

Wirral Tennis League Fixture Secretary Report for CM1 2018

WINTER LEAGUE (WEST CHESHIRE): Changes: There were a few changes introduced for the 2017-2018 season:

- Restructure of Divisions for 2017-2018 to 8 teams per division to provide:
 - Playing home & away for more balanced fixtures.
 - Fairer travelling for matches because playing home & away.
 - Decided by applying promotions/relegations and then taking top 8 for division 1 then next 8 for division 2 etc
 - Matches started late September because there would be 14 matches (1 extra).
 - 2 up 2 down subject to applications/resignations
 - Possibility in future of some form of playoff before summer season but not this season
 - Matches postponed because of weather must have an agreed rearranged date on the day of postponement
 - Any rearranged matches must be completed by end of April
 - 6 Main divisions (5 of 8 teams + 1 of 12) + 4 Ladies divisions (3 of 8 teams + 1 of 12)
 - 26 clubs
 - 88 teams
 - 580 scheduled matches – Unfortunately equivalent of 60 matches conceded.
- Constraints/requests: (in alphabetical order) – Extract from 2017-2018 for 2018-2019: please advise asap if different:
 - Alderley - 4 courts - 4 teams
 - Bertram - 4 courts - 3 teams + both Main teams on same day
 - Birkenhead - 6 courts - 4 teams
 - COaks - 4 courts - 3 teams
 - Chester - 4 teams - Max 2 teams at home together. Ladies teams on different Sundays
 - Glan Aber - 2 courts - 4 teams
 - Helsby - 2 courts - 4 teams
 - Heswall - 6 teams - ideally max 2 teams at home
 - Hoole - 3 teams - ideally only 1 team at home
 - Hoylake - 6 teams - ideally max 2 teams at home
 - Mersey Bowmen - 3 teams - ideally max 1 team at home
 - Neston - Ideally both A teams together & B teams together
 - Oxtton - 4 courts - 4 teams - Ideally A teams together
 - PSunlight - 5 teams - Max 3 teams at home
 - Prenton - 6 teams - ideally max 2 teams at home
 - Tarvin - 3 teams - ideally max 1 team at home
 - Thorndale - 4 teams - Max 1 team at home
 - UptonVH - 4 teams - Max 1 team at home
 - WallaseyManor - 6 courts - Main A&B not on same day. Ladies A&B not on same day
 - Others: No matches just before Christmas (23 Dec 2018)
 - As few matches as possible before New Years Eve (30 Dec 2018)
 - As few matches as possible on Mothering Sunday (31 Mar 2019)
 - No matches on Easter Sunday (21 Apr 2019)
- Problems 2017-2018:
 - The number of matches conceded was disappointing (see attached table). Suggest as with summer league if equivalent of 3 matches conceded then record expunged. Reason: unfair on league.
 - Complaint from PSunlightA re WallaseyMB v BertramA
 - WallaseyMA v NestonA Ladies: Neston played Maddie Jones who was registered and already played for PortSunlightA

- New result entry system (2017-2018):
 - The system was available for testing for a few weeks before implementation and for registering players and checking pre registered players.
 - Once live, clubs were requested to input their home match results for the first 3 matches (131 of 132 results were entered as requested)
 - Starting from match 04 the system was fully up to date and most teams enter their results straight after their match, many using their smartphone.
 - Introduction took a great deal of effort and prompting to get system up and running and making sure the results entered agreed with the existing system
 - Thanks to all who helped but very disappointing was an email received from the Chester contact who would not enter his one retrospective result in time requested and sent what I consider a very rude email. Because of that it took me quite a time to audit the system (ensure data for 1st 3 matches entered matched the original system).
 - A significant problem was that clubs had not registered the players before they played and it took me many hours to sort the problem following result entries for the first 3 matches.
- New result entry system (2018-2019): See Winter Rules.
- **Final Tables Summary:**

