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## Champions start season off in style

Last week, the reigning champions Full Montys sent out a real statement of intent by beating one of their closest rivals 12-2. The Monty Misfits are stacked with experienced players but they had no response from going 3-2 behind. Daf Rowlands with a golden performance of a 3/3 with three 7 ballers. Unfortunately for Aled Evans, they were all against him. It was this Summer`s Singles league champion Carl Guntrip who finished the contest off by beating new Misfits captain Neil Powell in the tenth. It`s an ominous start to the season but teams will have to find a way to contend with the champions.

The Jockey A had a hard fought win over an improved Sws team who held out at 5-5. That`s when the Jockey moved up a gear to run out the last four frames to close the match 9-5 with Steve Davies beating Mark Jones in the penultimate frame. Matches don`t get any easier for the Sws as they take on the Full Montys this week.

The Jesters recorded an excellent 10-4 win over the Teasers who finished fifth last season. Wayne Olden beat Russ Evans for the match with a 7 baller after Ken Llewellyn chipped in with a 3/3.

The Lion Cubs made a miraculous comeback from 6-2 down to Cefn Coch with Mark Woosnam holding his nerve in the last frame against Rob Francis. The villagers will be mightily disappointed they never got anything from the match as they begin life in the top division but at least they will know that they are capable of competing against one of the Premier leagues experienced sides.

The Tigers started off with a 10-4 win against the Monty Dragons. New Tiger recruit Jason Stokes started off well with a 7 baller with the Dragons new boy Dan Stephens pulling one back. After that, the Dragons never really got going despite numerous chances with the Tigers far more lethal. Dave Woosnam with a 2/2 made sure of both points by the tenth frame as they look to improve on the healthy fourth placed finish last season.

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| Premier League | | |
|---|---|---|
| Monty Misfits | v | Jockey Newbees |
| Jockey A | v | Lion Cubs |
| Monty Dragons | v | Bye |
| Jockey Jesters | v | Cefn Coch B |
| The Sws | v | Full Montys |
| Monty Teasers | v | Caerhowel Tigers |

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# CAERHOWEL LIONS BOWLED OVER IN DIV. TWO

The Caerhowel Lions look to have a wealth of experience this year and could feature in the title race however they were undone away to the Back Lane Bowlers who have recruited Wayne Crump and Russell Powell. They also have the reliable Shaun Gillet who also chipped in with a 2/3 as they lead the early table.
A new look Monty Younguns with Laura Jones, Llion Jones and Jamie Jones laboured to an 8-6 win away to Buck Yourself. Llion with a 3/3 with Jamie completing the win in the last frame with a 7 baller against Gareth Owen. It will be interesting to see how the Younguns develop this season and how the Buck manage the higher division this season.
The Desert Rats will be kicking themselves as they let a 7-4 lead go in their match against the Bowling Ballers. Barry Shafe completed the comeback to share the spoils after Anthony Wilson 2/2 had given the Rats a commanding lead.
The Nomads (formerly Zimmers) had Alan Davies to thank for as they beat the Queues 8-6. Alan with a 3/3 including the last frame capped off a good night for him with new recruit Alan Walker also with a 3/3 albeit two frames with the aid of very fortunate flukes that Carl Pryce would be proud of. The Nomads look a strong bet for the title if they can field a regular side.
Mark Hamer for the Melts carried on with his good form last Sunday in the county match by winning 2/2 against the Bull n Heifer who fell to a last frame defeat. Jon Jacobs was the Melts` hero as he beat Kev Gittins after Kev Lewis had given the Bulls some hope of a draw with a 7 baller in the penultimate frame.

***There are no league fixtures this week for Division Two due to there being only ten teams. This will happen another three times throughout the season so players are advised to either catch up with cup fixtures or play league matches if you know some future fixtures can`t be played on the scheduled date.***

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# OUTCASTS LOOK TO BOUNCE BACK QUICK FROM DIV. THREE

Although the Outcasts boast an extremely experienced side, that didn`t prevent them from relegation last season. Having lost Wayne Crump, they`ve gained Callum Hamilton who won 3/3 for them last week against a good Jury side. With the scores locked at 4-4, the Outcasts moved up a gear, culminating with Darren Robertson winning the match against Iwan Griffiths in the twelfth frame. 3/3 also for captain Phil Fage, with the final scoreline 10-4.

