

## RGBB THE EMPIRE STRIKES BACK

### Sports

After its comprehensive defeat in October the RGBB darts team went back to Seder village knowing that a defeat would see them lose the Axa sponsored best of three series after just two matches. With a side that was depleted due to work commitments things did not look good for the RGBB against a strong Seder village side.

As always the people of Seder village gave a very warm and hospitable welcome, but were very confident of a big victory.

The RGBB got off to the ideal start when Rick Armstrong won the opening leg giving the side some early confidence. This however proved to be a false dawn as Seder village went on to win the next 4 legs in this first to 6 encounter. Captain Gary Richardson then won his match to leave the score 4-2 to Seder village at the end of the singles.

However the writing was on the wall for the RGBB when Seder won the first doubles match, meaning that they could not lose in regulation play and needed only 1 leg to win the Axa trophy outright. A stunning comeback from the RGBB saw them then win the next 3 games. Garvin Emmins started the fight back by hitting the winning double to make the score 5-3, Alan Mackenzie then hit another winning double to make the scores 5-4, with only the 6 person leg to come.

Amazingly the RGBB won the final leg, with Garvin



Emmins again hitting the vital double 2 after Seder had missed two attempts to win the match as the tension mounted. That left the match tied at 5-5, with a sudden death leg between the Terry Carey (captain of Seder Village) and Gary Richardson.

Gary got off to a superb start with an opening throw of 126, followed by a 140. This provided him the required space he needed and he won the match with a double 10.

As magnanimous in defeat as he was in victory Terry Carey congratulated the RGBB and vowed to get the Axa trophy back for good the next time the teams met. As he received the trophy RGBB captain Gary Richardson said "I don't know how we came back to win that match. The team played really well, with some of the guys that were called in at the last minute performing brilliantly". He went on to thank Seder for their amazing hospitality and declared how much he was looking forward to the decider.



## RGBB TEAM ALL AT SE-DAR

November saw the RGBB pool team take on Seder village in a warm up for the upcoming matches against the American business group (ABGR).

In confident mood after their recent tournament revealed some talented players the RGBB were a taught a lesson in quality play by a quality Seder side, led by Captain Fred Redden.

After the initial 10 singles matches Seder had stormed into an unbeatable 9-1 lead, with Sheldon Ritchie the

only winning player on the RGBB side. RGBB Captain Gary Mackender later stated "I was impressed with the quality of their team; they simply outclassed us all evening long".

The pattern continued into the doubles with the RGBB again registering just one success when recent pool champion Garry Mackender and runner up, Luke Bowen paired up to beat 2 formidable players in a tight match.

After the final score was an emphatic 13-2 win for Seder their captain Fred Redden was the proud recipient of the Axa sponsored challenge cup presented by RGBB sports member Gary Richardson.

RGBB Captain Garry Mackender congratulated Fred and his team on their resounding victory declaring "we were soundly beaten by a very good side that deserved their victory; we need to go back to the drawing board if we are to avoid a similar result against the Americans".

Seder captain Fred said "I'd like to thank Garry and his team for a good game and a great evening of friendship; they were a pleasure to play against although we are obviously delighted by the result.