

Halifax & District League: Champs Greetland in pole position again

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Defending champions Greetland Social A hit the top of Division One for the first time this season with a 9-0 win over BT. The trio of Gareth Hey, Alex Shaw and Ross McFadyen capitalised on previous league leaders Hermits' bye week by crushing the winless BT, all winning three games.

Whilst Greetland were never in danger of surrendering their winning streak, which is now 24 games long, there were scares on the way, most notably when Justin Harris took McFadyen to five.

Warriors won the battle of third against fourth as they squeezed past Red Press 5-4 and despite the ever reliable Sean Ellis registering three wins for Red Press, two wins apiece for Dave Wood and Ian Tweedale put Warriors in control whilst Keith Skarz' four-end victory over Seb Frere secured the win for Warriors.

Panthers' impressive start to the year continued as they dispatched Greetland Social B 7-2. The league's star rookie Ben Fillingham showcased his skills once again with a treble, and was ably supported by Alan Veal and stand-in Steve Thomas, who won two apiece, both losing to Garry Jowett.

Tradesmen picked up a crucial victory as they defeated two-man Central 6-3. Stuart Sykes beat both Fraser Riley and Barry Snowden, whilst Josh Reynolds impressively beat the latter and agonisingly missed out on the scalp of Riley, losing 11-9 in the fifth.

Meanwhile, YMEN edged past Grasshoppers 5-4. Martin Connolly had put YMEN ahead with a 3-0 victory over Adrian Walker before Ken Mirfield and Jake Clarke put Grasshoppers ahead by beating Keith Skarz and Frazer Krischke respectively. But three wins on the bounce put YMEN in control before Krischke's victory over Walker secured the result.

Hotshots' dominance of **Division Two** continued with an 8-1 victory over Ovenden Sports. Despite Terry Allington defeating Steve Marshall, he won his other two games, whilst Ollie Hill and the still unbeaten Lewis Palmer won all three to continue their perfect start to the season.

Central II survived an almighty scare from their third team before eventually prevailing 5-4. Brain Chapman's win over Shaun Forbes had given Central III a 3-2 lead and a scare was on the cards. However, three consecutive wins, including two victories from Paul Dean, saw Central II survive.

Oakland Raiders maintained third spot with a 6-3 win over Tribal I. Michael Bush's excellent treble wasn't enough for Tribal, with David Whiteley and Matthew and Stephen Horrocks winning two apiece.

Hot on their tails are Keighley Nomads, who defeated Dolphins 6-3. Clive Sherratt won all three matches, with Matt Pinnell responding for Dolphins with two wins.

Team G moved up to ninth with a 5-4 win over Evergreens. James Dawber was the star as he recorded three consecutive wins, including an impressive victory over Dave Lewis.

Meanwhile, in **Division Three**, Leopards' perfect run came to an end as they dropped their first set of the season in an 8-1 victory over Sowerby 2. Phillip Parry was the man who ended their run, as he secured a superb victory over Ronnie McNamara. However, McNamara beat John Korner and Andrew Whiteley whilst Jake Challenger and Richard Musgrove won three apiece

Leopards remain in second after league leaders Ramsbridge defeated Tribal II 7-2. Allen Cowburn and Joe Broadbent's blistering starts to the season continued with three wins each, whilst Shane Roberts won one.

Netamatix's season continues to pick up pace after they dispatched Old Town Robins 8-1. John Wasilewski and Martyn Halliday raced to three wins, and were ably supported by Iain McCondach, who won two.

Finally, Rainbow picked up their first win of the season as they beat Old Town Hounds 5-4. Alireza Khalili's three wins proved pivotal for Rainbow, with Peter Davis getting them over the lines with two victories.

Player of the week: James Dawber – his three wins against Evergreens helped Team G to their second win of the season.

Please note that there will be no practice at the centre this weekend as there are junior events on both days. Apologies for any inconvenience.

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