

CARMARTHEN TABLE TENNIS CLUB

TEAM REPORTS FOR TEAMS IN THE SWANSEA & DISTRICT TABLE TENNIS LEAGUE

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FRIDAY 29TH APRIL 2016 EDITION

Carmarthen Table Tennis Club E are Tudor Jones Cup champions, defeating Division One champions Penlan F 12-7 in the final held at Carmarthen Leisure Centre. The E team trio of John Finnemore, Joe Clayton and Rob Clayton are the fourth Carmarthen TTC winners of the competition, following Carmarthen C who first lifted the trophy in 1996/97, the D team who were champions in 2004/05 and Carmarthen A who lifted the trophy in 2009/10.

In a closely fought contest Penlan F - represented by Tony Holt, Sami Jabar and Colin Towell - were conceding an eight point per game handicap to their Carmarthen opponents. This did not stop the Swansea-

based team fighting hard and many games went to 20-20 before being fought out a point at a time.

Going into the eighth game Penlan F remained just four points behind Carmarthen E and needed to win both of the last two sets 2-0 to get a draw and force a doubles play-off. In a close first leg Tony Holt (Penlan) took the point 22-20 before Joe Clayton (Carmarthen) gathered his composure and won the second leg to ensure Carmarthen E took the match. The third leg also went to Clayton as Holt recognised it was all over. Joe Clayton was the top scorer, winning all three sets for match figures of 6-2.

Carmarthen E's six match winning run in Division One of the Swansea & District League came to an end as they were narrowly defeated 19-21 by Penlan G in their final outing of the season. The E's currently lie seventh and are now certain to avoid relegation, their total of 374 points from 22 contests meaning they can finish no lower than ninth position.

FRIDAY 22ND APRIL 2016 EDITION

Carmarthen E continued their superb run of form in Division One of the Swansea & District Table Tennis League with a 25-12 victory over Betws Rugby Club B, skipper John Finnemore starring with a 9-3 maximum. The E team have turned their season around in sensational fashion, winning six consecutive matches having previously only won one out of their first fifteen, to pull clear of the relegation battle with one match of the 2015/16 season remaining. Carmarthen E currently sit in eighth spot out of twelve teams in Division One and - with the bottom two teams to be relegated to Division Two - should now finish no lower than ninth position.

Title-chasing Carmarthen F were without a match in Division Two and wins for promotion rivals Penlan H and Penlan L saw the F's temporarily slip down to fourth place. However, with between one and four games in hand over the three sides above them, the F team remain favourites to take the Division Two championship.

FRIDAY 15TH APRIL 2016 EDITION

With the Premier Division of the Swansea & District Table Tennis League finished the spotlight falls on Divisions One and Two in which several matches are still to be played.

Carmarthen F continued their march towards the Division Two title with a 30 points to 2 crushing of ninth-placed Penyrheol E. Promotion to Division One now looks a certainty and only Penlan H are still in with a slim chance of preventing the F's from going up as champions in their first competitive season.

Carmarthen E were without a game and currently lie eighth in the Division One table - their highest position of the season - with two matches remaining, and their strong performance over recent weeks means they are increasingly confident of avoiding relegation.

Carmarthen E have also reached the Final of The Tudor Jones Cup which is to be held on Tuesday April 19th at Carmarthen Leisure Centre. The E's opponents are Division One leaders Penlan F. The match starts at 7:30 pm and spectators are welcome.

Even though the 2015-16 league season is drawing to a close Carmarthen Table Tennis Club will continue to hold weekly club nights between 7 and 10 pm on Thursdays at Carmarthen Leisure Centre throughout the year. New members of any standard are always welcome.

Matches to be played on Wednesday 30th March 2016.

This will be the final night of matches for the Premier Division although Division 1 and Division 2 have two more weeks of official play along with any postponed matches to be played.

However, in the top of the Premier Division there is an interesting situation with the top 4 teams only 7 points apart.

	P	W	D	L	Pts
1 Penlan 'A'	21	17	1	3	478
2 Cam Gears 'A'	21	15	0	6	477
3 Carmarthen 'A'	21	17	0	4	474
4 Betws A	21	17	2	2	471
5 Carmarthen 'B'	21	14	1	6	450
6 Penlan 'B'	21	9	0	12	392
7 Penyrheol 'A'	21	8	2	11	389
8 Penlan 'C'	21	9	0	12	366
9 Penlan 'D'	21	8	0	13	344
10 Carmarthen 'C'	21	5	0	16	297
11 Tata Port Talbot 'A'	21	3	0	18	270
12 Carmarthen 'D'	21	1	0	20	259

However, top team Penlan A are due to play Tata Port Talbot A and are, quite realistically, expecting a maximum 30 point win. That should mean Penlan A will win the Division with 508 points.

2nd place Cam Gears A are due to play Penlan B and that could possibly cause them some points loss when compared to 3rd place Carmarthen A and 4th place Betws A. If Cam Gears A are to stay in 2nd spot they must get maximum points (30) or a minimum of 28 points to stay in 2nd place.

3rd place Carmarthen A play Carmarthen B and are also looking for maximum points. If Carmarthen A get maximum points and Cam Gears A get 27 points or less then Carmarthen A could, realistically, move into 2nd place.

4th place Betws A play bottom of the division Carmarthen D and look certain to get a guaranteed 30 points. This puts added pressure on the two teams above to get their maximum's.

At the bottom of the Division, Carmarthen D are in 12th place and look unlikely to take sufficient points for Betws A to move out of bottom place. As such it looks most likely that they will be relegated.

Carmarthen C are in 10th place and now look safe. Port Talbot A are in 11th place but are 27 points behind Carmarthen C.

Both teams have hard matches against teams in the top 4 places which we know are all chasing maximum points themselves. As such Port Talbot A would have to gain 28 points and Carmarthen C get no points in the last matches for Port Talbot A to get in to the safe zone.

Carmarthen C therefore look as if they will stay in the Premier Division next year.

WEDNESDAY 23RD MARCH 2016 EDITION

In the latest round of matches in the Swansea & District Table Tennis League Premier Division Carmarthen B took 59 points out of a possible 60 from two big derby wins over the Carmarthen C and D teams to stay hot on the heels of fourth-placed Carmarthen A, the gap now down to just nine points.

