

# BRITISH LEAGUE



## Urban TTC top British League table

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Urban TTC became the outright leaders of the British Premier League after grinding out a 3-2 win over Drumchapel.

The defending champions once again had the excellence of Satoshi Aida to thank as he won both of his singles, notably including an epic comeback against Drumchapel's Simon Berglund.

Berglund and Yaser Razouk had put the Scots ahead in the doubles after victory over Hungarians Daniel Kosiba and Daniel Schaffer before Aida levelled the match with a straightforward win over Marc Duran.

Urban then hit the front as Schaffer eased to victory over Razouk, but it looked like the match would go to a decider as Aida fell two games down against world number 222 Berglund.

However, an incredible fightback saw Aida win 11-6 and 12-10, before an enthralling decider saw him secure the set, and the match, 18-16 in the fifth.

Duran defeated Urban's Kosiba to see the match end 3-2. But that result was enough to secure Urban the outright top spot as Ormeau's unbeaten start to the season came to an abrupt halt as they fell to a 3-2 defeat at Ormesby.

Portuguese ace Tianming Zhao was the difference as he won his two singles for the hosts, with Helshan Weerasinghe chipping in with the fifth and crucial set to secure the win.

Ormeau had won the first and third set to establish a lead twice, first winning the doubles via the combination of Matt Ware and Gavin Maguire before Ware excellently dispatched of the higher rated Daniel Reed 3-1.

But Zhao twice levelled the match with victories over Lucas Molland and Maguire before Weerasinghe defeated Molland to keep Ormesby's unbeaten start intact, although they remain third, two points behind the leaders Urban TTC and a point behind Ormeau.

North Ayrshire got their season up and running as they secured their first win of the season, 3-2 over Fusion.

Colin Dalgleish's two wins were pivotal for the Scots, with Dalgleish coming from two ends down against Lorestas Trumpauskas to pick up a hugely important set.

Fusion, who are now outright bottom of the league, went ahead after Trumpauskas and James Smith won the doubles, but the match would be decided in the fifth set as Dalgleish's double sandwiched Smith's 3-0 win over Zak Wilson.

That left local favourite Chris Main in charge of sending spectators home happy, and he duly obliged as he overcame Kazeem Adeleke 3-1.

Finally, Batts completed a clean sweep of 3-2 results as they overcame Cardiff.

The first set proved the most crucial, with the Welsh side surrendering a two-game lead to lose the set, with Dean Cundy and Marc Castro coming unstuck against Ethan Walsh and Alexis Mommessin.

Song eased past Hugo Batocchi soon after, but Mommessin and Batochhi defeated Castro and Cundy respectively in straight sets to establish an unassailable 3-1 lead, although Song defeated Walsh in the final set to pick up a consolation.

Bizarrely, the league table now sees all eight teams separated on points, with each league position being determined by a single point!

Urban TTC are top on 11, while Fusion have four points at the other end of the table. The next round of action takes place on Saturday, December 1st.

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