Allen Birch who has played in the league since the start chalked up a 3/3 for the Lounge Rats against the newly named DWLLWGAFs ( that`s going to be a pain to type each week) in his sides 9-5 win. Colin Humphreys is another league stalwart and he chipped in with a 2/2 for the Lounge.

The Courthouse Judges left the Monty club with both points thanks to an Oli Goodwin 3/3 and last frame win over the Treacles Troy Palmer. Steve Tudor (another league stalwart) with a 3/3 but to no avail.

The Red Lion flatter to deceive over a season so will need to be more consistent and started off brightly by beating the Brexit Bowlers 9-5 with Mike Lewis 3/3 and the match frame doing the main damage. Graham Lewis also with a 3/3 for them. Michael Ross with a 2/3 was the best the Bowlers could offer on the night.

Richard Morris with a 3/3 and the last frame win was enough for the Severn St Mob to claim both points against the Outbowlers. Returning after a season out, Julie Breakwell set Richard up when she made sure of at least the point in the penultimate frame. The Outbowlers had Stuart Armstrong to thank for three of their six frames with the rest of the team having to step up over the coming weeks.

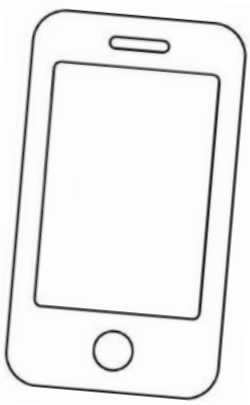
| Division 3 | | |
|---|---|---|
| Courthouse Judges | v | Severn Bowlers |
| Brexit Bowlers | v | DWLLWGAFs |
| Outcasts | v | Bye |
| The Outbowlers | v | Lounge Rats |
| Red Lion | v | Monty Treacles |
| Severn St Mob | v | Courthouse Jury |

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# LEAGUE TABLES

| Name | P | W | D | L | F | A | Diff | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Full Montys | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 12 | 2 | 10 | 2 |
| Caerhowel Tigers | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 4 | 6 | 2 |
| Jockey Jesters | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 4 | 6 | 2 |
| Jockey A | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 5 | 4 | 2 |
| Lion Cubs | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 6 | 2 | 2 |
| Jockey Bees | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Cefn Coch B | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 6 | 8 | -2 | 0 |
| The Sws | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 9 | -4 | 0 |
| Monty Teasers | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 10 | -6 | 0 |
| Monty Dragons | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 10 | -6 | 0 |
| Monty Misfits | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 12 | -10 | 0 |

| Name | P | W | D | L | F | A | Diff | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Back Lane Bowlers | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 5 | 4 | 2 |
| Monty Melts | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 6 | 2 | 2 |
| Monty Younguns | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 6 | 2 | 2 |
| Nomads | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 6 | 2 | 2 |
| Bowling Ballers | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 7 | 7 | 0 | 1 |
| Desert Rats | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 7 | 7 | 0 | 1 |
| Bull N Heifer | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 6 | 8 | -2 | 0 |
| Monty Queues | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 6 | 8 | -2 | 0 |
| Buck Yourself | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 6 | 8 | -2 | 0 |
| Caerhowel Lions | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 9 | -4 | 0 |

| Name | P | W | D | L | F | A | Diff | Pts |
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| Outcasts | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 4 | 6 | 2 |
| Red Lion | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 5 | 4 | 2 |
| Severn St Mob | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 5 | 4 | 2 |
| Lounge Rats | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 5 | 4 | 2 |
| Courthouse Judges | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 6 | 2 | 2 |
| Severn Bowlers | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Monty Treacles | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 6 | 8 | -2 | 0 |
| DWLLWGAFs | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 9 | -4 | 0 |
| The Outbowlers | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 9 | -4 | 0 |
| Brexit Bowlers | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 9 | -4 | 0 |
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