The B's first thrashed Carmarthen D 30-5, with Stan Eastwood hitting a 9-1 maximum via 3-0 wins over Paul Tansley and reserve Kurtis Marsh and a 3-1 victory against Darren Cross, Micky Marsh also scoring 9-1, dropping a point to Tansley, and Sven Severeys totalling 9-3 from a trio of 3-1 wins. Severeys and Marsh combined to take the doubles set 3-0 against Tansley and Cross.

Carmarthen B next defeated Carmarthen C 29-9, M. Marsh scoring 9-2 via 3-1 wins versus Andrew Joules and Kurtis Marsh and a 3-0 defeat of Simon Packer, Severeys totalling 9-3 (3-0 versus Packer, 3-2 against Joules and 3-1 against Kurtis Marsh) and Eastwood compiling an 8-3 match score, going down 2-3 to Joules but winning 3-0 against both K. Marsh and Packer.

For the C's Andrew Joules top-scored with a 6-8 match total, Kurtis Marsh scored 2-9 and Simon Packer 0-9. Marsh and Severeys won the doubles set 3-1 versus Packer and Joules. Despite the heavy loss the C's are virtually safe from relegation, needing just fourteen more points to make the drop back to Division One a mathematical impossibility.

Carmarthen A remain in fourth spot but closed the gap on leaders Penlan A to fourteen points following a 29-9 victory against ninth-placed Penlan D, Jason Peckham (9-0) and David Lloyd (9-2) both hitting maximums for the A team who are just eight points adrift of second-placed Betws A and four behind Cam Gears A.

Carmarthen D were beaten 13-29 by mid-table side Penlan B, a defeat which - coupled with a second win of the season for Tata Port Talbot A - pushes the D's to the foot of the table for the first time this season.

In Division One Carmarthen E eased their relegation fears with a 26-14 victory over mid-table Llanelli, Joe Clayton starring for the E's with a 9-4 maximum.

Carmarthen F took another step closer to promotion from Division Two with a 30-4 thrashing of sixth-placed Penyrheol D followed by a 23-9 win over Penlan J in seventh, Kurtis Marsh and Stephen Lawrence both taking 9-0 maximums in the Penlan match.

WEDNESDAY 16TH MARCH 2016 EDITION

Carmarthen C moved within sight of Premier Division safety after losing a close contest 18-22 to Penlan D in the latest round of matches in the Swansea & District Table Tennis League, Simon Packer top-scoring for the C's with a 7-6 individual match score from wins over Sami Jabar (3-2) and Tony Holt (3-1) and a 1-3 loss to Penlan number one Ben Mora.

Andrew Joules won 3-2 v Jabar with losses to Mora (0-3) and Holt (1-3) for a 4-8 total and Neil Hulme scored 4-6 via a 3-

0 win over Jabar and losses to Holt (1-3) and Mopra (0-3). Packer and Joules opened proceedings with a 3-2 doubles win against Mora and Jabar.

Carmarthen D lost 13-25 to Penlan D, Darren Cross picking up a pair of 3-2 wins against Harry Langley and Lydia John together with a 0-3 loss to Mora for a 6-7 match score. Rob Wilkins failed to get on the score-sheet, going down to three 0-3 defeats, while D's skipper Paul Tansley totalled 4-7 via losses to Mora (0-3) and John (1-3) and a 3-1 win over Langley and also teamed up with Cross to take the final doubles set 3-2.

In their next outing Carmarthen D lost 12-24 to new league leaders Penlan A, Tansley top-scoring for the D's 5-8 via 1-3 losses to Marc Castro and James Lobb and a 3-1 win over Mar Castro. Wilkins beat Mar Castro 3-0 following losses to Marc Castro (0-3) and Lobb (1-3) for a 4-6 return and Cross contributed a 3-7 total, defeating Mar Castro 3-1 and losing 0-3 to both Lobb and Marc Castro. Cross and Wilkins were beaten 0-3 in the doubles set.

The latest set of results mean the D's are now facing almost certain relegation back to Division One after a season in the top flight and are only seven points ahead of bottom of the table side Tata Port Talbot A.

Carmarthen A remain on the fringes of the Premier Division title battle in fourth place after winning 21-16 against third-placed Betws Rugby Club A which was followed by a 30-3 thrashing of basement side Tata Port Talbot A in which Carmarthen's Vince Dragone (9-2), Jason Peckham (9-1) and David Lloyd (9-0) all hit maximums. Carmarthen B are close behind the A's in fifth spot after beating Penlan D 22-16, Sven Severeys starring for the B's with a 9-3 maximum.

Carmarthen E bounced back from a heavy 8-27 defeat at the hands of Division One leaders Penlan F to win a key relegation match 25-20 against Penyrheol C, Joe Clayton putting in a man-of-the-match 9-4 total and taking the final set 3-0 to seal victory, a result which sees the E team move up to ninth spot in Division One.

WEDNESDAY 9TH MARCH 2016 EDITION

Two good results for Carmarthen C in the Premier Division of the Swansea & District Table Tennis League all but guarantees that the C's will now avoid relegation in their first season in the top flight since gaining promotion as Division One champions in 2014-15. The C's firstly won 23-15 against bottom of the table Tata Port Talbot A, Andrew Joules top-scoring for Carmarthen, winning two out of three via comfortable 3-0 victories over David Avery and Martin Alldrick after losing 1-3 to rising junior star Lara Whitton for a 7-3 match score.

Simon Packer also picked up a double, totalling 7-5 via a 1-3 loss to Whitton and 3-1 wins over Alldrick and Avery. Neil Hulme beat Alldrick 3-1 but lost out to Whitton (1-3) and Avery (2-3) for an overall 5-6 score. Joules and Packer won 3-0 in the doubles set versus Alldrick and Avery.

In their next contest Carmarthen C gathered a useful points haul against a full-strength Penlan A, losing 13-23 to the defending Premier Division champions. Carmarthen's Hulme picked up a notable scalp with a 3-0 win over Penlan ace Tommy Heydon. Hulme also defeated James Lobb 3-0 and lost to Penlan number one Marc Castro by the same margin for an overall 6-3 total.

Packer scored 4-8 via losses to Heydon (1-3) and Castro (0-3) and a 3-2 win over Lobb while Joules picked up a point from a 1-3 defeat at the hands of Lobb following 0-3 losses to Castro and Heydon. Joules had earlier combined with Packer for a 2-3 loss in the doubles to Penlan pair Castro and Heydon.

Carmarthen E, currently in the Division One relegation zone, were narrowly beaten 19-20 by fifth-placed Jerusalem Baptist Church. The high-scoring loss saw them close the gap on Penyrheol B and Division One safety to just a single point with the F's also having a game in hand.

