

# Summer 2018 Season

# Week 14 – 27.06.18

# Singles League Report

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**Remember if you cannot play on the scheduled fixture date; please try to play in advance and Notify the Club if you are not playing and the date your match is arranged for.**

**Liberation Singles Cup (Members Only – Free)**

**Wednesday 11th July 2018**

**Still Time to Enter**

Well, we are only at the beginning of July, but we are already 75% of the way through the Singles League fixtures. However, there are no Singles League fixtures in July just the club Singles Cup.

If results went Matt Pinel way, he could have won the title. So which way did they go, well Andrew Bellamy-Burt and Matt Buesnel were the only ones realistically who could catch Matt, but they played each other in the first fixture of the day with both needing a win to keep the pressure on.

Andrew came out on top and by some margin and is now the only one who can catch Matt. Andrew though drew his second match with Neil and then drew a catch up match with Toby who raced to a first game win, before losing a close second game.

Top played almost bottom as Matt played Jonny Hill as he tried to keep his 100% record going with Jonny needing vital points to avoid relegation. Jonny became the latest person to suffer a 13 – 0 defeat at the hands of Matt, Jonny now sits four points away from anyone else at the bottom of the table after also losing to Keith Pinel.

Matt then also handed Paul a 13 – 0 beating before winning 13 – 2. The next game was much closer with Matt just holding on to his 100% record taking the second game 13 – 12.

Therefore, Matt Pinel is just 11 points clear at the top of the league and will become the Summer Premier League champion unless he loses all his last four matches and Andrew wins all of his.

Neil Selby and Ross Payne, doubles partners played each other and with both sitting in the top half of the table and performing well, made for a good match. It certainly was in the first game going to 13 - 12 with an easier game in the second one as Ross to the bragging rights.

Brian Harris on good form and in third in the league before today’s matches were played, his opponent David Ibitson who was just above relegation. Another win for Brian who is heading for his best ever season.

Callum Stewart needed 3 points to move towards safety against Paul Le Moine but could only draw which leaves himself and Paul in the relegation zones.

Another player struggling for wins was Toby Northern, who played Alice Ibitson, Toby though was always in front in the first game, although the second game was very close Toby held on to win and pick up 3 vital points.

The second round of matches saw Toby play Brian Harris. With Brian playing really well he took the first game but the second went to the very last end at 12 – 12, with Toby gaining a valuable draw. Matt Buesnel played Alice Ibitson in his second game and just holds on to second place in the league on point’s difference after drawing this match.

Ross Payne capped but day with a big win over Geoffroy who only score 7 points in total. Ross now in fifth in the league with Geoffroy in danger of relegation after also drawing the Keith Pinel.

In a catch up match, Neil Selby fought out a great match, with Neil just taking the first game 13-12 with neither player getting more than 2 or three points away from the other.

The second one saw Neil go 9-0 down before fighting back to eventually take the lead 12-11 before Geoffroy pointed in for 2 to seal the victory.

Outstanding Matches

23rd May Andrew Bellamy-Burt v Paul Le Moine (Arranged for 4th July)

23rd May Andrew Bellamy-Burt v David Ibitson (Arranged for 18th July)

23rd May Alice Ibitson v Paul Le Moine (Arranged for 25th July)

6th June Keith Pinel v Matt Pinel (No Date)

A big match in Division 1 was Cassie Stewart and Richard Williams, with both players aiming for a top three finish, but Richard took this game comfortably and now sits in top spot but only on points difference over Alex Stewart who has a match in hand on Richard.

Joey Le Clech needed to take advantage of more favourable fixtures based on league positions as he played Mo De Gruchy, but Mo is getting better every week, could a shock be on the cards. Not quite but another good performance from Mo. Joey though could not beat Matt Hutchings with a draw leaving Joey 1 point off the top but having played more matches.

Brigitte Ibitson had dropped down the table in recent weeks but after performing well in the Doubles Cup with daughter Alice would have been confident of getting a few results. Brigitte did that with a win over Jean before drawing with Paul to hold on to a slim chance of promotion but looks certain to finish in the top half of the table.

Laurent Pellaton also in with a chance of a top three finish in successive seasons took on Harrison Marie, whose last few results leave him off the pace with the top of the league. In a close match Laurent just edged out Harrision 13 – 10, 13 – 10. Unfortunately, though Laurent then drew with Mo losing the second game 13 – 11 to drop 2 vital league points, which is the same number of points he is off third place.

Outstanding Matches

27th June Cassie Stewart v Alex Stewart (No Date)

John McGaw v Alex Stewart (No Date)

 John McGaw v Jean Stewart (No Date)

 David Le Gresley v Paul Bell (No Date)

 David Le Gresley v Stephen Stoneman (No Date)

 Richard Williams v Harrison Marie (No Date)

Best of Luck to everyone

***NEXT WEEK***

**4th July – Doubles League – Week 5**

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