

Table tennis April 2nd

Copy Shop retain Division One title

A few more issues were decided this week in the Isle of Man Table Tennis League, the biggest of which saw Copy Shop A retaining their Division One title. Elsewhere, Zurich Spinners claimed the second promotion spot in Division Two, Tower C were relegated from the same division while Travellers D and Peel C are promoted from Division Three, but the destiny of the third division championship is still not resolved going into the final week of the season.

Results:

Division One

Copy Shop A 7 Breakaway A 3

Copy Shop clinched the title with this win over the team who had been in second position. Brian Crellin and Sean Drewry won all their singles while Jane Kneale added another point. Mark Johnson and Paul Corran each won one for Breakaway who then took the doubles at 14/12 in the fifth.

Foxdale B 0 Arbory 10

Arbory quickly wrapped up the points through Liam Chan, Mike Tamarov and Jason Quirk to move into second position in the table. Andy McLarney came nearest to picking up a point for Foxdale, taking Mike Tamarov to five games. Arbory are now six points ahead of Breakaway in the battle for the runners-up spot.

Travellers A 2 Tower A 8

Paul Nelson and reserve Stu Douglas were the points scorers for Travellers -Stu defeating Paul Kozlovski 11/9 in the fifth, but captain Tim Baker saw Tower home with three wins while Paul Kozlovski and Dave Parsons only lost one each.

Foxdale A 3 Strathallan 7

Strathallan had to play one short and so were forced to concede three matches but it didn't prove a problem for Andy Horne and Hadyn McLarney who won everything else. For Foxdale, Will Bayley went to five games in both his matches but just lost out 9/11 and 10/12.

Division Two

Travellers B 10 Tower C 0

Champions Travellers celebrated their title win in style but this result also condemned Tower C to the third division next season. Dave Callow and Mike Chapman kept Stu Mason and Stu Douglas at the table a little longer by going to a fourth game but that was the closest Tower came to a point.

Peel A 1 Surestrike Ramsey A 9

This was a stunning victory for Ramsey over the team three places ahead of them in the table and also saw Rhys Yardley beat Malcolm Lewis and gain revenge for his defeat at the hands of Malcolm in the recent divisional final. Rhys won three for Ramsey, as did Wael Kassim, while Carl Blatcher contributed two more. Malcolm Lewis notched up Peel's only point. Ramsey have improved steadily through the season and I have a feeling they could be one of the pacesetters in this division next time round.

Copy Shop B 4 Tower B 6

Third placed Tower just edged out Copy Shop in a very close encounter. Kieran Chan was again in top form for Copy Shop and had a hand in all their four points, although Simon Radcliffe fought hard against him, only losing in five tight games. Simon, Steve Curtis and Graham McFarlane each won two for Tower to get them over the line.

Copy Shop C 9 Breakaway B 1

Breakaway's promotion challenge has faded in recent weeks and on this occasion they had to field two reserves. Aaron Faragher's five game win over George Melvin was their only success of the night although Aaron just lost to Rob Sim 12/10 in the fifth. Rob and Adam Davies won all their matches for Copy Shop while George Melvin added two more points.

Travellers C 10 Peel B 0

This was a walk over for Travellers as already relegated Peel B were unable to field a team.

Division Three

Travellers D 10 Breakaway C 0

Travellers won two of their matches after very close five gamers and that could well prove vital as they now lead the league by just two points from Peel C. Alex Buck, David Buck and Juan Moore junior kept Travellers' noses in front going into the last round of games.

Peel C 10 Copy Shop E 0

Peel also won 10/0 to stay right behind Travellers and the final matches of the season are going to be really tense and exciting. Nathan Evans, Harry Walters and Sasha Thomas had things much easier in their match than did Travellers, Pat Halliwell being the only one of the Copy Shop girls to take their opponents to a fourth game.

Junior Development 2 Surestrike Ramsey C 8

Junior Development put up one of their best performances of the season and Billy Coulter had two very good wins but Ramsey held the aces with three victories from Billy Cain and two each from Liam Cooper and Olly Brew.

So we go into the last week of the season with two main issues still to be decided. Who will claim the runners-up spot in Division One and who will be champions in Division Three?

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