



Whitley Bay & Cullercoats Darts League

Season 2018 - 2019

3rd May 2019

Results - Week 26				POS		Table - Week 26						P	W	D	L	F/A	Pts
1	Grey Horse	11 - 1	Border Terrier	1	↑	Seahorse B	26	26	0	0	177	244.5					
2	Marden Club	10 - 2	Blue Bell	2	↓	Victoria	26	24	0	2	161	236.5					
	<i>180 Greg Falcus x2, Charlie Robson, 16dl Greg Falcus, 18dl Mattie Richardson</i>			3	→	Whitley Lodge Snooker Club B	26	20	0	6	111	211.5					
3	Phoenix Tap - A	5 - 7	WLS - B	4	→	Phoenix Tap A	26	18	2	6	70	191					
	<i>180 Keith Bisby, 78 & 85co's John Trousdale</i>			5	→	Grey Horse	26	17	1	8	70	191					
4	Red Lion	6 - 6	Tynemouth Club	6	↑	Marden Club	26	14	2	10	38	175					
	<i>80co 2xDT Micky Armstrong</i>			7	↓	Border Terrier	26	16	0	10	8	160					
5	Seahorse A	8.5 - 3.5	Phoenix Tap - B	8	→	Red Lion	26	7	6	13	-13	149.5					
				9	→	Tynemouth Club	26	8	5	13	-21	145.5					
6	WLS - A	6 - 6	Fat Ox	10	↑	Whitley Lodge Snooker Club A	26	6	5	15	-77	117.5					
				11	↓	Blue Bell	26	6	2	18	-84	114					
7	Victoria	1 - 11	Seahorse B	12	→	Fat Ox	26	3	2	21	-85	113.5					
	<i>180 M. Stephenson x2, Ian Gleeson, Alan Davie,</i>			13	→	Seahorse A	26	3	2	21	-143	84.5					
				14	→	Phoenix Tap B	26	0	1	25	-212	50					

The final week of the season saw some last minute movement across the table.

The Grey Horse brought their season to a close with an excellent double digit win home to The Border Terrier which brings them level on points with The Phoenix Tap A. The two teams can only be separated by the overall number of wins so The Phoenix Tap A take 4th place on that basis even though they lost at home to another good Whitley Lodge B performance despite a maximum from Keith Bisby and some good outshots from John Trousdale thrown in. The Border Terrier have also had an excellent season and will be happy with seventh place after starting really strongly but falling away in the second half of the campaign. The Lodge B team can still look back on a good season and a plus 200 points haul is a good pointer towards next season. Marden Club ended on a high at home to The Blue Bell and showed what they can do with their players back. Greg Falcus has been missed and demonstrated how much with a brace of maximums and he and Mattie Richardson taking out 16 and 18 dart legs respectively. Only in form Charlie Robson stopped them recording a brush with his own maximum to take a point. The Blue Bell drop one spot to 11th place and if they can convert their doubles stand every chance of improving going forward.

The Red Lion are the leagues draw specialists with six recorded and again matched the score line between them and Tynemouth Club in the reverse fixture. These two sides have drawn with each other more than any others and no surprise that they sit in eighth and ninth places. Den Ashcroft was a demon on the doubles and Micky Armstrong took out a super DT-DT even though his first one wasn't intended that way. Another drawn result was had between Whitley Lodge A and The Fat Ox but the result saw the Lodge B rise above the blue Bell to land tenth spot and The Fat Ox stay in twelfth place.

The two bottom sides came together and the result went the way of The Seahorse A with a strong home win played in a buzzing atmosphere as the "league decider" was being played to their left hand side in the venue. Both these teams have a common thread between them in that they have any number of players signed on but getting a consistent turn out has been an Achilles heel for both sides and that has left them adrift of the pack all season.

Where on earth to start in trying to capture the drama in the last fixture but here we go.

A superb showing from both teams all season long brought the prospect of this decider to reality and the first three darts thrown were a 180 max from Ian Gleeson which precipitated 26 ton plus scores and 4 maximums from the Seahorse B. The team game was book ended with maximums, the second one coming from Mark Stephenson to take the first point.

The Victoria simply couldn't gain any traction in the face of this onslaught and pretty soon were 6-0 down going into the singles. The Victoria needed to prevent The Seahorse B taking 7 points to retain the top spot that they had held most of the season but Michael Wood lost the next one to Gleeo in the first singles so it was over as a result from that point on. Despite this credit goes to Ben Clark who pulled one back against Tab Hunter to prevent the threat of a brush but the scoring and more to the point the timing of the scoring from The Seahorse B made all the difference.

A fantastic end to a super season so credit to both sides for nine months of excellence. Many looking on will say that the Victoria lost it here but if they look back they will see that the silly points they dropped against sides in the bottom four spots all had an effect over the course of the season.

As this is the final report of the 2018 - 19 season a huge thank you goes to all players, skippers and venues for supporting the league and for each and every one of you for contributing to it's continued success.