

# Summer 2018 Season

# Week 5 – 25.04.18

# Triples Mini League Report

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

A new trial this season with the Triples Mini League format replacing the Melee’s had its first run.

The four captains were: Matt Pinel

 Andrew Bellamy-Burt

 Neil Selby

 Geoffroy Buffetrille





Week 1 fixtures were:

**Captain - Neil Selby v Captain - Geoffroy Buffetrille**

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**Round 1**

**Team Neil’s** players for the first match were Neil, Matt Hutchings and James Rondel who faced **Team Geoffroy,** who were Brian Harris, Alan Oliveira and Jean Stewart.

Brilliant start from Jean with boule bang on the coche, Neil’s team couldn’t displace this and Brian and team made full use of the good start in gaining 5 points. Brian team continued fine start and we ahead 9 nil.

Neil and team fought back to gain 6 points but couldn’t gain anymore, so was a very good victory for Geoffroy’s team without their star player.   13 – 6 To Team Geoffroy.

**Team Andrew** players were Ross Payne, Laurent and Alex who took on **Team Matt** who were Matt Pinel, Chris Le Gallais and Paul Bell.

Matts team started off well by taking the lead 10-3, but once Andrew’s team won their first end and control of the coche they changed direction on the open terrain and adjusted quicker to the different surface picking up one point at a time till it was 10-10.

Andrew’s team then took the lead for the first time in the game scoring two points, going into the final end only needing one point. Matt’s team were out of boules holding the point, Andrew’s team with four boules in hand with Laurent and Alex both having a go at shooting the boule out but missed only for their teammate Ross, captain on the day to show them how it’s done 13 - 10. A great game and a reminder never to give up no matter how far behind you are in a game (even 12-0) as you can always come back to win.

**Round 2**

**Team Neil**, this time Neil played with Callum and Cassie Stewart and took on **Team Matt** who were Matt Pinel, David and Brigitte Ibitson.

After both teams lost their opening match, this was a tight affair. Neil’s team took slight early lead, from a good shoot from Cassie, before Matt’s team came back.

With the game level at 10 – 10 Neil’s team managed to gain full advantage to gain 3 points and gain first win of season.

**Team Andrew,** this time was Ross, Mo De Gruchy and Alex Stewart taking on **Team Geoffroy** of Brian, Alan Oliveira and Stephen Stoneman.

The game started off with Team Geoffroy taking the lead with four points on the first end, on the second end Mo placed a cracking boule in front of the coche with Team Geoffroy unable to move the her boule with six shots resulting in Team Andrew picking up three points.

Team Andrew took the lead to 11-5 with the win in sight things were looking good until Alan starting going first it all changed as they crawled back to 12 all, going in to the final end, with luck on their side Team Andrew were holding one and out of boules. Stephen threw his boule that rickoshade off an outside boule to move the jack on to one of their boules to win the game in style.

Just a thought for next time when your 11-5 up and struggling to get a point you can make a sub at any time could make all the difference.

Best of Luck to everyone

***NEXT WEEK***

**2nd May – Singles League – Week 4 & 5 (Double Fixture Week)**

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