WEDNESDAY 2ND MARCH 2016 EDITION

Tudor Jones Cup/Team of Three Cup:

Carmarthen Table Tennis Club E reached the final of the 2015-2016 Tudor Jones Handicap Cup with a tight 10-9 victory over Penlan L, Rob Clayton ensuring victory for the E's with a 2-1 win in the final set of the match. Their opponents in the final will be fellow Division One side Penlan F, who squeezed past holders Cam Gears C 12-11 in the second semi-final.

Swansea & District Table Tennis League Closed Competition:

Carmarthen A star David Lloyd won the Veterans Singles title for the fifth consecutive year at the Swansea Closed Table Tennis Tournament held at Morryston Leisure Centre on 26th and 27th February, comfortable beating Dennis Bromage of Penyrheol A 3-0 in the final. Fellow A teamer Jason Peckham lost to eventual winner Dean Cundy at the semi-final stage of the Men's Singles competition.

Swansea League:

In Swansea & District League Premier Division action Carmarthen C lost 24-11 to title contenders Betws A with C's skipper Simon Packer in top form, recording a 3-2 win over Premier Division top-ten player Nigel Stopher, also winning 3-0 against Darren Beer but losing 0-3 to Betws number one Cath Jones for an overall 6-5 match score. Packer and Joules opened proceedings with a 1-3 doubles loss to Stopher and Beer. Andrew Joules picked up a point from a 1-3 loss to Jones after 0-3 reverses to Stopher and Beer while Neil Hulme totalled 3-7 via a 3-1 defeat of Beer and 0-3 losses to Jones and Stopher.

Carmarthen D lost 24-13 to Penyrheol A, a result which sees them 28 points behind rivals Carmarthen C in the safety of tenth position and just nine points ahead of bottom team Tata Port Talbot A. Darren Cross top-scored for the D's, defeating Steve John 3-0 and Simon Mitchison 3-2 and losing 0-3 to Penyrheol number one Dennis Bromage for a 6-5 total. Rob Wilkins and Paul Tansley posted identical 3-8 scores via a 3-2 win over John and losses to Bromage and Mitchison. Wilkins and Tansley lost the doubles set 1-3 to Bromage and John.

Carmarthen A posted a 27-5 win over sixth-placed Penyrheol A, Jason Peckham (9-0) and David Lloyd (9-2) securing maximums and Vince Dragone adding a 6-3 total with the A's also coming out on top 3-0 in the doubles set. With five matches left in the season the A's still have a slim chance of catching the top three sides, with a current total of 364 points from seventeen matches which leaves them 18 points behind third-placed Penlan A and 22 points adrift of leaders Cam Gears A.

Carmarthen B won 22-13 versus Penlan C, Micky Marsh hitting a 9-3 maximum via a 3-2 victory over Penlan number one Josh Morgan (Marsh comfortably winning the deciding leg 11-7 after four very close games), 3-1 against Andy Coughlan and 3-0 versus Peter Andrews. Stan Eastwood won two out of three for the B's for a 6-4 match score, losing 0-3 to Morgan and winning against Coughlan (3-0) and Andrews (3-1). Sven Severeys added a 4-6 total, going down to a rare 0-3 loss to Coughlan, also losing 1-3 to Morgan but recovering to win 3-0 against Andrews. Severeys teamed up with Marsh to win the doubles set 3-0 versus Andrews and Morgan. The result leaves Carmarthen B in fifth place, 10 points behind Carmarthen A but now well clear of Penyrheol A in sixth.

Carmarthen E had no league match this week due to cup commitments but dropped into the bottom two of Division One as Penyrheol B won their derby match with basement side Penyrheol C 24-15. The E's now lie 11 points behind tenth-placed Betws B and 12 behind Penyrheol B, though with a crucial game in hand over the latter.

WEDNESDAY 24TH FEBRUARY 2016 EDITION

Fourth-placed Carmarthen A gained a fine 19-16 win over league leaders Cam Gears A in the sixteenth round of matches in the Premier Division of the Swansea & District Table Tennis League, Vince Dragone seeing the A's to victory in a final set 3-1 win over Martin Jenkins with the contest poised at 16-15 in the favour of Carmarthen A after nine sets.

Earlier, Dragone had been beaten 0-3 by Anthony Williams and Ceri Higgon for a 3-7 individual match score. Jason Peckham once again starred for the A's with victories over Cam Gears trio Williams, Higgon and Jenkins for a 9-1 total and David Lloyd weighed in with a 6-5 overall score.

Also in the Premier Division, Carmarthen B lost 23-16 to third-placed Penlan A - a nine-point improvement on their loss to the same opponents in the first half of the season - with Sven Severeys top-scoring for the B's with an 8-4 match score in which he pushed Penlan number one Marc Castro to the wire before eventually losing 2-3 and went on to defeat James Lobb (3-0) and Sammi Jabar (3-1).

Carmarthen's Micky Marsh won 3-1 against Lobb, lost 2-3 to Jabar and went down 0-3 to unbeaten man-of-the-match Castro to score an overall 5-7 and captain Stan Eastwood totalled 2-9 from losses to Castro (0-3), Jabar (1-3) and Lobb (1-3). Severeys and Marsh picked up a further point from a 1-3 reverse to Lobb and Castro in the doubles. The B's currently sit in fifth spot, five points behind Carmarthen A and six ahead of Penyrheol A.

Carmarthen E lost a crucial relegation match 22-16 to Penyrheol B in Division One to remain in twelfth position, one place above the relegation zone but with their margin of safety now cut to 13 points. The E team have been drawn away to Division Two promotion contenders Penlan L in the Semi-Final of the Tudor Jones Handicap Cup with the Carmarthen side conceding 4 points per game. The other semi-final sees Cam Gears C (+5) at home to Penlan F (scratch) in an all Division One match-up.

WEDNESDAY 17TH FEBRUARY 2016 EDITION

In the latest round of matches in the Swansea & District Table Tennis League Carmarthen A won their Premier Division contest with Penlan B by 25 points to 12 - Carmarthen number one Jason Peckham leading the way with a 9-0 maximum - to remain fourth in the league table, now just two points ahead of fifth-placed Carmarthen B who had a 27-13 victory against Tata Port Talbot. Sven Severeys took a 9-3 maximum for the B's via wins over Judith Whitton (3-2), Lara Whitton (3-1) and James Prescott (3-0).

