**Copy Shop maintain their lead in Division One**

A third successive win sees Copy Shop remain on top of Division One of the Fun 88 IOM Table Tennis League, 3 points of nearest challengers Strathallan. However there was a shock development with Travellers A’s future hanging in the balance after failing to fulfil their fixture with Arbory.

Travellers B still have charge in Division Two despite being held to a draw by Peel B, whilst a big win for their C team leaves them just four points behind with a game in hand.

Unbeaten Surestrike Ramsey D have opened up a 7 point lead at the top of Division Three, whilst a single point separates the next 4 sides. Meanwhile Surestrike Ramsey G have a 2 point lead over St Ninians at the top of Division Four, though Saints are well placed with a game in hand.

**Division One**

**Copy Shop A (6) Surestrike Ramsey A (3)**

Island Champion Sean Drewry retained his unbeaten record with three wins for Copy Shop; Paul Corran took a further two, whilst Jane Kneale bagged one. Adam Teare led the way for Surestrike with wins over Corran and Kneale, whilst Juan Moore added a third point when he also beat Kneale.

**Strathallan (6) Surestrike Ramsey B (3)**

Tim Baker fought his way to an impressive hat-trick for Surestrike, with a 5-set win over Andy Patterson, then beat Julian Briercliffe in 4 close sets before seeing off Wayne Taylor in three. However, the Strathallan trio all overcame Chris Holmes and Kerenza Baker to ensure Strathy remain hot on the heels of the leaders.

**Travellers A (0) Arbory (9)**

Champions Travellers conceded the fixture due to player availability issues and have signalled their intention to withdraw from the league. Their future will be determined by the Association’s executive committee this week, but if they do withdraw their record will be expunged from the league.

**Division Two**

**Peel B (5) Travellers B (5)**

Leaders Travellers B were pushed all the way by Peel B, for whom this was their second successive draw. The evergreen Colin Brown led the way for Travellers with a hat-trick, whilst Nathan Evans and Stu Douglas added a point each. Stu Mason and Malc Lewis were both too strong for Evans and Douglas, leaving it down to a deciding doubles which Mason and Lewis claimed to earn a draw.

**Travellers C (10) Peel A (0)**

Travellers C look like the team to beat in this division as they whitewashed Peel A. Paul Nelson, Mike Dunning and Harry Walters each secured hat-tricks before the latter combined to bag a very tight doubles finishing 12/10 in the fifth to round off a tremendous victory.

**Copy Shop C (0) Copy Shop B (10)**

Copy Shop B showed no mercy in this fixture with a thrashing of their C team. Rob Sim, Adam Davies and Chris Aspden took three points each with wins over Bruno Gomez, Ibim Davies and Freya Melvin. To finish things off the B team also bagged the doubles in a comprehensive three set win.

**Tower B (2) Surestrike Ramsey C (8)**

A great win lifted Surestrike Ramsey A off the bottom of the table, aided by another no-show from one of Tower’s players. Daryl Yardley and Wendy Hogan were both too strong for Ken Mitchell and Dario Mazzotta. Kerenza Baker then produced a great comeback win, edging out Mitchell 12/10 in the fifth, having been 2 sets down. Mazzotta took Tower’s only singles win by beating Baker in 4 sets, then he and Mitchell pinched the doubles in five sets.

**Division Three**

**Surestrike Ramsey D (7) Copy Shop D (3)**

Dave Bufton bagged a hat-trick for leaders Surestrike, whilst Fraser Dametto and Frank Feeney both earned two wins each. Zac Walker beat Dametto and Feeney to take two points for Copy Shop which he improved by winning the doubles alongside Kitty Thomas.

**St Ninians A (3) Copy Shop E (7)**

St Ninians made life difficult for themselves by only fielding two players meaning Copy Shop started off three points ahead. Libby Quaggin built on this by winning both her singles, whilst Leo Doyle and Josh Dudley took a point each over Kyle Dodd. Archie Walter claimed a consolation brace for Saints then combined with Dodd to take the doubles.

**Tower C (5) Desmonds Douglas (5)**

Another close game for the newcomers as they held the experienced Tower side. Jim Travers led the way for Desmonds Douglas with a hat-trick, whilst Christian Forbes grabbed a pair. A Mike Chapman double boosted Tower, whilst Barry Jenkins and Margaret Forsyth both chipped in with wins over Tom Harris. The pressure was on in the doubles but Chapman and Jenkins prevailed to ensure the honours finished even.

**Travellers D (8) Surestrike Ramsey E (2)**

Alan Harding and Maurice Campbell both took maximums then combined successfully in the doubles, whilst Geoff Tinkler increased Travellers’ tally. Dylan Yardley got the Northerners on the scoreboard along with a consolation point from Glenn Callow, whilst Alex Yardley’s return from injury was sadly cut short as his ankle injury prevented him completing his fixtures.

**Division Four**

**JD North (3) IOM JD (7)**

Debutants Jack Cutts and Ben Leinwand both impressed with a full house. The pair also won an incredibly close doubles match, which finished 21/19 in the fifth set of what will probably be the longest match of the season . For the Northerners Jake, Thomase and Oliver Morris each picked up a point with wins over James Deveau.

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