

Veterans British League Final Weekend

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Cheltenham - winners of Division One Women

It was Bribar Nomads all the way at last weekend's Veterans' British League in Doncaster. The men's team topped the Premier Division while the women (slightly different name Bribar Bunch, same sponsor) remained unbeaten in the women's premier division.

There was nothing nomadic about the way the men went about their business of winning their first major title. This was team stuff at its best with Chris Bartram topping the averages with a very impressive 88.88% while Sue Collier provided exactly the same percentage in topping the women's table with 88.88%.

The only blip in an otherwise one-way performance from both teams was a 4-2 defeat by St Neots for the men. I'm sure the team celebrations will have gone on well into the night.

Cheltenham will compete in the Women's Premier next season following a tight finish on the second weekend finally pipping Fusion Ladies by two points. Cippenham Ladies topping Division Two will make their appearance as a Division One team next season.

Table Tennis Talk have made it to the Premier Division following an unbeaten run finishing five points clear of second placed Draycott & Long Eaton, thanks mainly to a near perfect performance from Darren McVitie who finished the two weekends on 95%.

Cardale Asset Management will be a formable force in the Premier after winning Division 1B.

Finally, referees Alan Duke and Brenda Baldwin came through with flying colours after having to master eight team divisions while backroom staff of Ken and Margaret helped keep things moving along smoothly as well. But where would we be without organiser Gill Smith who in her usual style somehow managed to get through her tasks to make this one of the best run tournaments of all. Here's to next season.





More Images to follow in Flickr later in the week.

Results: Premier Division champions: (Women) Bribar Bunch and (Men) Bribar Nomads.

Runners-Up: Market Rasen and St Neots.

Division One champions: (Women) Cheltenham (Runners-Up) Fusion Ladies

Division One A champions: (Men) Table Tennis Talk (Runners-up) Draycott & Long Eaton

Division One B champions: (Men) Cardale Asset Management (Runners-up) Active 8 Plymouth

Division Two champions (Men) Redlands Bats (Runners-up) Bribar Nomads 2nd

Division Two champions (Women): Cippenham Ladies (Runners-up) Billwood.

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