**COPY SHOP RISE TO THE TOP**

Another big win for Copy Shop A takes them 3 points clear at the top of Division One after the second round of fixtures in the Fun 88 Isle of Man Table Tennis League. Meanwhile Tower A are yet to open their account at the bottom after a second successive whitewash.

Travellers B have stamped their authority in Division Two with an 8 point cushion between them and their nearest challengers. Meanwhile Surestrike Ramsey D have taken charge in Division Three with a four point margin over closest rivals St Ninians A.

In Division Four St Ninians B’s 10-0 victory takes them to within 2 points of leaders Surestrike Ramsey G who were held 5-5 in an enthralling encounter with Travellers E.

**Division One**

**Surestrike Ramsey B (1) Copy Shop A (8)**

Sean Drewry comfortably completed his second successive hat-trick with wins over Tim Baker, Chris Holmes and Wael Kassim. Paul Corran matched his achievement, however Baker took a consolation point for the newly promoted side with a straight-sets defeat of Jane Kneale.

**Tower A (0) Travellers A (9)**

Liam Chan, Malcolm Cummings and Mike Dunning secured maximum points for reigning champions Travellers. They were far too strong for Tower’s Steve Curtis, Simon Radcliffe and Freya Melvin, though Curtis pushed Dunning all the way before succumbing in 5 sets, to leave Tower still seeking their first point.

**Arbory (5) Strathallan (4)**

The match of the day saw Arbory edge out Strathallan, despite Julian Briercliffe’s brave hat-trick. Andy Horne added a further point to the collection, but a brace from Mike Tamarov and Khayee Vinas set up Keeran Chan to secure Arbory’s victory with a win over Wayne Taylor.

**Division Two**

**Surestrike Ramsey C (0) Travellers B (10)**

Travellers B sent out a message to the rest of the division with a whitewash of their newly promoted rivals, despite a battling performance. Stu Douglas, Colin Brown and Paul Mathieson-Nelson all obtained three points for Travellers, then the latter combined to take home the doubles. Daryl Yardley took a 2-set lead against Douglas but narrowly lost the crucial 3rd and was then edged out in 5.

**Copy Shop B (4) Tower B (6)**

Tower B were only able to field two registered players which gifted Copy Shop three points, however they made up for it as Dave Parsons and Ken Mitchell both collected three points. Copy Shop took the doubles to reduce the deficit but were unable to avoid defeat.

**Division Three**

**Copy Shop E (2) Surestrike Ramsey D (8)**

An impressive win for the early leaders as Fraser Dametto and Dave Bufton both earned hat-tricks then combined to take the doubles. Frank Feeney increased Surestrike’s lead with a win over Libby Quaggin, whilst twins Josh and Cameron Dudley gathered a consolation point each for Copy Shop.

**Surestrike Ramsey E (6) Tower C (4)**

Daryl Yardley led the way with a hat-trick for Surestrike, whilst Glenn Callow recorded 2 impressive victories in his first outing at this level. A win from Dylan Yardley secured victory for Ramsey, despite Barry Jenkins pulling two points back for Tower. Margaret Forsyth added a win and the pair took the doubles but it wasn’t quite enough to claim a draw.

**Copy Shop D (9) Peel C (1)**

Zac Walker earned a hat-trick for Copy Shop which was matched by Kitty Thomas. Billy Coulter almost followed the pattern however he was stopped after two wins by Louis Faragher of Peel. Coulter and Walker paired up and prevailed in the doubles to complete a strong performance.

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

Jackie Gill and Alan Harding both secured a full house before taking the doubles in quick sets. Geoff Tinkler added a point to Travellers’ collection. Lily Byrne and Sally Green pinched a point each to get Surestrike on the scoreboard.

**Desmonds Douglas (4) St Ninians A (6)**

A second successive defeat for the new boys, despite a pair from Jim Travers and a point each from Mike Travers and Tom Harris. Archie Walter started a St Ninians comeback by bagging a brace, whilst Ken Hegarty went one better by obtaining three points. The pair then won the crucial doubles to edge the victory.

**Division Four**

**Junior Development North (0) St Ninians B (10)**

A superb performance from St Ninians featured hat-tricks from Luke Hegarty, Archie Walter and Ed Walter. Hegarty and Ed Walter combined to prevail in what turned out to be a tricky doubles match against Jake Morris and Matthew Bell to take home all ten points. Meanwhile Bell and Francesca Lord both put in impressive performances for the Northerners in their first ever league matches.

**Surestrike Ramsey G (5) Travellers E (5)**

Two sides that will be in the promotion shake-up produced a tremendous encounter. William Shooter got Travellers off to a good start with a brace, which teammate Sam Preece equalled before Jake Levine begged a fifth point. Two wins from Charlie Callow, and another two from Thomase Morris took it down to the deciding doubles, where Callow and Oliver Morris triumphed to earn Ramsey a hard-fought draw.

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