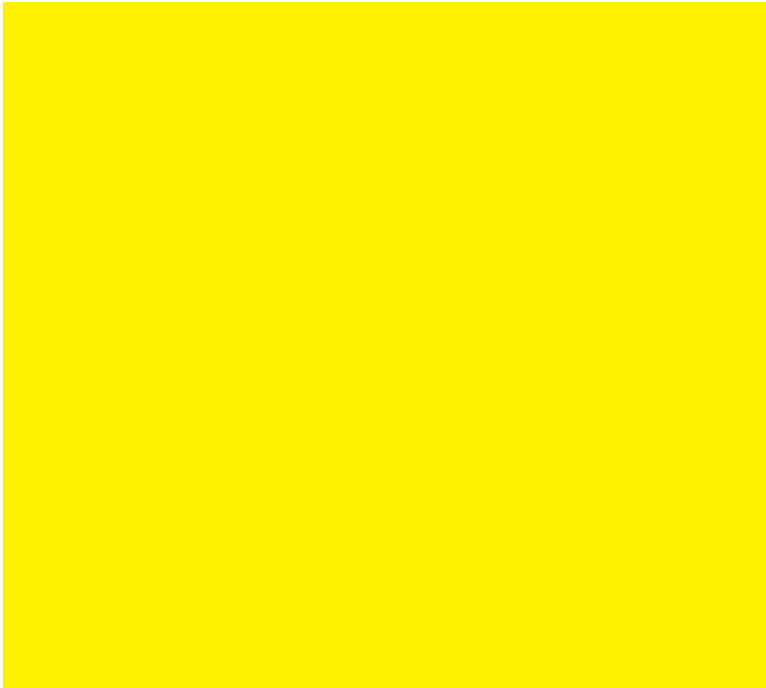
Shelaugh Leonnard

Team made up from the top lady bowlers in the 80s.



Umbra

Video/Article



Belle Vue



Players

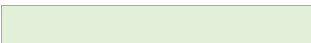
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Craig Cronshaw

Geoff Blamire



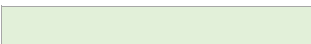
Barry Graham



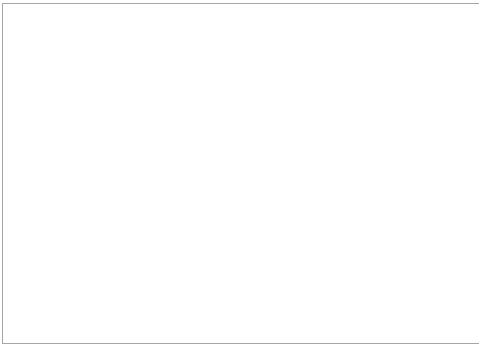
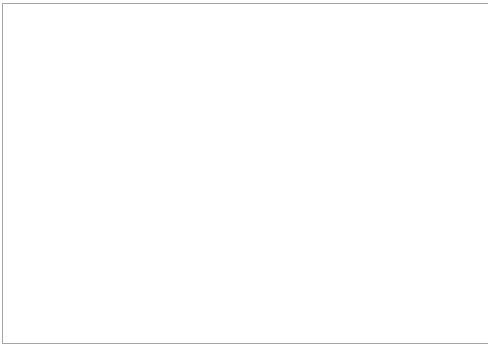
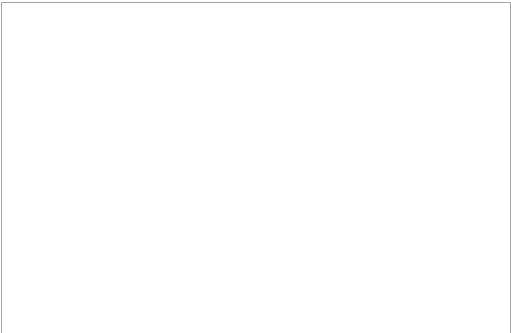
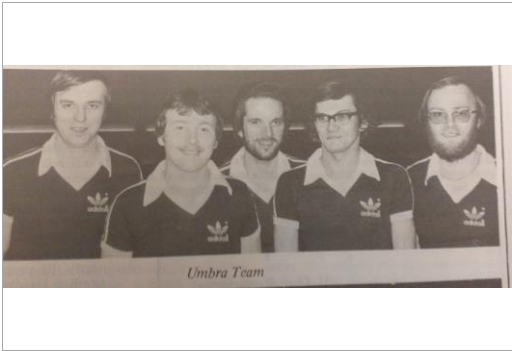
Paul Bennett