Stan Eastwood and Micky Marsh both lost to Port Talbot number one J. Whitton by scores of 2-3 and 1-3 respectively, and both came out on top against L. Whitton and Prescott, Eastwood winning 3-0 and 3-1 for an 8-4 match score and Marsh by scores of 3-2 and 3-0 for a 7-5 total. Marsh and Severeys won the doubles set 3-1 v mother and daughter pair L. & J. Whitton.

Carmarthen C lost 12-22 to Premier Division leaders Cam Gears A, Simon Packer (3-7), Ryan Trigg (3-7) and Kurtis Marsh (3-6) all beating Cam Gears' Gareth Evans but losing 0-3 to Anthony Williams and Morgan Siddley. Packer and Marsh teamed up for a fine 3-2 doubles win over Evans and Williams.

Also in the Premier Division, Carmarthen D lost 14-22 to Penlan D to close the gap on tenth-placed Carmarthen C to 30 points. D's trio Darren Cross, Rob Wilkins and Paul Tansley each defeated Penlan's Peter Andrews. Carmarthen top-scorer Wilkins also picked up points from 1-3 losses to Josh Morgan and Steff Griffiths for a 5-6 match score while Cross (4-7) and Tansley (4-6) both lost 1-3 to Griffiths and 0-3 to Morgan. Wilkins and Tansley lost the doubles set 1-3 to Morgan and Griffiths.

Carmarthen E stay tenth in Division One, just above the relegation places, after a heavy 5-30 defeat by promotion-chasing Cam Gears B, while Division Two leaders Carmarthen F followed up a 24-10 win over second-placed Tata Port Talbot C with an excellent 26-10 win against fellow promotion contenders Penlan K, Ryan Trigg scoring 9-0 maximums in both contests.

The Swansea Closed Tournament will take place on Friday 19th and Saturday 20th February 2016 at Morrision Leisure Centre in Swansea with the finals to be held from 4.30pm on 20th February. Spectators are welcome. Carmarthen TTC's David Lloyd will be seeking to win the Veterans Singles title for the fifth consecutive year.

WEDNESDAY 10TH FEBRUARY 2016 EDITION

Carmarthen Table Tennis Club B had an excellent 19-17 win over Penyrheol A in the Swansea & District Table League Premier Division in which Sven Severeys won the match in the penultimate set by beating Penyrheol's Steven John 3 games to 0. Severeys earlier beat Stephen Wilson 3-0 and lost to Dennis Bromage 1-3 for a 7-3 individual total. Carmarthen's Micky Marsh suffered a setback to his current fine form, losing 0-3 to Bromage in his first set then going down 1-3 to John before coming back to defeat Wilson 3-0 for a 4-6 return.

B's captain Stan Eastwood easily beat Wilson 3-0 but had to work hard to come back from 1-2 down against John, with a change of tactics by attacking his opponent's serves in legs four and five paying off to see Eastwood home 3-2. A 0-3 loss to Penyrheol number one Bromage gave Eastwood match figures of 6-5. Severeys and Marsh had an unlucky defeat in the 5th leg (9-11) for a score of 2-3 to Penyrheol A in the doubles set.

A weakened Carmarthen C - playing two reserves from Division Two - put up a good fight before going down 12-23 in their Premier Division contest with Penlan B. The match started in fine style for the C's with skipper Simon Packer and Kurtis Marsh taking the opening doubles set 3-0 versus experienced Premier pair Charles Legg and Kevin Gertsen. Packer top-scored for the C's with a 5-6 return via a 3-0 win over Tamlan Eastwood and 1-3 losses to Legg and Gertsen. Highlight of the match for the C's was a superb 3-2 victory for Marsh of Division Two over top ten Swansea League player Gertsen, which was followed by losses to Tamlan Eastwood (1-3) and Legg (0-3) for a 4-8 total. Fellow reserve Stephen Lawrance found his Premier Division debut a tough learning experience and was unable to get on the scoresheet.

Relegation-threatened Carmarthen D were on the receiving end of a 27-4 hammering by Carmarthen A, a result which sees the A's go into fourth place in the Premier Division and overtake club rivals Carmarthen B for the first time this season. A 3-0 win for Rob Wilkins over Vince Dragone in the final set was the only victory for the D's, Paul Tansley picking up their other point from a 1-3 opening set loss to Dragone and Darren Cross failing to get on the score sheet. Jason Peckham and David Lloyd both registered 9-0 maximums for Carmarthen A with Dragone winning two out of three for a 6-4 match score. Peckham and Lloyd also combined to take the doubles set 3-0 versus Wilkins and Tansley.

Carmarthen E gained a much-needed win in Division One, edging past Tata Port Talbot B 20-19 with the match decided when Rob Clayton picked up the final point needed for victory in a last set 1-3 loss. Ryan Trigg, playing up from Division Two, was top scorer for Carmarthen with an 8-4 match total.

Division Two leaders Carmarthen F bounced back from their first defeat of the season last week with a 24-10 win over Tata Port Talbot C. Ryan Trigg led the way with a perfect 9-0 score and also teamed up with Kurtis Marsh for a 3-1 win in the doubles. Support came from Marsh - with a 7-3 total from a pair of 3-0 wins over Mark Hewett and Martin Alldrick and a 1-3 loss to Joe Nugent, - and Stephen Lawrance who lost to Nugent and Alldrick but defeated Hewett 3-0 for an overall 5-6 match score.

WEDNESDAY 3RD FEBRUARY 2016 EDITION

Carmarthen C were heavily defeated 9-28 by Penyrheol A in the Premier Division of the Swansea & District Table Tennis League, a result which left them precariously placed just 8 points above the relegation zone. Neil Hulme top-scored for the C's, picking up their only win of the match - a 3-1 victory over Steve John - which together with a 2-3 loss to Simon Mitchison and 0-3 defeat by Dennis Bromage gave him a match total of 5-7. Andrew Joules also lost 0-3 to Bromage but picked up 2 points from a pair of 1-3 losses to John and Mitchison while Simon Packer also totalled 2-9, losing 1-3 to Bromage and John and 0-3 to Mitchison. A new Carmarthen doubles pairing of Joules and Hulme lost 0-3 to Mitchison and Bromage.

Carmarthen C then went on to win a crucial relegation derby against Carmarthen D by the surprisingly comfortable margin of 27 points to 11, taking nine of the ten sets played in a result which increased the gap between themselves and their 11th placed club rivals to 24 points with eight matches remaining. Andrew Joules was in sparkling form for the C's, recording his first-ever 9-0 match score in the Premier Division. Carmarthen C Skipper Simon Packer also registered a maximum, totalling 9-3 via wins over Paul Tansley (3-1), Rob Wilkins - a close 3-2 in which Packer fought back from 2 games to one down and 9-4 down in points in game four - and Darren Cross (3-0).

