

Copy Shop teams head two divisions

Copy Shop teams lead the way in Divisions One and Two of the DLP Adapted Bathrooms Table Tennis League after the first two weeks of the season while St. Ninian's and Sure Strike Ramsey E are the joint leaders in Division Three.

Despite trailing their main rivals, ABC Arborists, by three points after week one champions Copy Shop A turned the tables in bizarre fashion. Arborists were able to field only one player for their match against Foxdale and although Jason Quirk did his bit for the cause by winning all three, they went down 6-3. At the same time Copy Shop were beating newly promoted Travellers A 7-2 to overhaul them.

Division One

Sean Drewry and Brian Crellin put Copy Shop A back at the top of the division with three wins each, although both were taken to a fifth game in one of their matches. Another player to notch up three wins was Paul Corran as Breakaway A defeated Tower A 5-4, Mike Bayley and Paul Koslowski sharing Tower's points.

Copy Shop A now lead Arborists by one point with Breakaway A a further point behind in third place.

Division Two

Copy Shop B are the early leaders in this division having already opened up a four point gap at the top thanks to a 9-1 victory over Peel B, Adam Davies and Vishal Patel scoring maximums. However, sterner tests will await in the coming weeks. Peel's A team began their programme with a 10-0 victory over Tower C, Margaret Forsyth losing in five to Les Wilson and thus just failing to get Tower on the scoreboard.

Peel A could well be a threat in this division as will the two SureStrike Ramsey teams. Rhys Yardley didn't concede a single game all night as the SureStrike A beat Travellers D 6-4, Juan Moore junior and Alex Buck having two good wins each for Travellers. The B team also won 6-4 - this time against Tower B. Like Rhys, Tim Baker didn't drop a game for the B while Steve Curtis got two back for Tower.

Match of the night in any of the divisions saw Travellers C defeat Copy Shop C 8-2 with Maurice Campbell and Jackie Gill being unbeaten. But the story surrounds the fact that seven of the ten individual matches needed a fifth game,

Travellers winning five of them. In one, Jackie Gill beat Max Walker 19-17 in the decider.

Division Three

The top five teams in this division are separated by just two points and even at this early stage the indications are that it will be a wide open league. St. Ninians - who drew 5-5 with SureStrike Ramsey C - share the lead with SureStrike Ramsey E who defeated Junior Development 7-3. Billy Cain's performance in winning all three for Ramsey C against St.Ninian's is worthy of note.

Kieran Lane's three wins helped Breakaway B beat Peel C 7-3 while Zac Walker and Billy Coulter did the same for Copy Shop D in their 9-1 win over SureStrike Ramsey D.

Results of the DLP Adapted Bathrooms table tennis league

Division One

Tower A 4 Breakaway A 5; Travellers A 2 Copy Shop A 7; Foxdale 6 ABC Arborists 3.

Division Two

Peel B 1 Copy Shop B 9; Peel A 10 Tower C 0; SureStrike Ramsey A 6 Travellers D 4; Tower B 4 SureStrike Ramsey B 6; Copy Shop C 2 Travellers C 8.

Division Three

St Ninian's 5 SureStrike Ramsey C 5; SureStrike Ramsey E 7 IoM Junior Development 3; Breakaway B 7 Peel C 3; SureStrike Ramsey D 1 Copy Shop D 9.

Island teams in Blackpool and Perth

Teams from the Island's Junior Development Squad and the Veterans section travelled to Blackpool and Perth, in Scotland, respectively. The juniors were competing in a two star tournament while, for the veterans, it was the annual six nations tournament.

Pride of place among the juniors went to Freya Melvin who was runner-up in the girls under 13 singles as well as taking the runners-up spot in the under 15s plate competition. Juan Moore had an exhausting time, playing a total of 13 matches and finishing runner-up in both the under 15 and under 18 plate events.

The veterans' competition saw John Magnall and his Irish partner reaching the final of the over 60s doubles while Maggie Mulhern was runner-up in the over 60s plate. One of the best team performances came from the over 60s squad who defeated Guernsey.

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