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Severn side Roofing Premier Division

Another good week for the Pride!

The Pride of Lions, who are at the top of the Premier table, ventured to Montgomery this week to take on The Crown, who have struggled to get going so far. The Crown side found themselves on the back foot after 10 frames, trailing 6-4. The Crown started the third session well, with Neil Gorman beating Makka in the 11th frame, bringing them within 1 frame of a point. However, Sean Nolan managed to hold his nerve against Damien to get the Pride over the line.

The Premier also saw another top-end clash, which featured the Jockey Wanderers against the Wandering Dragons. Both teams have had good starts to the season. The Jockey team really hit the ground running, winning the first session 5-0, with Callum Bishop and Jake Owen performing well. Olly from the Dragon team hit back in the 6th frame to get the Dragons on the scoreboard. However, the team from Churchstoke managed to secure the win in the 8th frame, with Ryan Hamer beating Carl Hansen.

The Angel A, who appear to be struggling this season, welcomed the Punchbowl to Welshpool. If the Samosas were looking for 2 points this week, then they would have to work for it, as this Angel team was not going to go down without a fight. A strong performance by the Angel saw them trailing by just 2 frames after the 2nd session. John (3/3) from the Punch managed to secure the win for his team in the 11th frame.

The Oak A this week faced off against the newly formed Angel Convict. This marked a return to form for the Oak A, who have not had the results go their way so far. The Oak A managed to secure the win against the Convict in the 10th frame. Hywel from the Convict was the star man for his team with a flawless performance.

Elsewhere, the Castle Boys welcomed the Oak B. The Castle Boys took the first session 3-2, with Mark Woosnam (3/3) delivering a standout performance by securing a B/C against Steve. The Oak B found themselves trailing 6-4 after the 2nd session. It was the Castle's star man, Mark, who managed to secure the win for his team in the 11th frame.

The final game of the Premier League this week saw Mark Davies and the Courthouse Judges take on Jockey A, which included his father (Steve Davies) and brother (Matt Davies) in their ranks. It is safe to say that there could be more than points at stake with this match. Brett Clark from the Courthouse drew first blood by beating Otis Powell in the 1st frame. However, the experienced Jockey team responded by winning the next 6 games, with Steve Davies securing the points and bragging rights in the 9th frame.



TA contracting Player of the Year Award



Premier League Individual Leading Players

Pos	Name	Team	Played	Won	%
1	Gary Gindrat	Jockey Wanderers	8	8	100.00%
	Matt Davies ©	Jockey A	8	8	100.00%
3	L Barker	Pride Of Lions	8	7	87.50%
4	Sean Nolan	Pride Of Lions	6	6	100.00%
5	Neil Gorman	Crown	8	6	75.00%
	Jake Owen	Jockey Wanderers	8	6	75.00%
	Carl Guntrip	Jockey A	8	6	75.00%
	Carl Clark	Jockey A	8	6	75.00%
9	Hywel Lloyd	Angel Convicts	6	5	83.33%
10	Ryan Hamar	Jockey Wanderers	7	5	71.42%



Dark Harbour Division 1

Bandits sent for Execution!

The Courthouse Executioners met the Berriew Bandits at the Talbot this week. Both teams have had good starts this year, securing some solid wins. However, it was Jon Jacobs and his Executioners who found their form this week to beat the Bandits 10-2, with Mark Hamer (3/3) being the star man for the Executioners.

The Talbotrons made the journey to the courthouse this week to face off against the struggling Convicts. The Talbotrons will be hoping to build on the solid start they have had to the season. With the help of newly signed Luke Grainger (3/3), the Talbotrons secured the win in the 11th frame.

In the other room at the Courthouse, the Bailiffs faced off against the Smoking Dragons. This match had the possibility of being very close, with both teams securing good points so far this season. By the end of the 2nd session, it was the Bailiffs who had the upper hand, leading 6-4. The 11th Frame saw Matt Sherwood (2/3) face off against Rodger Lovett (3/3). Rodger did not let the pressure get to him as he secured the frame and the win with a B/C.

In Westbury this week, the Pussy Cats, who have still not played a game outside of Westbury, welcomed the Caerhowel Lions. The Lions have not had results go their way so far this season, and they would be hoping to turn it around this week. The Cats, who will have their eyes set on the top spot this year, started well, securing the first 2 frames. However, the Lions rose to the occasion, taking the first session 3-2. However, the Pussy Cats were not going to take this lying down and went on to only drop 1 frame in the 2nd session. With the Cats fighting for the win and the Lions playing for the draw, it was all to play for going into the last session. Ultimately, it was the Cats who held their nerve, with Barry (2/2) securing the win for the Cats in the 11th frame against Duan (2/3).