D's captain Tansley recorded their sole set win, a fine 3-0 defeat of Neil Hulme, for an overall 4-6 score, with Hulme recording match figures of 6-6 from a 3-2 win versus Cross, 0-3 loss to Tansley and 3-1 win over Wilkins. Wilkins and Cross compiled scores of 3-9 and 2-9 for Carmarthen D. Packer and Hulme won the doubles set 3-2 versus Wilkins and Tansley. Carmarthen D had previously suffered another crucial setback in their struggle to avoid a quick return to Division One, going down to a 15-22 defeat at the hands of bottom club Tata Port Talbot D, a team Carmarthen had recorded their first win of the season against just two weeks earlier.

Carmarthen A defeated Penlan C's Josh Morgan, Steff Griffiths and Peter Andrews 25-11, with Jason Peckham (9-1) and David Lloyd (9-2) both taking maximum points for the A's and Vince Dragone adding a 4-7 score which included a 3-1 win over Andrews. Lloyd and Peckham won the doubles set 3-1 against Morgan and Griffiths.

The A team were then narrowly defeated 17-18 by defending champions Penlan A. Peckham lost 2-3 to Marc Castro but won 3-0 versus James Lobb and Tommy Heydon for an 8-3 match total. Peckham also teamed up with Lloyd for an excellent 3-0 doubles win over Heydon and Castro. Lloyd scored 6-6 in singles play, winning 3-1 against Heydon and 3-0 over Lobb and going down 0-3 to Castro, while Dragone was unable to get on the score sheet.

Carmarthen B's title hopes suffered a severe blow as they lost consecutive matches to Premier Division title rivals Cam

Gears A and Betws Rugby Club A and slipped to fifth in the table. They were firstly beaten 13-26 by second-placed Cam Gears A, recently strengthened with the return to league action of former top-5 Swansea player Anthony Williams. Micky Marsh led the way for the B's, compiling a 6-7 total from a 3-1 win over Morgan Siddley, a very tight 2-3 defeat by Williams (Marsh losing the deciding leg 15-17) and a 1-3 loss to Ceri Higgon. Marsh also paired with Sven Severeys to beat Higgon and Siddley 3-1 in the doubles set, while Severeys and Stan Eastwood both scored 2-9 for the B's in singles play.

Carmarthen B then lost 12-28 to Betws Rugby Club A, Marsh again top-scoring for the B team with a final score of 7-8 (winning 3-2 against Darren Beer and losing to Cath Jones and Nigel Stopher by the same margin) and Severeys and Eastwood each recording 1-9 totals. Severeys and Marsh took the doubles set 3-2.

In Division One action, Carmarthen E lost 18-21 to mid-table Tata Port Talbot B to remain winless after nine matches.

WEDNESDAY 27TH JANUARY 2016 EDITION

Carmarthen F made it nine wins out of nine as they extended their lead in Division Two of the Swansea & District Table Tennis League with a pair of high-scoring victories. The F's first took maximum points in a 30-6 thrashing of mid-table Tata Port Talbot D in which Ryan Trigg recorded a perfect individual total of 9-0 with Kurtis Marsh and Stephen Lawrence both scoring 9-3. Carmarthen also took the doubles set 3-0.

The F team then won 28-8 versus Penyrheol E, with Lawrence (9-1) and Trigg (9-3) again taking maximum points for the F's who move 33 points clear of second-placed Penlan K, though the main threat to their title chances comes from Penlan H, who are also unbeaten so far this season and could overtake Carmarthen with two big wins from games in hand.

The E team kept the flag flying for Carmarthen in the Tudor Jones Handicap Cup with a comfortable victory over Penlan J at the Quarter-Final stage. The Division One strugglers put aside their league form to defeat their Division Two opponents 16-5, Joe Clayton scoring 6-1, John Finnemore 6-2 and Rob Clayton 4-2.

WEDNESDAY 20TH JANUARY 2016 EDITION

Carmarthen B climbed to second place in the Premier Division of the Swansea & District Table Tennis League with a 28-9 win over a weakened Penlan C. The B's are now level on points with previous leaders Cam Gears A and nine points behind defending champions Penlan A. Micky Marsh and Stan Eastwood both hit maximums for the B's, Marsh scoring 9-1 from wins over Sami Jabbar (3-1), Andy Coghlan (3-0) and Jacob Young (3-0), and Eastwood totalling 9-2 via a 3-2 win over Jabbar and 3-0 victories against Coghlan and Young. Severeys added a 7-4 contribution, losing 1-3 to Jabbar and winning 3-1 versus Coghlan and 3-0 versus Young. Severeys also teamed up with Marsh to take the doubles set 3-2.

Carmarthen A picked up a narrow 20-19 win against fellow mid-table side Penyrheol A, David Lloyd top-scoring 8-3 for the A's, losing 2-3 to man-of-the-match Simon Mitchison but registering a fine 3-0 win over Penyrheol defensive expert Dennis Bromage plus a victory over Steve John by the same margin. Carmarthen's Tim Evans defeated John 3-2 and lost 1-3 to both Bromage and Mitchison for a 5-8 total and Vince Dragone also took a 3-2 win over John with losses to Bromage (1-3) and Mitchison (0-3) to record a 4-8 match score, while Lloyd and Evans teamed up for an impressive 3-0 doubles win versus Bromage and Mitchison.

Carmarthen C lost 6-29 to second-placed Penlan A, with a 3-2 win for Andrew Joules over Penlan's James Lobb being the highlight for the C's. Joules also took a leg against Tommy Heydon (lost 1-3) before going down 0-3 to Marc Castro to record a 4-8 individual total. C's captain Simon Packer was unable to get on the score sheet while Neil Hulme totalled 2-9, opening with a narrow 2-3 loss to Lobb then losing 0-3 to Heydon and Castro. Packer and Joules lost the opening doubles set 0-3 to Heydon and Castro.

Carmarthen D secured valuable points in their relegation battle with a narrow 17-19 defeat by Penlan D, a result which leaves the D's now just 14 points behind tenth-placed Carmarthen C. Tansley top-scored 6-3 for the D's, defeating Lydia John and Harry Langley 3-0 and losing by the same score to Penlan captain Peter Langley. Carmarthen's Rob Wilkins totalled 5-7 from a 3-1 victory over H. Langley and 1-3 losses to John and P. Langley while Darren Cross picked up an excellent 3-0 win over P. Langley with losses to H. Langley (1-3) and John (0-3). Wilkins and Tansley lost the doubles set 2-3 to John and H. Langley.

