



Urban continue to impress after strong win at BATTs

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Urban's pursuit of the British League title continued in strong fashion as they picked up a superb victory at BATTs.

The unbeaten league leaders faced a formidable task in Harlow, with BATTs fielding a strong side including Helshan Weerasinghe at three.

But Urban's strength in depth gave them the edge, with their number three Daniel Schaffer picking up two wins while the debuting Daniel Kosiba performed superbly to pick up a brace playing at number one.

BATTs went ahead twice as Swede Malte Moregard defeated Szilard Gyorgy in five ends and Weerasinghe defeated Alim Hirji. But it was level at the midway stage as Kosiba dispatched Mathan Simon and Schaffer overcame a valiant effort from Jack Bennett.

Crucially, Kosiba defeated Moregard 3-1. Although Weerasinghe levelled the match with his second win, defeating Gyorgy in straight ends, Urban secured the victory as Hirji defeated Bennett 3-0 while Schaffer picked up his ninth win of the season by defeating Simon 3-1.

In hot pursuit of the leaders are Ormesby and Drumchapel, who both picked up heavy victories to remain one point adrift.

Ormesby powered to an 8-0 win against an under-strength North Ayrshire side, with Daniel Reed starring with

straight end triumphs over Sean Doherty and Martin Johnson.

Doherty and Chris Main both came close to victories over Darius Knight and Matej Mamut respectively before falling to defeat in the fifth, while Liam McTiernan picked up two victories on his first appearance of the year.

As for Drumchapel, the defending champions defeated Fusion 7-1 to continue their unbeaten start to the year.

World number 264 Simon Berglund picked up straight-set victories over Kazeem Adeleke and Emran Hussain, while David McBeath and Craig Howieson also won two sets apiece.

Fusion's consolation set was via Joseph Hee, who defeated Yaser Razouk.

The final match of the round saw Ormeau thrash a very under-strength Cardiff side 8-0.

Anna Hursey became one of the youngest ever players to play Premier British League, but the incredibly promising Welsh youngster was powerless to prevent defeat as Oriol Monzo and Gavin Maguire recorded 3-0 wins.

But the occasion provided invaluable experience for Cardiff's outfit, with Louis Price picking up an end against Monzo.

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