

All to play for as Premier Division enters final rounds

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Archway Peterborough, Ormeau, Fusion and Ormesby are all looking to secure their place in the top four of the Premier Division in the penultimate weekend of fixtures before the play-offs.

With just four points separating Ormeau in third and Fusion in sixth, results from Round 6 will undoubtedly prove to be crucial.

After all seven rounds of the season have been completed, the division will be split into two. The top four teams will go on to play for the title while the bottom three will play to avoid possible relegation.

Ormesby need to win this Saturday to have any chance of securing a top four finish and the chance to defend their title. A defeat against bottom team North Ayrshire will leave the north-east club on 10 points after six matches and just out of reach of the top half of the table.

For the match on the west coast of Scotland they have selected a full strength team of Sining Zhang, Darius Knight and Helshan Weerasinghe. Denis Neale will travel as the non-playing captain.

The North Ayrshire trio of Colin Dalgleish, Zak Wilson and Chris Main will hope to pick up their first victory of the season.

Current league leaders Urban TTC will all but guarantee a top four finish with victory over Ormeau this weekend.

They, once again, select from a squad that has shown to be a formidable outfit this season. Daniel Schaffer, Daniel Koshiba and Szilard Gyorgy have only lost one match between them this season and will be vital if Urban TTC are to win their second title in three seasons.

Ormeau, looking to bounce back from <u>defeat against Ormesby last round</u>, could head to second in the league if they beat the 2017-18 champions. The Belfast side were buoyed by the return of Alexis Lebrun from a back injury

in January and will be hoping to record their fifth win of the season.

Fusion travel to Archway Peterborough for an enticing tie. A win for the London side will give them hope of a late rally to move into the top four.

They will pick from a squad of Kazeem Adeleke, Lorestas Trumpuaskas, Joseph Hee, James Smith.

John Dennison of Fusion admitted: "It is very tough match but the players are up for the challenge."

Archway Peterborough, who have won their last three fixtures, will select Jiawong Song, and two of either Callum Evans, Chris Doran or Adam Jepson.

Check the <u>British League twitter account</u> or each club's Facebook page for details on how to watch each match live.

Fixtures

Saturday 22nd – All fixtures 14:00 Archway Peterborough v Fusion Urban v Ormeau North Ayrshire v Ormesby

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