

# Summer 2018 Season

# Week 16 – 01.08.18

# Liberation Singles Cup Report

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**Remember if you cannot play on the scheduled fixture date; please try to play in advance.**

**Liberation Charity Triples Open (Members Free Entry)**

**In Aid of Jersey Children’s Charity**

**Saturday 20th October**

**Still Time to Enter**

With an increase in this year’s entries despite several late withdrawals and a re-arranged date, 20 players took part hoping to lift the Golden Trophy.

Round 1 saw Matt Pinel carry on his league exploits of handing out 13 – 0 defeats, this time to Paul Bell.

Callum Stewart finished bottom in the singles cup in 2017 just two places below Matt Buesnel, Callum made his first steps to improving his singles record by beating Matt 13 – 8.

Ross Payne suffered a thrashing at the hands of Laurent Pellaton 13 – 3 and 2017 champion Geoffroy lost to Stephen Stoneman who continues his giant killing in cup competitions running out 12 – 11 winner.

Round two saw Laurent win again but a much closer affair against Toby who beat James Rondel in round 1. A bigger shock though was Steve Simpkin who beat Matt Pinel 13 – 12 with some outstanding placing.

Alan Oliveira made it two wins with a 13 – 4 win over Matt Hutchings and Jake Romeril just beat Andrew Bellamy-Burt 11 – 10.

Geoffroy was heading for an early bath after losing two in a row, this time to James Rondel 13 – 9 and two other close matches saw Callum Stewart just beat Stephen Stoneman 9 – 7 and Harrison Marie beat Paul Bell 10 – 9.

In round 3 Laurent’s giant killing ended with a 11 – 7 defeat to Jake Romeril who made it three straight wins. Also making it three straight wins was Callum Stewart against Steve Simpkin and Alan Oliveira against Toby Northern.

Matt Pinel just managed to win against Matt Buesnel 10 – 9 and Mo De Gruchy won 9 – 8 against Jean Stewart.

Round 4 saw Jake lose to Alan 10 – 7 as Alan become the only player with a 100% record.

Andrew beat team mate Callum 9 – 4and Ross moved into contention beating Cassie 13 – 11. Mo De Gruchy lost to team mate Stephen 9 – 5 and Laurent moved back into contention handing Steve Simpkin his second straight defeat 10 – 8.

The final round saw many players still in with a chance of making the quarter finals.

Matt Pinel ended Alan Oliveira 100% record winning comfortably 13 – 5, this mean’t Jake Romeril took top spot in the rankings after he beat Callum Stewart 10 – 8. Matt finishing in 5th place and Callum 6th.

James Rondel missed out on a place in the top 8 after losing his final match 13 – 12 to Matt Hutchings and last years champion Geoffroy tournament ended with a 13 – 12 defeat to Cassie finishing 16th.

Mo gave Toby a run for his money as they shared several two pointer ends with Toby running our 12 – 10 winner.

Ross Payne lost to Andrew 13 – 9 but made the top 8, finishing 7th thanks to the Swiss system as he had a BHN of 13 +1 points diff compared to Cassie Stewart also with 3 wins and despite a + 5 only had a BHN of 10. Andrew finished 2nd.

Matt Buesnel made the top 8, finishing 8th as he beat Steve Simpkin 11 – 9, ending Steve’s hopes of a top 8 finish.

Some really good performances with Matt Hutchings just missing out in 9th place by 1 BHN point and Stephen Stoneman with 2 wins.

The Quarter Finals were as follows:

Ranked 1st Jake Romeril 2 v 13 Matt Buesnel Ranked 8th

Ranked 2nd Andrew Bellamy-Burt 13 v 5 Ross Payne Ranked 7th Ranked 3rd Laurent Pellaton 13 v 11 Callum Stewart Ranked 6th

Ranked 4th Alan Oliveira 5 v 13 Matt Pinel Ranked 5th

The curse of the top ranked player in the Swiss system returned as Jake Romeril (2017 Runner Up) lost heavily to Matt Buesnel with Jake placing way off on several occasions and an unlucky coche move bouncing of his own boule towards Matt on the last end for game.

The first of two matches repeating round 5 fixtures saw a much more comfortable win for Andrew over Ross. The second match was Alan and Matt with a repeat of the round 5 score going Matt’s way.

The closest match was Laurent and Callum, with some excellent play by both players and on the penultimate end Callum was holding two for game, but both boules were together and with his last Boule Laurent firing them both out taking a point to make it 11 – 11 before gaining two points on the next end for the win.

The Semi-Finals were

Matt Buesnel v Matt Pinel

Laurent Pellaton v Andrew Bellamy-Burt

Despite a very close 10 – 9 win in round three for Matt Pinel, he made much lighter work this time winning 13 – 3. Andrew also took advantage of a dip in Laurent’s consistency taking the win 13 – 6.

Third place went to Laurent beating Matt Buesnel 13 – 9 for a fantastic tournament again matching his third place in the super 7’s.

So with Andrew winning the Cup in its first year 2012 and Matt Pinel winning in 2016 who was going to be the first player to lift the trophy twice. Matt was playing in his third final after losing to Matt Ryan in the 2013 final.

Andrew started off in brilliant style with some excellent placing and firing as he quickly moved into a 6 – 1 lead. Matt though on top form recently and with some superb firing got back to 6 all, it was then 10 – 9 to Matt who firing a perfect shot leaving his boule just in front of the coche holding two, only for Andrew to place perfectly just in front on Matts boule to take it to 10 – 10.

Unfortunately on the next Matt’s placing was not quite good enough leaving Andrew to placing two more in, he just managed it to take the title 13 – 10, in a high quality final from both players.

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