| Division | Winners | Runners up (promoted) | Relegated | Relegated (for reelection) | Top player (rubbers won) | 2 nd Top player |
|----------|----------------------|--|---|----------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Main 1 | PrentonA | HeswallA | TarvinA | HoylakeA | Graham Powers(PrentonA) 19 | Rod Bennet(HeswallA)17 |
| Main 2 | WallaseyMA | PrentonB | HoylakeB | HootonA | Dave Bright(HooleA) 21 | Richard Lewis(WallaseyMA) 17 |
| Main 3 | CheshireOaksA | ChesterB | GlanAberB | HoylakeC | Steve Barlow(CheshireOaksA) 20 | Chris Coulter(ChesterB) 20 |
| Main 4 | BirkenheadA | TarvinB | ThorndaleB | PortSunlightB | Daniel Travers(BirkenheadA) | Chris Edwards(TarvinB) |
| Main 5 | NestonB | PrentonC | HootonB | HeswallC | Paul Anderson(NestonB) | Gerry Kirby(NestonB) |
| Main 6 | PinewoodA | UniOfChesterA | UptonC | NorthCheshireA | Ian Peters(PinewoodA) | Guy Edwards(PrentonD) |
| Ladies 1 | WallaseyMA | BrymboA | KelsallA | HeswallB | Nichola Smith(WallaseyMA) 24 | Ali Lewis(WallaseyMA) 21 |
| Ladies 2 | PrentonA | AlderleyA(same pts as ThorndaleA – won more matches) | OxtonA(4points behind HootonA) | ChesterB | Natalie Faulkner(PrentonA) 22 | Jenny Dawson(HootonA) 17 |
| Ladies 3 | HoylakeA | GlanAberB | BertramA(6 points behind HoylakeB) | ThorndaleB | Nicki Beggs(ThorntonHough A) 18 | Annie Doyle(HooleA) 16 |
| Ladies 4 | MerseyBowmenA | PrentonB(10points ahead of BirkenheadA) | PortSunlightA(same pts as OxtonB – won fewer matches) | HelsbyB | Rachel Williams(HelsbyA) 16 | Sue Edwards(PrentonB) 16 |

SUMMER LEAGUE 2018

- The new recording system, similar to winter 2017-2018 was implemented and has been very well received.
- There was a record number of teams entered into the league with 532 fixtures scheduled:
 - 50 mixed teams made up of 5 divisions of 8 and 1 division of 10
 - 24 Mens teams
 - 5 Ladies teams

PROBLEMS:

- Very disappointing and very frustrating was that despite reminding all clubs (helpful reminders) to know what to do for rearranged matches, the first Tuesday of the season caused me a ridiculous amount of extra unnecessary time. There were far too many emails and telephone calls when the rules relating to postponed matches have not changed for many years are straightforward, on the website and should be in every clubhouse and with every captain! Despite the problems no penalties were applied.
- On a more positive note I haven't found (nor has anyone reported) any ranking problems and on the whole the results have been entered into the new system increasingly promptly.
- Also disappointing has been the number of WALK OVERS (see separate page of Problems). Of the original 532 scheduled matches 43 matches caused penalties for not fulfilling a fixture (part or full) and 2 teams had their record expunged. Not good for fair competition. While the league in the past has encouraged clubs to enter teams it has now reached the stage that teams should only be entered into the league with the confidence that fixtures can be fulfilled.
- Clubs enter their own registrations and there have been numerous results entered with UNLISTED PLAYER because player has not been registered.

- Many clubs have not entered players BTM number for their players. Thank you to those that have. It was passed at AGM 2017 that a player's BTM number must be entered with their registration. No penalties have been applied in 2018.
- NB Rules: All players must be bona fide playing members.
- CONTACTS: Ensure your contacts are up to date on the new system otherwise your club could miss significant communication. Only contacts on new system will be included in emails. There is one available for each team plus 2 for club. NB There is a separate list for summer & winter.

