

Normal service resumed in table tennis league

After some early season shocks normal service was resumed in the DLP Adapted Bathrooms Table Tennis League with the leading teams in all three divisions holding on to their positions.

Division One

Leaders Copy Shop A defeated Breakaway A 8-1 to move ten points clear of second placed ABC Arborists who had a free week. Sean Drewry and Ewan Watterson were unbeaten for Copy Shop with Keeran Chan putting the only point on the board for Breakaway.

Strathallan moved into third position after taking all nine points from Zurich Spinners who drop to the bottom of the table as a result. Nigel Beattie did his best to claim one for Spinners, just losing 11/9 in the fifth to Julian Briercliffe. Travellers A, although losing 7-2 against Tower A, moved one point ahead of Spinners. Paul Kozlovski was undefeated for Tower with Travellers' reserve Paul Nelson picking up both their points. Tower's Graham McFarlane featured in two five-gamers, losing to Nelson 11-5 but defeating Stu Mason 11-6.

Division Two

Nothing much changed in this division with the top two teams - Tower B and Peel A - both winning 7-3. Steve Curtis and Simon Radcliffe did the business for Tower against Copy Shop C, although Simon was given a long match by Pedro Cardoso before winning 11-7 in the fifth.

Malcolm Lewis was again on top form for Peel, dropping only one game all night in their match with Travellers C, while Maurice Campbell was best for their opponents with two victories. One of them came at 11-9 in the fifth against Maggie Mulhern.

Peel's B team found it hard going against one of last season's relegated teams - Travellers B - and had nothing to show for their night's efforts. Travellers are now moving rapidly up the table and are currently in third spot as they bid to regain their First Division status.

The teams in third and fourth positions before this week's matches had a close encounter with Copy Shop B getting the better of SureStrike Ramsey A to the tune of 7-3. Rhys Yardley had three good wins for Ramsey, including a five game victory over Adam Davies, but Copy Shop won the remainder. Individual

match of the night in any division was the doubles in this fixture which Adam and Vishal Patel won 15/13 9/11 9/11 15/13 12/10.

The remaining match saw SureStrike Ramsey B moving up two places in the table by defeating bottom team Tower C 9-1. Tim Baker and Carl Blatcher were 100% for Ramsey with Mike Chapman ensuring Tower didn't go home empty handed.

Division Three

A feature of this season has been the number of players returning to league table tennis after a long gap. One of those was Frank Feeney whose three wins helped SureStrike Ramsey C retain their second position by defeating their D team 9-1. Billy Cain was also unbeaten, while another returnee - Jack Yardley - was the D team's sole winner.

St. Ninian's retained their top spot after beating SureStrike Ramsey E 8-2 with Matt Harvey winning all three. Jack Craik won both points for Ramsey E and only lost in five games to Matt.

The two Copy Shop teams in this division both had good wins. The D team notched up all ten against Peel C while the E team had to work harder against Junior Development before winning 7-3. Kitty Thomas won all three for Copy Shop while Leo Doyle and Tiernan Garvey showed promise for the future with wins for Junior Development.

Results

Division One

Breakaway 1 Copy Shop A 8; Strathallan 9 Zurich Spinners 0; Tower A 7 Travellers A 2.

Division Two

Copy Shop C 3 Tower B 7; Peel A 7 Travellers C 3; Peel B 0 Travellers B 10; SureStrike Ramsey A 3 Copy Shop B 7; Tower C 1 SureStrike Ramsey B 9.

Division Three

SureStrike Ramsey C 9 SureStrike Ramsey D 1; St. Ninian's 8 SureStrike Ramsey E 2; Copy Shop D 10 Peel C 0; Copy Shop E 7 IoM Junior

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