



Sycamore secure Premier British League crown.

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END OF ROUND FOUR

London Academy finished sixth after their 4-4 draw with Fusion.

After leapfrogging them in the penultimate round, London knew a draw would secure sixth spot and the additional prize money.

They duly delivered, with Gabriel Achampong producing the goods with two victories to compensate two surprising defeats for Ryota Kawai.

The defining moment came in the sixth set. With Fusion leading 3-2, Emran Hussain took a two game lead over Matt Ware to put Fusion on the verge of moving closer to victory. But Ware, who has struggled for form this season due to his increasing coaching commitments, showed that heart and courageousness is equally as vital as he stormed from behind to take the set and level the match.

Although Lorestas Trumpauskas put Fusion back ahead with victory over Steve Beerling, Achampong's victory over Jamal Dennison meant the game ended in a draw.

Champions Sycamore ended the season with a draw after a 4-4 stalemate with third placed Drumchapel. For Drumchapel, the result proved what they are capable of, with a disappointing third weekend ruining any hopes they had of winning the title, which looked possible at the time.

He Zhi When, the player ranked in the top 100 of the world, defeated both David McBeath and Chris Doran while Chih Wei Yeh also won his two.

But in Adam Harrison, Sycamore had an unlikely hero as he impressively beat Craig Howieson and then Calum

Main, with wins apiece for Doran and Petko Gabrovski over the same pair securing a draw.

Ormesby ended the season in style by defeating Kingfisher 8-0, with Liam McTiernan putting up the main resistance for Kingfisher in a 3-2 defeat to Gavin Evans.

Cardiff also ended impressively, securing fifth spot with a 6-2 victory over fourth placed BATTs.

END OF ROUND THREE

Sycamore were crowned champions of Premier British League after defeating rivals Ormesby 6-2.

Any hopes Ormesby had of defending the title were extinguished as they were taken out by the league leaders, who have been at the top of the league throughout the year.

England number one Paul Drinkhall produced the goods for Sycamore on his debut, first defeating old foe Darius Knight 3-0 before coming through a thrilling five-end spectacle against Ormesby number one Filip Szymanski. It was Drinkhall who put Sycamore in the lead before Szymanski defeated David McBeath 3-2 in a real topsy-turvy affair.

Chris Doran gave his side the lead again with a routine victory over Danny Lawrence before Victor Gorman's defeat of Gavin Evans put daylight between the two teams.

It was down to Drinkhall to secure the title, and he did so with aplomb as he took a thrilling match against Szymanski.

Knight pulled one back for Ormesby through a great win over Doran, however Sycamore sealed the match as McBeath and Gorman overcame Evans and Lawrence respectively.

The only thing left to play for in the final round is survival.

London Academy and Fusion head into their final round contest neck and neck after London got a draw against BATTs.

A team effort saw all four players picking up one set each. The result perhaps could have gone London's way after winning all four sets 3-0 before losing the other four close.

As for Fusion, they were thrashed 8-0 by Drumchapel Glasgow in a result that moved them into the relegation zone on set ratio.

END OF ROUND TWO

Sycamore showed no signs of nerves as they secured another 8-0 victory.

Their victims this time were Fusion, who have been dragged into a relegation fight after two defeats on the penultimate day of the season.

The league leaders dropped four games on their way to victory, with Lorestas Trumpauskas unfortunate to lose in five to Petko Gabrovski.

For Sycamore, their day of reckoning comes tomorrow when they face Ormesby. A point would be enough for Sycamore given their superior set ratio, but getting that draw will be easier said than done.

Ormesby themselves kept their title hopes alive with a 5-3 win over Cardiff.

Danny Lawrence was the hero for a second round running as he defeated Simon Nutch with the game poised at 4-3.

Wins apiece from Cardiff trio Gustav Ericson, Oscar Perman and Craig Bryant, defeating Darius Knight, Lawrence and Gavin Evans respectively had seen Cardiff come from behind three times.

However Filip Szymanski's double and Lawrence's win at the death took the title race to the final day.

Cardiff remain out of the relegation zone by the narrowest of margins, above London Academy on sets ratio after they defeated Kingfisher 6-2.

Ryota Kawai and Gabriel Achampong secured two wins apiece while Steve Beerling and Anthony Corbin chipped in with one each.

After the two teams traded sets, Academy took the final four sets, dropping just one end on the way, with Steve Beerling particularly impressive in victory over Marcus Giles.

Drumchapel secured third place with a 6-2 win over BATTs.

With BATTs safely secured in fourth place, this was somewhat of a dead rubber. Although Jack Bennett and Peter Cleminson picking up victories over Calum Main, two wins each from He Zhi When, Chie Wei Yeh and Craig Howieson secured victory.

END OF ROUND ONE

Sycamore moved one step closer to the title with an 8-0 demolition of London Academy.

With the title in their hands at the start of the day, the league leaders asserted their intentions against a dangerous London side.

With David McBeath nursing a shoulder strain, Sycamore opted to play Adam Harrison as their fourth player, and he duly delivered with a player of the match performance with victories over Anthony Corbin and Gabriel Achampong. Chris Doran, Petko Gabrovski and Victor Gorman also chipped in with two wins each to secure victory.

They are now involved in just a two-horse race with Ormesby, after they defeated Drumchapel 5-3.

Danny Lawrence produced the goods in the final set, defeating Calum Main 3-1 to secure a precious victory for the host team.

But it was the performance of debutant Filip Szymanski that made the difference for Ormesby, with the Polish star winning two matches, including one win against top 100 player He Shi When, that secured victory.

Szymanski gave Ormesby a perfect start by defeating Chih Wei Yeh, before When defeated Darius Knight 3-1. Gavin Evans put Ormesby back in the lead with a 3-2 win over Main before Drumchapel drew level again when Craig Howieson defeated Lawrence.

Ormesby hit the front for a third time when Szymanski defeated When, but once again the game was brought level as When defeated Evans.

However, Drumchapel couldn't pull it back again as Knight defeated Howieson 3-1 before Lawrence's victory over Main.

It's a defeat that ended Drumchapel's slim title ambitions for another year, with the damage being done in Cardiff last month. The club will reflect on a draw with Kingfisher and defeat to Cardiff as the day they threw away their title chances.

Kingfisher's inevitable relegation was confirmed following defeat to BATTs.

An 8-0 drubbing was hardly a fair reflection given four of the matches went to five, with Tom Maynard losing deciders against Adam Nutland and Johan Hagberg. Peter Cleminson was BATTs' star performer with straight end wins over Marcus Giles, who also lost to five against Nutland, and Rob Gladstone.

Finally, Cardiff City did their survival hopes a great deal of good with a 7-1 thrashing of Fusion.

Although Michael O'Driscoll defeated Gustav Ericson, the new Swedish signing, in five, Cardiff comfortably took the other seven sets, dropping just two games on their way to victory.

That victory pulls them two points clear of London Academy, who sit in the final relegation place, and just one point behind Fusion.

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