

WTL 2017 Status after Match 13

The 2017 season is building up to an exciting finish with only 1 match to go (except for 1 team in Division6 and 3 postponed matches from Match12):

Division 1: There are only 14 points separating the top 4 teams (Neston1, Heswall1, Prenton1 & Hoylake1) so in the last match every point could be critical. Prenton1 have the easiest match against the bottom team Heswall2 however they will need to pick up more than the 30 points they did from their first meeting at Heswall. The title may be decided by availability. Please ensure you don't lose the title by incurring a penalty. Heswall2 will be relegated with WallaseyM1 virtually in the playoff as they are 37points behind Hooton1 and have to play the top team.

Division 2: Birkenhead1 need only 14points at Prenton2 to confirm promotion even if Thorndale1 gain maximum points against 4th placed Oxton1. Thorndale2 will be relegated and it's now between COaks1 and Prenton2 for the playoff. Prenton2 have a 28point advantage following COaks1 ranking problem but face champions Birkenhead1 in the final match. Hoylake2 had a good win in Match12 to put themselves clear.

Division 3: Upton1 secured their return to Division2. Following their 28-20 win and probable playoff decider against Neston3, Alderley2 need 10points to ensure a playoff place at over Neston3. PSunlight1 face a 2nd successive relegation unless put pressure on Thorndale3 by repeating their 48-0 over Bertram1 although they do not have home advantage this time. Thorndale3 lead PSunlight1 by 20points and they need to gain 22points on Heswall3 to avoid being in the playoff. Hoylake3 now look safe having won at Thorndale3.

Division 4: Oxton2 only need 2points for automatic promotion. Pinewood1 lead WallaseyM2 by 8points for a playoff place and both have away matches against teams that are safe (Hoylake4 & Neston4 respectively). Heswall4 will need to gain 26points on Thorndale4 to take their place in the playoff and avoid relegation but that seems unlikely as in their meeting at Prenton they lost 34-14. Hoylake4 gained enough points at WallaseyM2 to only need 2 points to guarantee safety.

Division 5: Hooton2 will be promoted and it is between Birkenhead2, Upton2 & Prenton4 for the playoff. Birkenhead2 currently hold a 10 & 46 point advantage over Upton2 & Prenton4 respectively. Upton2 & Prenton4 both have a postponed game in hand. Birkenhead2 host Prenton4 in match14. Thorndale5 are favourites for the drop as they are 30points behind NCheshire1 even though NCheshire1 have a very difficult match at home to Hooton2. Penalty points could be significant for both teams.

Division 6: The top 2 positions will be between Pinewood2 & Oxton3. Pinewood2 gained 10points on Oxton2 and now hold an 8point advantage so it's all to play for. Pinewood2 host PSunlight2 and Oxton3 are away at WallaseyM3. The bottom 2 teams meet at Oxton4 for the relection spot with Oxton4 holding a 37point advantage Penalty points could be significant.

Men Division1: Prenton are champions yet again (10th consecutive). Runners up is between Alderley1 & Neston1. The decider will be when they meet at Neston in final match. Alderley have a 6point (1 rubber at 2-0) advantage. Relegation & playoff is between Prenton2 & Oxton1. Again the decider will be when they meet at Prenton in final match (who does the fixtures?). Oxton1 have a 5point advantage (less than 1 rubber of 2-0)

Men Division2: Hoylake1 need 5points to be sure of their oscillation back to Division1. Thorndale2 have a 14point advantage over Upton1 but Upton1 have a postponed game in hand. Hooton1 are now out of contention. Failing to fulfil a fixture has probably cost them any chance and also could have helped Hoylake1. At the bottom PSunlight1 are 14points behind Hooton2 and they meet at Hooton to decide relegation a& playoff. Alderley2 are 31points above playoff position but may face penalties?

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.