



Bath Cup Division 2 season report

Roehampton Club Bath Cup 2s kicked off the season with a 3-0 victory at MCC, followed by another three points courtesy of the withdrawn Hurlingham team for this season. A great start as the Roehampton Club 3's took a valuable point off title rivals Lansdowne 3 in their opening match.

Next up was a 2-1 win against a strengthened Queen 3 side. Jojo Sheen produced a great performance to win his individual match 3/2 against a very tough opponent and Dan Thomson was in fine form winning 3/0.

Another 3-0 against RAC came next before Roehampton Club Members and Roehampton Uni students, Satomi Watanabe and Rana Ismail came to the rescue with last minute availability issues. With the captain being the one to let the side down on this occasion, it was a 2-1 victory leaving us one point off top spot in the standings.

Three more points came from our trip to Queens 2, before the first showdown of the season against Lansdowne 3. Two excellent performances from Tom Bailey and Satomi got us the victory on the night. Another truly consistent performance from the captain ensuring the result ended 2-1. Now level at the top of the table and with the morale boosting decision that the captain will resign himself to non-playing team management the title was in our sights.

2-1 was again the result the following week against the Roehampton Club third team - wiping out all the good favour they had gained from their opening match of the season.

Finally, a walkover against O&C closed out the first half with only a point separating the top of table-

Lansdowne 3: 24 points

Roehampton Club 2: 23 points

Knowing we needed a big second half, the second team went on to take full points from the next four fixtures. Cumberland again managed to take a point off the team but a very solid performance from Ed Hopkins ensured it wasn't more than that.

A 3-0 victory came next against Queens 2, one week before the match that would most likely decide the title. Lansdowne with a 100% record so far in the second half had them ahead by two points.

The title clash did not disappoint for those who came to support the team. Rana put in a phenomenal performance to take the first match 3-0 with quite an incredible score line of 10/9, 9/0, 10/9. Next up was the no.1s for the evening. Tom put in a gutsy performance to take a well-deserved 3-2 win and Jojo, as reliable as always closed the match out with a 3-0 win of his own. Roehampton Club 2 were now a point clear with two matches to play.

We welcomed new Member Rudi Willemse to the team for the penultimate match of the season against Roehampton Club 3's. He did not disappoint on debut recording a 3-0 win. The team took home all the points ensuring the one-point advantage remained with one to play.

Unfortunately, we were deprived the chance to win the league outright on court as O&C were unable to field a team, but the full 3 points ensured the division two trophy was Roehampton Club's. Our title rivals however, maybe seeing the writing on the wall ended the season with a 2-1 lose, meaning even without the three points gained from O&C we would have still come out on top.

It was a tough season with some truly incredible performance so I would like to thank the whole team again for all their efforts.

League Table Standings

Winners	Roehampton 2: 49 points
2	Lansdowne 3: 46 points
3	Roehampton 3: 35 points

2nd Team squad: Tom Bailey, Jojo Sheen, Satomi Watanabe, Rana Ismail, Dan Thomson, Ed Hopkins, Rudi Willemse, Michael Stewart (Captain)