Registered players / BTM numbers entered by club

| Club | Ladies | Men | With BTM | No BTM |
|--------------|--------|-----|----------|--------|
| Alderley | 46 | 70 | 54 | 62 |
| Bertram | 25 | 34 | | 59 |
| Birkenhead | 38 | 47 | 85 | |
| CheshireOaks | 36 | 48 | 16 | 68 |
| Helsby | | 55 | 43 | 12 |
| Heswall | 59 | 79 | 111 | 27 |
| Hooton | 19 | 24 | 26 | 17 |
| Hoylake | 57 | 72 | 122 | 7 |
| Neston | 51 | 47 | 96 | 2 |

| Club | Ladies | Men | With BTM | No BTM |
|---------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| NorthCheshire | 8 | 29 | 18 | 19 |
| Oxton | 49 | 47 | 1 | 95 |
| Pinewood | 24 | 31 | 40 | 15 |
| PortSunlight | 23 | 54 | 56 | 21 |
| Prenton | 30 | 53 | 82 | 1 |
| Thorndale | 36 | 48 | 69 | 15 |
| Upton | 29 | 50 | 1 | 78 |
| WallaseyManor | 43 | 42 | 55 | 30 |
| Total | 573 | 830 | 875 | 528 |

| Division | Winners | Runners up (playoff) | Playoff | Relegated (for reelection) | Top player: Lady (rubbers won) | Top player: Man | 2 nd Top player: Lady | 2 nd Top player: Man |
|----------|----------------------|--|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|---|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1 | Birkenhead1 | Prenton1 | Heswall1(4 points behind Alderley1) | Hooton1(8 points behind Heswall1) | Hannah Hunter (Prenton1) 20 | Peter Leatherbarrow (Birkenhead1) 26 | Sarah Robertson (Birkenhead1) 19 | Matthew Tottey (Birkenhead1) 25 |
| 2 | CheshireOaks1 | Neston2 | Hoylake2 | Heswall2 | Helen Ditchfield (CheshireOaks1) 21 | Steve Barlow (COaks1) 21 | Margi Jones (COaks1) 21 | Ian Minshall (COaks1) 19 |
| 3 | Thorndale2 | Pinewood1 | Oxton2 | Heswall3 | Charlotte Keighley (Pinewood1) 25 | Ben Sweeney (Thorndale2) 23 | Liz Caton (Thorndale2) 18 | Sandy Burrows (Pinewood1) 22 |
| 4 | Prenton3 | WallaseyM2 | Hoylake4 | Upton2 | Jan Berg (WallaseyM2) 20 | Andy Atkinson (PortSunlight1) 20 | Mod Irvine (PortSunlight1) 18 | Richard Howard (WallaseyM2) 19 |
| 5 | Birkenhead2 | Pinewood2 (17 points above Bertram2) | Heswall4 | Oxton3 | Suzie Cooper (Birkenhead2) 26 | Jack Dooley (Birkenhead2) 25 | Jenny Rudley (Pinewood2) 16 | Werner Zimmerman (Birkenhead2) 18 |
| 6 | NCheshire1 | Thorndale5 (same points as Birkenhead3 – won more matches) | PortSunlight2 | Oxton4 | Dot Webster (NorthCheshire1) 17 | Mike Kenny (NCheshire1) 19 | Lesley McLellan (NCheshire1) 16 | Peter ferret (Cheshire1) 18 |
| Ladies 1 | WallaseyM1 | Oxton1 | Thorndale1 | Hoylake1 | Ali Lewis & Nichola Smith (WallaseyMA) 13 | | | |
| Men 1 | Prenton1 | Neston1 | Hoylake1 (20points behind Thorndale2) | Alderley1 (10points behind Hoylake1) | | Mark Powers (Prenton1) 23 | | Graham Powers (Prenton1) 20 |
| Men 2 | Prenton2 | Hoylake2 | Upton1 (6points behind Pinewood1) | WallaseyM2 | | Paul Maddocks (Upton1) 18 | | Chris Thomas (Prenton2) 16 |
| Men 3 | PortSunlight1 | Bertram1 | NorthCheshire1 | Oxton2 | | Andy Atkinson (PortSunlight1) 16 | | James Tanner-Davies (Bertram1) 15 |

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