

# Winter 2017-2018 Season

# Pre-Season Report

# November 2017

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Welcome to the Winter League and also welcome new club member Mo De Gruchy, Laurent Pallaton, Luke Canavan and welcome back Dawn Buckley.

Premier League Doubles, can Jake Romeril & Ross Payne win again! They have won three out of the last 4 winter seasons, quite a formidable team.

It will be another tough season though with Matt Pinel teaming up with Toby Northern in the league for the first time. Can they transmit their incredible cup form to the league, their first 3 league fixtures couldn’t be any tougher though.

Geoffroy Buffetrille & James Gennoe

Callum Stewart & Andrew Bellamy-Burt

Ross Payne & Jake Romeril

Can Callum and Andrew rise back to the top having won the title in winter 2015 / 16 Season.

Alan Oliveira & Craig Kelly won the first ever winter Premier League doubles winter title in the 2011 / 12 season and return to the Premier league after being relegated in the winter 2015 / 16 season.

Could Alan & Mike, Colin & Steve, Cassie & Alex, Keith & Sue, Alice & Brigitte do a Leicester City and shock everyone and win the Premier League.

Division 1 could be anyone’s as last year showed with just three points separating first to sixth place. Matt Ryan & David Ibitson should be title favourites but I’m sure Brian & Paul, James & Tom, David & Susan and Neil & Dawn to name a few will push them all the way.



We have expanded to 3 divisions this winter following an influx of players which is great news and after a number of changes, back and forth, are they in or out, the final singles leagues have been confirmed!! (Well at least for now!)

Toby Northern will be looking to retain his winter Premier League Singles title, which he has won a record three times but will have work to do after being relegated in the Summer!

Will Geoffroy Buffetrille continue his fine form and add the winter title to his summer one!

Will Ross Payne stop escaping relegation by the skin of his teeth!

Will newly promoted Neil Selby, make an impact!

Will Andrew Bellamy-Burt be relegated!! Based on his form at the end of the summer season, could be relegation favourite? (Or not?)

We’ll soon find out.

Brian Harris has to try and win Division 1 again after being relegated last winter and James Rondel, Cassie Stewart, Tom McMinigal and John McGaw all in with a shout as are David and Susan.

Division 2 will see several new members take part,

Who will be the new rising star this season?

Will Brigitte Ibitson regain her place in division 1 after being relegated last winter?

Will Brendan Jones cope with the cold weather and win promotion.

Can’t wait to find out.

***WEEK 1***

**Doubles League - Start time 10.00am**

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