

WTL 2017 Status Match 14

Most positions have now been decided (champions, promotions, playoffs and relegations). There are still 4 Mens matches to play and 1 rearranged match in Division 5 from Match12):

Division 1: What a finish! Only 11 points separated the top 4 teams (Prenton1, Heswall1, Prenton1 & Neston1). Prenton1 in the past 4 seasons have been 4th then 3rd then 2nd and now for the 1st 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 had already secured their return to Division2. Alderley2 confirmed their place in the playoffs despite a narrow loss at Hoylake3. PSunlight1 have a 2nd 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 3rd Thorndale team in the playoffs.

Division 5: Hooton2 are promoted and it is still between Birkenhead2 and Upton2 for the playoff place. Birkenhead finished any hope Prenton4 had with a massive 48-0 win over them. Upton2 went a further 10points behind Birkenhead2 but they have a rearranged match to play next Tuesday against the champions. Thorndale5 are relegated and NCheshire1. 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. WallaseyM3's final charge beating Oxton3 in Wallasey 44-4 but it 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: 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 1point to be sure of their oscillation back to Division1. Upton1 have a 20point advantage over Thorndale2 but Thorndale2 have a final match to play at home to Alderley2. Alderley2 may need some points to be assured of staying in division. PSunlight1 are relegated following their loss at Hooton2 who are now in the playoffs. Alderley2 are 19points above playoff and still have a significant match to play as they 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.