Mike Clancy



Kevin Lamb



Wembley All Stars

Video/Article

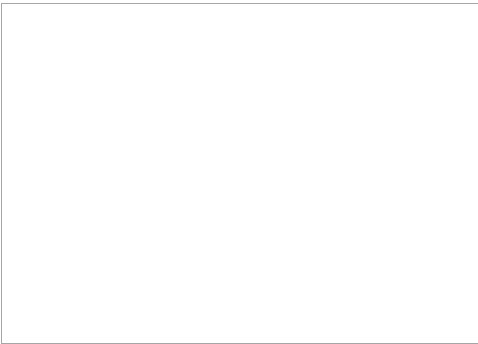
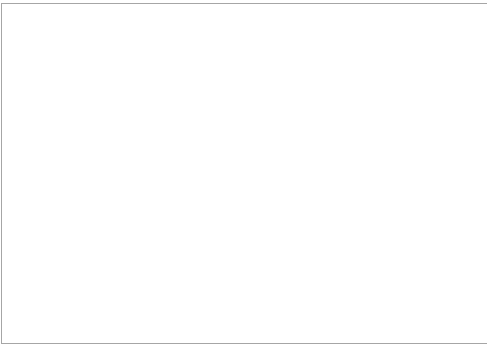
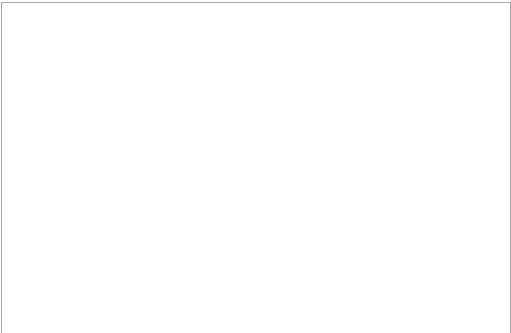
Wembley

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NXLwBo1c>

Players

Phil Russell	
Loke Coleman	
R Haggan	
Bobby Mansfield	
Del Brough	

London based team in the 60s and 70s. Formally the London All Stars and the Schlitz All Stars. Other players Paul Carpenter , B Lever, R Cook, J Fisher.



Wilsonair

Video/Article

Winners in Scheveningham in 87

Various

Players

Phil Scammell

Graham Botting

George Patel

Paul Creighton

Svd Symonds

Kevin Hills

Witney Specials

Video/Article

Witnev

Players

Derek Toogood

Kim Johnson

Gary Baker

Dean Baker

Bob Dav

Ken Iredale

Steven Malley

Phil O'Neil

Ian Wilkinson

Based at Brize Norton, well respected team in the 80s and 90s. Won Ilkeston Sixes in 1983 as the Aerobats.



World of Tenpin

Video/Article

Formed in the 90s winning Coca Cola 5s in 1994 and Euro 5s in 1995.

Various

Players

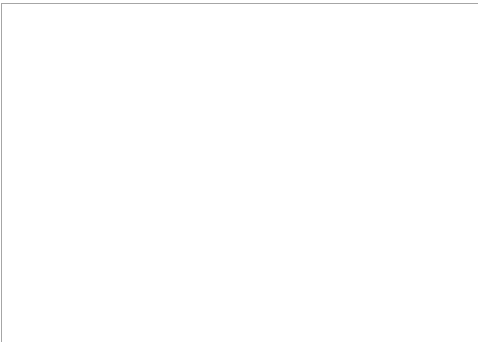
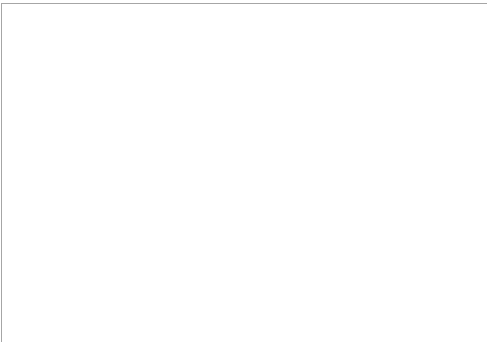
Steve Gomersall

Geoff Buck

Chris Buck

Richard Hood

Wayne Greenall



Yorkshire Bank

Video/Article

Leeds

Players

Gina Wardle

Sue Megson

Linda Woodham

Pat Tavlör

Top Ladies Team in the 80s

