



# Whitley Bay & Cullercoats Darts League

Season 2018 - 2019

25th January 2019

Results - Week 15				POS		Table - Week 15						P	W	D	L	F/A	Pts
1	<b>Blue Bell</b>	9 - 3	<b>Fat Ox</b>	1	↑	<b>Seahorse B</b>	15	15	0	0	102	141					
	<i>112co Charlie Robson</i>			2	↓	<b>Victoria</b>	15	14	0	1	102	141					
2	<b>Phoenix Tap - A</b>	9 - 3	<b>Phoenix Tap - B</b>	3	↑	<b>Phoenix Tap A</b>	15	11	1	3	56	118					
	<i>83co Mark Hudson</i>			4	↓	<b>Whitley Lodge Snooker Club B</b>	15	10	0	5	53	116.5					
3	<b>Red Lion</b>	4.5 - 7.5	<b>Grey Horse</b>	5	→	<b>Marden Club</b>	15	9	0	6	29	104.5					
	<i>14 dart singles Tony Smith</i>			6	↑	<b>Grey Horse</b>	15	9	1	5	10	95					
4	<b>Seahorse A</b>	4 - 8	<b>WLSC - A</b>	7	↓	<b>Border Terrier</b>	15	10	0	5	9	94.5					
				8	→	<b>Tynemouth Club</b>	15	5	3	7	-10	85					
5	<b>Tynemouth Club</b>	5.5 - 6.5	<b>Border Terrier</b>	9	→	<b>Red Lion</b>	15	3	4	8	-18	81					
	<i>180 Dean Wallace, 18dl Gavin Hosie</i>			10	↑	<b>Blue Bell</b>	15	4	1	10	-40	70					
6	<b>Victoria</b>	8 - 4	<b>Marden Club</b>	11	→	<b>Whitley Lodge Snooker Club A</b>	15	4	2	9	-41	69.5					
	<i>180 MW &amp; MR, 17dl M. Wood, 120co S. Malpass, 114co A. Samuels, 72co C. Jones</i>			12	↓	<b>Fat Ox</b>	15	2	1	12	-47	66.5					
7	<b>WLSC - B</b>	2 - 10	<b>Seahorse B</b>	13	→	<b>Seahorse A</b>	15	1	2	12	-81	49.5					
				14	→	<b>Phoenix Tap B</b>	15	0	1	14	-124	28					

Week 15 saw the most positional changes (as demonstrated by the red and green arrows) than any week previously this season including a change at the top but we'll come to that later. Many teams had consecutive home fixtures and first up this week were the Blue Bell with an excellent result putting the Fat Ox to the sword and moves them up to tenth place while the Fat Ox slide the other way to 12th. The Bell are certainly using the full width of their playing roster but Charlie Robson is the rock in the middle of the team and good to see some evidence that David Beaney is coming back into form.

The Phoenix Tap A are being rewarded for their scoring and finishing consistency as they won the Hillheads Road derby fixture to move into the top 3. The Tap B despite being rooted to the bottom are showing signs of improvement individually within the team and are another side who allow most of their players an outing each week.

The Earsdon Road derby match was won by the visiting Grey Horse at The Red Lion. It was a close match to be fair with the visitors Alan Middlemiss virtually unplayable in the team, threes and twos and to top it off was a touch of class in his singles when well ahead he was supporting and encouraging his opponent Mark Fenton to better efforts. That's what this league is all about. Tony Smith back on his old oche hit a lovely 14 darter in his singles even with Adam Taylor Christenson breathing down his neck. Also a mention for Alan Barrass who after recent major surgery was back hitting the lipstick with ease and consistency.

The Seahorse A went down at home to the Whitley Lodge A but its clear that their playing staff problems are now sorted as they are using the extra guys that signed on for them. The Lodge A are one of the steadiest sets of lads out there having been together for a long time they can tend to get overlooked but it's noticeable that a certain Kev Birkett is placing ever improving stats on the board especially in his singles this season.

Tynemouth Club are proving to be the hardest side to predict as week in week out I don't think they have a clue as to what the result will be and this week they went down narrowly at home in a belter of a tie with the Border Terrier. Dean Wallace with a maximin and Gavin Hosie with an 18 darter and The Terrier came back from 4-2 down going into the singles to win all but a half point in those to take the game. We can only imagine what the atmosphere was like.

The Victoria are in that part of the season where having been at the top until now they are having to grind out results after starting more slowly than normal. Three all going into the singles against Marden Club who are no pushovers, as more than ably demonstrated but that man Mr Richardson they turned it around with some brilliant darts and finishing in particular. Knowing how passionate Andrew Cochrane is he will be gutted to come out of the match pointless individually but its teams that win things and the bottom half of the home draw, Messrs Wood, Malpass and Samuels stepped up and brought it home for them this week with some top class darts.

It's took 15 weeks but last years champions Seahorse B go even on points at the top of the table courtesy of being unbeaten as they comprehensively beat Whitley Lodge B who themselves as a consequence drop out of the top three. You perhaps know it's not going to be your night when the first three's and two's are halved on equal darts but the real damage was again done in the singles as the visitors had a clean sweep of the six available points. The top two are level now so interesting to see if any psychological aspects come to the fore as a close tussle all the way to May is anticipated between those two.