Division Two leaders Carmarthen F pulled further ahead of the chasing pack with a 30-6 win over Tata Port Talbot D, Ryan Trigg picking up a perfect 9-0 maximum and Carmarthen team-mates Stephen Lawrance and Kurtis Marsh both scoring 9-3. Trigg and Marsh also took the doubles set 3-0. Carmarthen E went down to a 24-17 defeat in their relegation battle with Betws B in Division One.

WEDNESDAY 13TH JANUARY 2016 EDITION

Swansea & District Table Tennis League action resumed after the Christmas & New Year break, with two wins and two defeats for Carmarthen's four Premier Division sides.

In a battle of the two bottom teams, Carmarthen D just edged out Tata Port Talbot A 22-21 to record their first victory of the season. With two games to play Port Talbot held a 3 game lead but wins for Paul Tansley (fighting back from 0-2 to defeat David Avery 3-2) and Rob Wilkins 3-0 win over Lara Whitton - saw the D's home with a result that cuts the gap between them and the safety of tenth place from 32 to 25 points.

Earlier, Wilkins had lost 2-3 to both David and Phil Avery for a 7-6 match total. Tansley had beaten Phil Avery 3-1 and lost 2-3 to Lara Whitton to record a high-scoring 8-6 score while Carmarthen's Darren Cross totalled 4-9 from losses to Lara Whitton (2-3), David Avery (1-3) and Phil Avery (1-3). Wilkins and Tansley won the doubles set 3-0 against Whitton and David Avery.

At the opposite end of the Premier Division table, Carmarthen B were beaten 16-21 by league leaders Cam Gears A. In a very tense and hard fought match Carmarthen B - lying second going into the match - were neck and neck with Cam Gear A for the first seven games with a match score of 13-13. In the last three games, Cam Gears' Morgan Sidley beat Micky Marsh 3-0, Ceri Higgin defeated Stan Eastwood by the same margin and, in the final game of the night, Sven Severeys beat Sidley 3-2, winning a very hard-fought last leg 11-8.

Earlier, Eastwood came back from 0-1 down to beat Martyn Jenkins 3-1 in the opening contest, Marsh lost 1-3 to Higgon and Severeys beat Jenkins 3-1. In the doubles Severeys and Marsh lost 2-3 to Sidley and Higgon after a gruelling final leg in which Sidley showed his skill with his backhand, devastating Severeys' and Marsh's defence. Individual totals for Carmarthen B were: Severeys 7-5, Marsh 4-6 and Eastwood 3-7.

Carmarthen C slipped to a 15-19 defeat to Penyrheol A, Andrew Joules top-scoring for the C's 6-4 via a 3-0 win over Steve John, a 3-1 victory against Steve Wilson and a 0-3 defeat by Dennis Bromage. Neil Hulme won 3-0 versus John and lost 1-3 to Wilson and 0-3 to Bromage for a 4-6 score and skipper Simon Packer also totalled 4-6, winning 3-0 versus John, losing 0-3 to Steve Wilson and spoiling Dennis Bromage's perfect record in picking up a point from a 1-3 loss to the Penyrheol captain.

Carmarthen A remain on the fringes of the title race following a 19-15 win over a two-man Penlan C, David Lloyd leading the way with an unbeaten 9-0 score, Vince Dragone totalling 3-6 and reserve Curtis Marsh adding a 5-6 contribution with a pair of 1-3 losses to Penlan pair Sami Jabbar and Josh Morgan.

With 10 matches played the top four teams in the Premier Division still only have ten points between them – Cam Gears A on 227 pts, Penlan A 225, Betws A 221 and Carmarthen B 217. Carmarthen A are currently in sixth position with 204 pts.

WEDNESDAY 6TH JANUARY 2016 EDITION

At the Christmas/New Year break things are looking promising for Carmarthen Table Tennis Club in the Premier Division of the Swansea & District League. Carmarthen B are mounting a strong title challenge, currently sitting in second place on 201 points from 9 matches, just five points behind leaders Cam Gears A. Consistency has been the key to the success of the B's trio Stan Eastwood, Sven Severeys and Micky Marsh, who are all in fine form and have played every match so far this season, winning seven with one draw and just one defeat.

In what is shaping up to be the closest title battle for many years, Jason Peckham, David Lloyd, Vince Dragone and Tim Evans of Carmarthen A are also still in the hunt. Though presently down in sixth spot they have 185 points from nine matches and are only 21 points off the lead. There is a strong possibility that the Carmarthen TTC record high position of third will finally be beaten this season (having been equalled by the current A team in 2012-13). Other contenders are defending champions Penlan A in fourth on 196 points with Betws Rugby Club A three points ahead of them in third place and Penyrheol A in fifth place with 187 points.

At the other end of the Premier Division table the situation looks bleak for Paul Tansley, Darren Cross and Rob Wilkins of Carmarthen D in their first season in the top flight following last year's Division One promotion campaign. The D's have lost all nine matches and currently occupy one of the two relegation positions in the twelve-team division, 25 points ahead of basement side Tata Port Talbot A but still 32 points behind tenth-placed club rivals Carmarthen C (though the D's have managed to close the gap to safety slightly, having been over 40 points adrift at one stage).

The C team - last season's Division One champions Simon Packer, Jeff Parsons and Andrew Joules - started their debut Premier Division campaign strongly but a recent run of defeats has seen them slip down the table to a point where they are starting to look nervously over their shoulders.

Carmarthen E - for many years now a yo-yo club between Divisions One and Two - are once again struggling in the higher division after last year's promotion. The E team trio of John Finnemore, Joe Clayton and Rob Clayton are currently nine points above last-placed Penyrheol C having picked up 69 points from six straight losses so far this season. On a positive note, there are two teams within reach of the E's - Betws Rugby Club B (81 points) and Penyrheol B (92 points) - who have both played one match more.

New team Carmarthen F (Stephen Lawrance, Kurtis Marsh, Ryan Trigg and James Nash) have made a superb start to their Division Two campaign, winning all seven matches played to date to sit at the top of the table on 177 points. The F team are strong favourites to take a promotion place, though Penlan's H, K and L teams are all potential threats with games in hand.