On the other table in Westbury, the Argae Pirates faced the struggling Purring Pussies. The first session saw the Pirates take a 4-1 lead, with the young Ben putting in a solid performance for the Pussies, defeating the ever-steady Owain Wilding. Despite this, the Pirates then went on to win the next 8 frames, with Steve defeating Joe Long in the 12 frames, bringing the final score to 10-2 to the Pirates.

The final game of the week saw the Pussy Eaters venture to Welshpool to take on the Thirsty Fowls. The Eaters have had a stronger start so far, and they will be hoping to continue their good form. The Eaters started well, with Ben Sexton getting a B/C against Remy. The Fowls then went on to claim 2 frames in response. This awakened the Eaters who then went on to win the next 8 frames. Could this be the start of a strong season for the Eaters?



TA contracting Player of the Year Award



Division 1 Individual Leading Players

Pos	Name	Team	Played	Won	%
1	<u>Fraser Davies</u>	<u>Argae Pirates</u>	8	8	100.00%
2	<u>Roger Lovatt</u>	<u>Courthouse Bailiffs</u>	8	7	87.50%
	<u>Owain Wilding</u>	<u>Argae Pirates</u>	8	7	87.50%
4	<u>Tommy Adams ©</u>	<u>Pussy Cats</u>	6	6	100.00%
5	<u>Matt Sherwood</u>	<u>Smoking Dragons</u>	8	6	75.00%
	<u>Ashley Isaac</u>	<u>Courthouse Bailiffs</u>	8	6	75.00%
7	<u>Barry Bennett</u>	<u>Pussy Cats</u>	6	5	83.33%
	<u>Alex Galvin</u>	<u>Courthouse Executioners</u>	6	5	83.33%
	<u>Duan Redman</u>	<u>Caerhowel Lions</u>	6	5	83.33%
	<u>Richard Clifton</u>	<u>Pussy Eaters</u>	6	5	83.33%

League Tables



Premier League Table

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Dif	Pts
1.	<u>Pride Of Lions</u>	4	4	0	0	35	13	22	8
2.	<u>Jockey A</u>	4	3	1	0	32	16	16	7
3.	<u>Jockey Wanderers</u>	4	3	1	0	31	17	14	7
4.	<u>Wandering Dragons</u>	4	2	1	1	25	23	2	5
5.	<u>Castle Boys</u>	4	2	1	1	23	25	-2	5
6.	<u>Punchbowl Samosas</u>	4	2	0	2	25	23	2	4
7.	<u>Angel Convicts</u>	4	2	0	2	19	29	-10	4
8.	<u>Oak A</u>	4	1	1	2	24	24	0	3
9.	<u>Oak B</u>	4	1	0	3	20	28	-8	2
10.	<u>Courthouse Judges</u>	4	0	2	2	18	30	-12	2
11.	<u>Crown</u>	4	0	1	3	18	30	-12	1
12.	<u>Angel A</u>	4	0	0	4	18	30	-12	0



Division 1 Table

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Dif	Pts
1.	<u>Argae Pirates</u>	4	4	0	0	35	13	22	8
2.	<u>Pussy Cats</u>	3	3	0	0	28	8	20	6
3.	<u>Courthouse Bailiffs</u>	4	3	0	1	28	20	8	6
4.	<u>Talbotrons</u>	3	2	1	0	22	14	8	5
	<u>Courthouse Executioners</u>	4	2	1	1	28	20	8	5
6.	<u>Pussy Eaters</u>	3	2	0	1	20	16	4	4
7.	<u>Smoking Dragons</u>	4	1	2	1	25	23	2	4
8.	<u>Berriew Bandits</u>	4	2	0	2	23	25	-2	4
9.	<u>Caerhowel Lions</u>	4	1	0	3	21	27	-6	2
10.	<u>Thirsty Fowl</u>	4	0	2	2	18	30	-12	2
11.	<u>Jockey Aa'S</u>	3	0	1	2	14	22	-8	1
12.	<u>Courthouse Convicts</u>	4	0	1	3	17	31	-14	1
13.	<u>Purring Pussy Cats</u>	4	0	0	4	9	39	-30	0

TA Contracting Cup Round Cup



This week, the prelims of the TA main cup took place across the league. This round featured 19 out of the 25 league teams in action. The first of these games saw the Argae Pirates setting sail against Jockey A. The Pirates had high hopes for the night after Fraser Davies beat Carl Clark in the first frame. However, these hopes were soon dashed as Jockey A displayed their class by winning the next 8 frames, leaving the Pirates shipwrecked with a one-way ticket to the consolation cup.

The Berriew Bandits welcomed the Courthouse Judges back to the Talbot as they faced off in this round. The judges started well, with both Brett Clark and Connor Jones drawing first blood for the new prem side. At this point, the Bandits' experience shone through as they won the next 6 frames, including victories from both John and Colin. This match nearly went the full distance before Colin beat Mark Davies in the 12th frame to secure the Bandits' place in the main cup.

