

Wirral Tennis League 2013 Situation with 1 match to go

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Division 1: Hoylake1 have had a phenomenal season and have regained the title from Neston1 even though they suffered their first (and it was a big one) defeat at Heswall1. It is still very close for runners up with only 6 points separating Heswall1, Neston1 and Prenton1 (who only retained their place in the division by virtue of last season's playoff). Heswall1 are at Prenton1 in final match which could leave the way open for Neston1 who go to Hooton1 (currently 2nd to bottom) and are therefore favourites. Upton1 have an outside chance of relegating Hooton1 but will need to have a much better result against WallaseyM1 than Hooton1 in week 12. Hooton1 will be in the playoff to stay in division1 unless Upton1 gain 8 points on them.

Division 2: It's going to go to the wire with 3 teams vying for the shield and automatic promotion and 4 for the playoff! COaks1 gained 1 point on Hoylake2 and are now 3 points ahead Neston2 only 2 points further adrift. CheshireOaks1 go to Neston2 for final match which could let Hoylake2 in. Hoylake2 host Alderley1 who are desperate for points to avoid relegation/playoff. Relegation and playoff go to final match with 5 teams (PortSunlight1, Thorndale1, Prenton2, Heswall2 and Alderley1) separated by only 13 points and the bottom3 (Prenton2, Heswall2 and Alderley1) separated by only 3 points. Heswall2 go to Prenton2 for the probable decider.

Division 3: Oxton1, having only stayed in the division by 2 points last year, are hot favourites to win the division. Neston3 need to gain 13 points on Oxton1 in the final match at Oxton1. WallaseyManor2 cannot now catch the top 2. The bottom 2 are NorthCheshire1 and Bertram1. The decider will be the last match between them at Bertram. Bertram1 are 1.33 points ahead and have won more matches.

Division 4: Hoylake3 are 7 points ahead of Upton2 and must finish in the top 2. Alderley2 and Pinewood1 could catch Upton2 but would need to gain 11.67 and 12.67 points respectively. Alderley2 travel to Hoylake3, which could let in Upton2, who entertain Birkenhead2. PortSunlight2 will be relegated and Thorndale3 are in the playoff.

Division 5: Hoylake4 are in the driving seat and are 14.33 points ahead of Oxton2. They meet at Oxton2 in the decider but it is unlikely that Oxton2 can get almost a whitewash. Upton3 return to division6 after 1 season in division5 (providing they are reelected). Neston5 need almost a whitewash at Thorndale4 if they are to avoid the playoff and push Thorndale into the playoff.

Division 6: At the time of writing the PSunlight3 v Thorndale5 card has not been received. However it is probable, assuming similar result to previous meeting, that Thorndale5 will get the 10 points needed to go top ahead of Pinewood2. Pinewood2 then have, on paper, the easier final match at Birkenhead3, while Thorndale5 are at home to Oxton3. Oxton3 could overtake their opponents but would need a nearly full house. It is possible that WallaseyManor3 could have a say even though they are 10 points behind. Birkenhead4 finish bottom and need to seek reelection on 2 counts.

Division 1 Men: Prenton1 have won the title for the 5th year running and Neston1 are runnersup again. NorthCheshire1 are relegated after 1 season (providing they are reelected). To avoid the playoff Helsby1 (at NorthCheshire1) need to gain 4 points on Bertram1 (at WallaseyManor1).

Division 2 Men: There are still some week 13 results to come in. Oxton1 win the division after just missing out on promotion last year. Hoylake1 are favourites to be in playoff, however if they had a bad result at Alderley2 in week 13 and possibly Hooton1 had a good result at home to Oxton1 then there are 5 teams looking for the playoff place (Hoylake1, Thorndale2, Upton1, Hooton1 and Alderley2). Alderley1 and Hooton2 are the bottom2 with Hooton2 holding a 2 point advantage. For their final matches they visit the top 2 teams, Hooton2 visit Hoylake1 and Alderley1 visit Oxton1.

Division 3 Men: The final top 2 teams are WallaseyManor2 and Alderley3. WallaseyManor2 lead by 4 points but only have 1 match to play and that is at Alderley3 in week 14. Alderley3 finish the season at 3rd placed Bertram2.

Division 1 Ladies: Oxton1 won the decider 8-0 to become champions.

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Division 6: Provisional result for PSunlight3 v Thorndale5 is 4-12 to take Thorndale5 3 points clear at the top. However waiting for the team for Birkenhead3, who had a blank week, to come in which could result in more points for Pinewood2. Oxton3 need a 16-0 at Thorndale5 to overtake them. Pinewood2 may need less than the current requirement of 6 points at Birkenhead3 to guarantee at least a playoff.

Division 2 Men: Having just received some result cards it means Hoylake1 now need 1.33 points next Thursday at home to Hooton2 to guarantee a playoff place even if Hooton1 win 8-0 at Upton1 on Wednesday.