



Pacesetters set for Premier British League showdown

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The two early pacesetters of the Premier British League will meet this weekend in the third round of the season's action.

Ormeau and Urban have picked up a win and a draw apiece at the beginning of the campaign to establish a marginal one point lead above five of the six other sides in the competition.

However, one of the two can establish themselves as outright leaders on Saturday as Urban travel to Northern Ireland to take on the recently-promoted side.

The hosts will rely on the talents of Northern Ireland's own Paul McCreery, Ashley Robinson and Owen Cathcart, although their quartet will also feature a Brazilian.

Vitor Ishiy will make his debut in the match, having recently moved up to a world rank of 220.

Urban, meanwhile, will field an unchanged side following their draw with Drumchapel last time out.

That means Japanese ace Satoshi Aida will be joined by Szilard Gyorgy, Daniel Schaffer and Alim Hirji.

The only other unbeaten side this season, Drumchapel Glasgow, will by the same token go in search of their first win as they host BATTs.

The defending champions have drawn with the two table-toppers so far and have handed Yaser Razouk a first appearance in the top flight, replacing the winless Victor Guang Shi.

Craig Howieson returns to the side after missing the draw with Urban, while David McBeath will remain at number one with Belgium's Yannick Vostes assisting.

As for BATTs, they have made one change with world number 499 Mathan Simon debuting at number one. French youngster Remi Betelu will continue to play alongside Steve Beerling and Ethan Walsh, meaning Jack Bennett misses out.

Meanwhile, Ormesby will return to their home base for the clash with Fusion.

The fixture will see the return of Viktor Brodd, who missed the victory over BATTs through injury, while Adam Harrison will make his Premier British League debut having agreed to join the Cleveland club. They will be joined by England internationals Darius Knight and Danny Reed.

Fusion are likely to select Kazeem Adeleke and Lorestanas Trumpauskas for the clash.

The final match of the weekend will see Wales and Scotland go head-to-head.

Cardiff welcome a youthful North Ayrshire side for the fixture, with Harvey McDonald and Andrew Macpherson set to gain further experience.

Meanwhile, Cardiff have made one change, with Dean Cundy replacing Ryan Owen.

Cundy will be joined by Canadian Antoine Bernadet, Marcus Pettersson and Mikka O'Connor.

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