In Welshpool, the Wandering Dragons took on the Courthouse Convicts, who managed to earn their first points in the league last week. The very experienced Dragon team put in a strong performance, ultimately winning the night in the 9th frame with Olly beating Tom Young, who had previously defeated Olly to secure the only frame for the convicts on the night.

Next up, the Angel A traveled to the Oak to take on the Oak B, who went into this round with only 4 players. The 4 Oak players put in a valiant performance, with John being the star player, winning all 3 of his games. However, this was not enough for the Oak team, who ultimately fell victim to having only 4 players, with the match being won in the 15th frame, which was conceded by the Oak. Chris was the star man for the Angel side, winning all 3 of his games and helping them secure a place in the next round.

This cup round saw the newly formed Jockey AAs travel to the Punchbowl to take on the ever-experienced Samosas. The Samosas team took the first session 3-2, with Harry Pritchard and Martin Williams winning for the Jockey. The Jockey went on to reverse this score in the 2nd session, with Geoff and John keeping the Punch in the match. With the scores even going into the third session and everything to play for, both teams needed to bring their A game. This is where the experience of the Punch shone through, as they won the first 3 games of the session, ending the match in the 13th frame.

The Crown and the Castle boys faced off this week, with the Crown claiming victory. The exact scoreline remains one of life's great mysteries. Unfortunately, the newly formed Courthouse Executioners were unable to field a team this week, resulting in a walkover for the pride of lions, who have advanced to the next round. The Smoking Dragons have also forfeited this round of the cup, meaning the Courthouse Bailiffs have advanced to the next round. The final game of the cup saw the Talbotrons play the Caerhowel Lions. The Talbotrons good form in the league has followed them into the cup with them securing a 8-3 win over the Lions who have now got a space in the consolation cup.

TA Contracting Main Cup Last 32

Caerhowel Lions			Talbotrons
Castle Boys	5	8	Crown
Pride Of Lions	W	0	Courthouse Executioners
Courthouse Bailiffs	W	0	Smoking Dragons
Oak B	7	8	Angel A
Jockey A	8	1	Argae Pirates
Jockey Aa'S	5	8	Punchbowl Samosas
Berriew Bandits	8	4	Courthouse Judges
Wandering Dragons	8	1	Courthouse Convicts

This Week



TA Contracting Main Cup



This week will see a week off League action as the last 16 of the Main cups will take place. Remember captains to post your scores on the website.

TA Contracting Main Cup Last 16			
Angel A			Oak A
Berriew Bandits			Purring Pussy Cats
Courthouse Bailiffs			Jockey A
Wandering Dragons			Jockey Wanderers
Pussy Cats			Angel Convicts
Punchbowl Samosas			Pussy Eaters
Crown			Pride Of Lions
Thirsty Fowl			Caerhowel Lions or Talbotrons