23RD DECEMBER 2015

A new Pembrokeshire Table Tennis League has been formed for the 2015-2016 season with six teams taking part including two from Carmarthen. The league consists of Narberth Red Star TTC A, B & C teams, Carmarthen TTC A & B teams and Haverfordwest TTC, with all matches being played at a central venue in Narberth.

The Carmarthen A trio of Andrew Joules, Vince Dragone and Simon Packer comfortably won their opening two matches to take an early lead in the league table. Carmarthen A first defeated Narberth Red Star B 30 points to 4, with maximums for Joules (9-0), Packer (9-1) and Dragone (9-3) plus a 3-0 win in the doubles set.

In their second contest Carmarthen A took the honours in the derby match with Carmarthen B by 29 points to 7. There were maximums once again for A team trio Packer (9-0), Joules (9-1) and Dragone (9-3) over the Carmarthen B squad of Joe Clayton, John Finnemore and Rob Clayton, though Carmarthen B won the doubles set 3-2.

Carmarthen B came out on top 20-12 versus Haverfordwest (featuring former Carmarthen Premier Division player Neil Hulme). Haverfordwest had earlier scored a big win over Narberth Red Star C (Robin Dale-Thomas, and ex-Carmarthen juniors Tatsuki Dale-Thomas and Brochan Simmons) by 24 points to 6.

Carmarthen Table Tennis Club's regular Thursday evening club nights resume on 7th January 2016 after the Christmas break. The club nights take place from 7pm to 10pm in the main sports hall at Carmarthen Leisure Centre, Johnstown. New players of any age or standard are welcome at these sessions.

WEDNESDAY 9TH DECEMBER 2015 EDITION

In the Premier Division of the Swansea & District Table Tennis League high-flying Carmarthen B maintained their fine form this season by beating Carmarthen C 28-9 to move up into joint 2nd place, just four points behind leaders Cam

Gears A. The match saw maximums from B's pair Sven Severeys - who scored 9-1 and dropped just one game in beating Jeff Parsons 3-1 - and Micky Marsh, who totalled 9-2 when taken to a fifth-game decider by Simon Packer.

Stan Eastwood also won two sets out of three for Carmarthen B (3-2 v Parsons, 3-0 v Packer, 1-3 v Andrew Joules) for a 7-5 total, his loss to Andrew Joules was the C team's only set win. For the C team, Joules scored 3-7, Jeff Parson 3-9 and Simon Packer 2-9 with Joules & Packer losing 1-3 to Marsh & Severeys in the doubles.

Carmarthen A scored a tight 21-19 win over Penlan D to remain in fifth position in the Premier Division, David Lloyd leading the way with a 9-1 with team-mates Tim Evans and Vince Dragone picking up 6 and 4 points respectively. Evans & Lloyd lost the doubles set 2-3. Premier Division strugglers

Carmarthen D went down to a 13-27 defeat by Penlan B, D's trio Darren Cross, Rob Wilkins and Paul Tansley losing all nine singles sets to Penlan's Charles Legg, Craig Henton and Tamlan Eastwood but picking up a 3-0 win in the doubles set. Carmarthen E remain in the Division One relegation zone after a 24-11 loss to mid-table Llanelli.

Division Two leaders Carmarthen F won 29-5 against Penlan J, Stephen Lawrance [note correct spelling is Lawrance with two 'a's] and Kurtis Marsh both scoring 9-0 maximums with James Nash beating Richard Jones (3-1) and Ieuan Jones (3-0) and losing 2-3 to Curtis Richards for an 8-4 match total. Lawrence & Nash also won the doubles set 3-1.

WEDNESDAY 16TH DECEMBER 2015 EDITION

Carmarthen B narrowly defeated Penlan B to maintain their fine form in the Premier Division of the Swansea & District Table Tennis League. The match was close throughout and not until the last two sets did Carmarthen finally take the lead they needed to win by two points. Although Micky Marsh lost 1-3 to Penlan number one Kevin Gertsen the point added to Sven Severeys's 3-1 win for Carmarthen over Charles Legg was enough to secure the match by 21 games to 19.

Earlier, Marsh had a tough match against Penlan's Legg just pipping him in the fifth game 11-9 to take the match. Stan Eastwood had a similarly tough match against Tamlyn Eastwood (no relation) and was two legs down before recovering to dominate leg five, winning 11-3. Severeys had a hard match against Gertsen, managing to get one leg but Gertsen's persistent top-spins took a toll on Severeys and his chop returns could not break through Gertsen's attack. Individual scores for Carmarthen B trio were: Severeys 7-5, Eastwood 6-6 and Marsh 5-7. Severeys and Marsh combined to take the doubles set 3-0 against Gertsen & T. Eastwood.

Carmarthen A won 22-15 versus Carmarthen C in a match that saw both sides missing their number ones - Jason Peckham for the A team and Jeff Parsons for the B's. The match opened with a convincing 3-0 doubles win for A team pair Tim Evans and David Lloyd over Andrew Joules and Simon Packer. In singles play, Lloyd took all three sets, 3-0 versus Curtis Marsh and 3-1 against both Packer and Joules. Vince Dragone took two out of three for the A's, compiling a 7-5 match score via wins over Marsh (3-0) and Joules (3-2) and a 1-3 loss to Packer. An injury to Tim Evans saw him perform well below par, squeezing past Marsh 3-2 but going down to 0-3 defeats in his other two contests.

Packer top-scored for the C team, recovering from his opening loss to Lloyd to defeat Dragone and Evans for a 7-4 total, with Andrew Joules scoring 6-6 from an opening win over Evans followed by losses to Lloyd and Dragone. Marsh - playing up from Division 2 - added a further two points for the B's from his close contest with Evans.

Carmarthen D went down to their eighth straight Premier Division defeat by a 10-25 scoreline against league leaders Cam Gears A, despite a fine performance from D's skipper Paul Tansley who posted a 7-4 individual total including a first ever win over Gareth Evans (3-0) together with a 3-1 victory over Ceri Higgon and a 1-3 loss to Morgan Siddley. Darren Cross totalled 2-9 from 1-3 losses to Higgon and Evans and a 0-3 defeat at the hands of Cam Gears number one Siddley while Rob Wilkins also picked up a point from a 1-3 loss to Evans after 0-3 defeats by Siddley and Higgon. Wilkins and Tansley were beaten 0-3 by Higgon and Siddley in the doubles set.

