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Oxford make a clean sweep at the UPC Women's Eight-ball Championships

Oxford University 1st continued to set the standard in the UPC Team Championship over the weekend of 23-24th March, 2007 at McClusky's, Spondon as they overcame their own third team in the final and Oxford Captain Nicki Hoskins was triumphant in the Individual Championship against Lisa Dodd from Essex University.

In the Team Championship holders Oxford 1st sailed through their group without dropping a single frame. Teesside 1st and York 2nd battled for 2nd place as they both qualified for the knockout stage at the expense of Edge Hill 3rd and Plymouth 2nd. Cambridge 1st, competing for the first time at the championship, were unfortunate not to go through as Durham 1st, York 1st and surprise package Oxford 3rd progressed through. Oxford 2nd, demonstrating the strength in depth of the university, won Group C qualifying alongside Warwick 1st.

The quarter-final stage commenced with Oxford 1st continuing their ascent to retaining their crown with a 4-0 victory over Durham 1st. Oxford 2nd and 3rd followed their example with Teesside 1st and York 2nd bowing out. In the other, Warwick 1st overcame the challenge of York 1st in a tense final frame playoff.

Oxford 2nd and 3rd faced each other in the semi with the 3rd team winning bragging rights as they reached the final to play against Oxford 1st who posted another flawless score line against the battling Warwick 1st. Oxford 2nd and Warwick 1st earning joint bronze for their efforts.

The final went to form as Oxford 1st triumphed 4-1 with England Blackball International Alex La Via despatching the winning black.

The Individual Championship final was contested by Oxford Blackball County player Nicki Hoskins and surprise package Lisa Dodd from Essex. Hoskins demonstrated her class with a 4-1 victory to ensure both trophies travelled south. Joint bronze went to Jane Carpenter, also of Oxford, and Cambridge captain Kate Hillman as both performed well on debut.

Attention now switches to the BUSA-UPC Home Nations on 20-21 April 2007 at Trinity and All Saints College, Leeds.

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