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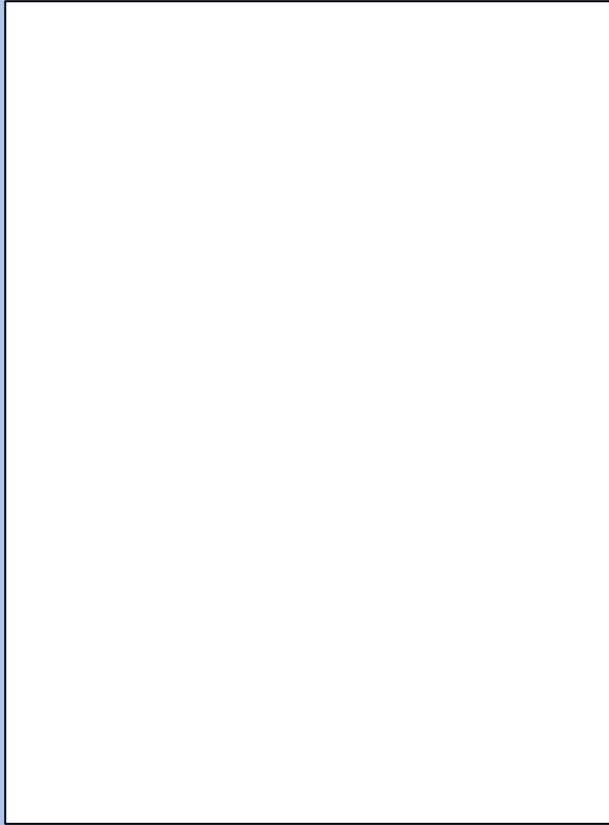
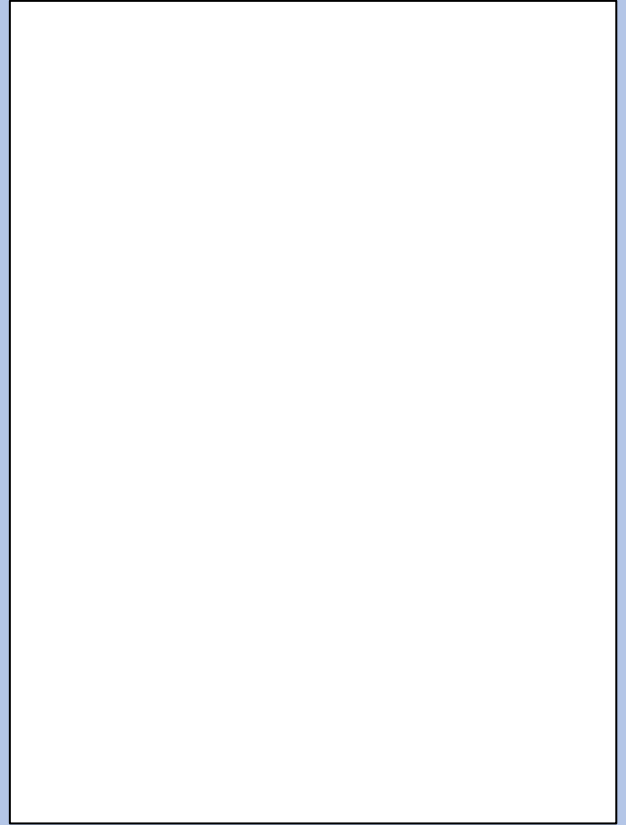
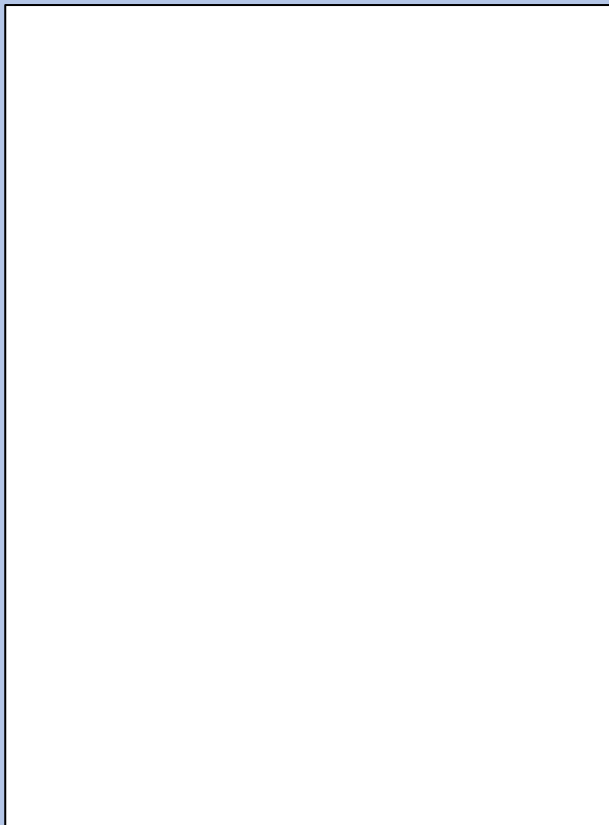
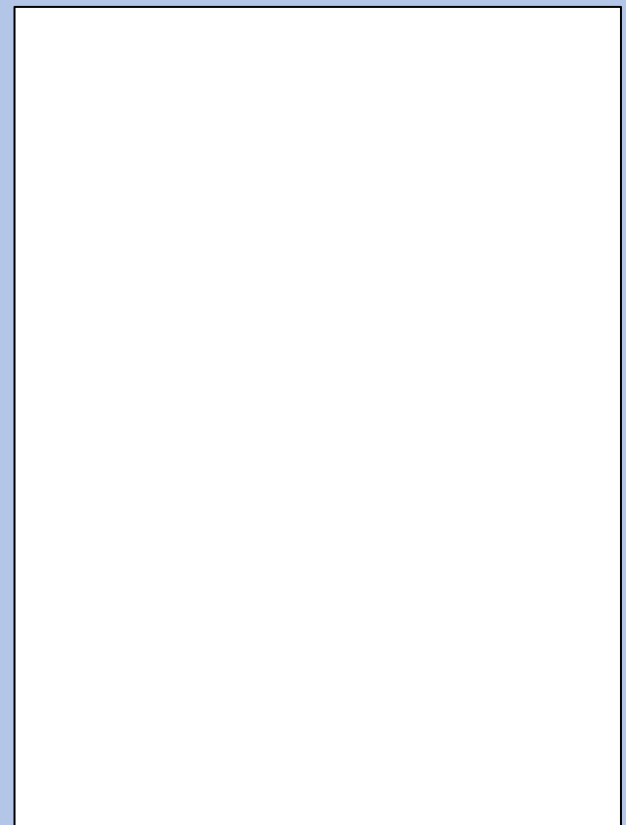
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