

## WTL 2017 Status Final

**Division 1:** What a finish! Only 11 points separated the top 4 teams (**Prenton1**, Heswall1, Hoylake1 & Neston1). Prenton1 in the past 4 seasons have been 4<sup>th</sup> then 3<sup>rd</sup> then 2<sup>nd</sup> and now for the 1<sup>st</sup> time champions. They won by 3 points (half of 1 rubber!) from last year's champions **Heswall1**. The irony is that Heswall2 were at Prenton1 in final match, Penalty points cost Neston1 the title. **Heswall2** are relegated with **WallaseyM1** in the playoff.

**Division 2:** **Birkenhead1** confirmed their return to the top division and **Thorndale1** could return via the playoff against local rivals WallaseyM1. **Thorndale2** are relegated. COaks1 avoided the playoff putting out their strongest team of the year for a 48-0 win at home to Hoylake2 and overhauling a 28point difference over **Prenton2** who are now in the playoffs,

**Division 3:** **Upton1** secured their return to Division2. **Alderley2** confirmed their place in the playoffs despite a narrow loss at Hoylake3. **PSunlight1** have a 2<sup>nd</sup> successive relegation only failing by 8 points to overhaul Thorndale3. **Thorndale3** didn't gain enough points to catch Heswall3 to avoid being in the playoff.

**Division 4:** **Oxton2** comfortably gained the points required for automatic promotion. **Pinewood1** more than consolidated their playoff place over WallaseyM2. **Heswall4** are relegated and **Thorndale4** are the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thorndale team in the playoffs.

**Division 5:** **Hooton2** are promoted and **Upton2** squeezed into the playoff. Needing 20 points against a slightly weakened champions Upton only won 6 points in the straights but managed to win 3 mixed to finish 4 points above Birkenhead2. **Thorndale5** are relegated and **NCheshire1** go into the playoff. Neither team scored many points in match 14.

**Division 6:** **Pinewood2** are promoted and **Oxton3** go into the playoffs despite both teams only scoring 4 points in their final match. WallasyM3's final charge beating Oxton3 in Wallasey 44-4 was not quite enough to catch them. The bottom 2 teams met at Oxton4 for the reelection spot and **Pinewood3** almost overhauled Oxton4's 37point advantage Penalty points were significant.

**Men Division1:** **Prenton1** are champions yet again (10<sup>th</sup> consecutive). **Alderley1** won at Neston1 in the match to decide runners up. Relegation & playoff was between Prenton2 & Oxton1. **Prenton2** beat Oxton1 in final match to go into the playoff and condemn **Oxton1** to relegation.

**Men Division2:** **Hoylake1** won their final match 24-0 to book their oscillation back to Division1. **Thorndale2** overhauled Upton1 to gain a place in the playoff by 2 points. **PSunlight1** are relegated following their loss at **Hooton2** who are now in the playoffs. However an Alderley2 match will be on the agenda at CM2

**Men Division3:** **Hoylake2** have won the Division and **Pinewood1** are in the playoff. **NCheshire** will need to apply for reelection.

**Ladies Division1:** **WallaseyM1** retain the title they won last year.