Carmarthen E's woes continue as they suffered their fifth consecutive defeat since gaining promotion to Division One with a 14-25 loss to third-placed Cam Gears C. Division Two leaders Carmarthen F swept past Penlan N 30-1, Stephen Lawrance and Ryan Trigg both scoring 9-0 maximums, with Adam Parvin managing to avoid the whitewash for the visiting Penlan team by taking a game in a 3-1 loss to Kurtis Marsh who finished with a 9-1 match total. Carmarthen F also took the evening's doubles set 3-0.

WEDNESDAY 9TH DECEMBER 2015 EDITION

In the Premier Division of the Swansea & District Table Tennis League high-flying Carmarthen B maintained their fine form this season by beating Carmarthen C 28-9 to move up into joint 2nd place, just four points behind leaders Cam Gears A. The match saw maximums from B's pair Sven Severeys - who scored 9-1 and dropped just one game in beating Jeff Parsons 3-1 - and Micky Marsh, who totalled 9-2 when taken to a fifth-game decider by Simon Packer.

Stan Eastwood also won two sets out of three for Carmarthen B (3-2 v Parsons, 3-0 v Packer, 1-3 v Andrew Joules) for a 7-5 total, his loss to Andrew Joules was the C team's only set win. For the C team, Joules scored 3-7, Jeff Parson 3-9 and Simon Packer 2-9 with Joules & Packer losing 1-3 to Marsh & Severeys in the doubles.

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WEDNESDAY 25TH NOVEMBER 2015 EDITION

Carmarthen B won the derby with Carmarthen D by 26 points to 16 in the Premier Division of the Swansea & District Table Tennis League to remain in contention in 4th place on 127 points, just 5 points behind Betws A in 3rd spot and 13 points behind leaders Cam Gears A. The D team remain in the relegation zone on 71 points, 18 adrift of the safety of 10th position.

Carmarthen B trio Stan Eastwood (7-6), Sven Severeys (8-5) and Micky Marsh (8-5) each won two sets out of three to secure victory, with Marsh & Severeys also taking the doubles set 3-0 against Rob Wilkins & Darren Cross.

Wilkins top-scored 8-6 for the D team, defeating Eastwood 3-1 and Severeys 3-2 and losing 2-3 to Marsh. D's skipper Paul Tansley totalled 6-8 via a win over Marsh (3-2) and losses to Eastwood (2-3) and Severeys (1-3) and Darren Cross lost 1-3 to Eastwood and Severeys and 0-3 to Marsh for a 2-9 return.

Carmarthen A comfortably defeated bottom of the table Tata Port Talbot A 28-10 to stay in 5th place and close the gap on Carmarthen B to just 3 points. Jason Peckham (9-1) and David Lloyd (9-2) both hit maximums for the A's with Vince Dragone winning two out of three for a 7-6 total. Peckham & Tim Evans took the doubles set 3-1.

Also in the Premier Division, Carmarthen C lost 18-22 v Penlan D, dropping one place to 8th in the Premier Division table on 106 points. Jeff Parsons maintained his good run of form with an 8-4 total, narrowly losing 2-3 to Penlan number one Frank Carroll and winning 3-0 over Harry Langley and 3-1 versus Harry's father Pete Langley.

Neil Hulme was beaten 1-3 by Carroll and 2-3 by P Langley and defeated H Langley for a 6-6 score while Simon Packer totalled 3-9, picking up points from losses to H Langley (2-3) and P Langley (1-3) before going down 0-3 to Carroll. Parsons & Packer lost 1-3 to Carroll & P Langley in the doubles set.

Carmarthen E have been drawn away to fellow Division One side Tata Port Talbot B in Round 2 of the Tudor Jones Handicap Cup and will receive a 5 point per game start.

WEDNESDAY 18TH NOVEMBER 2015 EDITION

Newly-promoted Carmarthen C are having no trouble adapting to life in the Premier Division of the Swansea & District Table Tennis League, registering a comfortable 25-12 victory against bottom of the table Tata Port Talbot A in their latest contest to make it three wins from five matches played so far this season. C's captain Simon Packer scored his first top-flight maximum with wins over David Avery (3-1) and Phil Avery (3-0) followed by a comeback from 0-2 in his final set against Lara Whitton to take the next three games for a 3-2 win and a 9-3 overall match total.

Parsons also hit a maximum for Carmarthen, scoring 9-2 via wins over Phil Avery (3-2), David Avery (3-0) and Whitton (3-0) while Andrew Joules added a 4-6 match score via an opening 3-0 victory over Whitton followed by losses to David and Phil Avery by margins of 0-3 and 1-3 respectively. Joules also partnered Packer to a 3-1 Carmarthen doubles win versus Whitton and David Avery.

Carmarthen B's Premier Division match with Penlan D went to the wire, with the match poised at 20-18 to Carmarthen going into the final set. Sven Severeys stepped up to win the decider 3-0 for the B's to take the match by 23 games to 18, Severeys recording individual figures of 9-2.

Carmarthen B's win sees them climb above their A team rivals into fourth place in the table with 101 points in what looks set to be a fascinating three-way battle between Carmarthen's A, B and C teams for local supremacy this season. The A's currently lie fifth on 96 points following a 10-25 defeat at the hands of Betws Rugby Club A, with the C's in close pursuit two places and just five points further back, all teams having played five matches.

Also in the Premier Division, Carmarthen D were thrashed 3-30 by Penlan A, Rob Wilkins picking up two points for the C's including a fine performance to take a game against one of the league's top players Tommy Heydon before eventually losing 1-3. Wilkins lost by the same margin to James Lobb and went down 0-3 to Marc Castro for match figures of 2-9. Paul Tansley grabbed a point from a 1-3 loss to Lobb with Darren Cross unable to get on the score sheet against the reigning champions. Tansley and Cross lost the opening doubles set 0-3 versus Castro and Heydon.

Carmarthen E went down to a third consecutive defeat in Division One following promotion last term, losing 28-13 to top of the table Britton Ferry side Jerusalem Baptist Church.

Carmarthen F maintained their 100% winning start to the season in Division Two with a 24-13 victory over previously undefeated Penlan M. Man-of-the-match was Kurtis Marsh, winning all three singles sets - by scores of 3-2 versus Scott Holmes and 3-0 against Jamie Quinn and Fin Witton - for an overall 9-2 total.

Stephen Lawrance beat Quinn 3-1 and Witton 3-0 after a 1-3 loss to Holmes for a 7-4 total and James Nash scores 5-6 via a 3-0 win over Witton and losses to Holmes (0-3) and Quinn(2-3). Nash then combined with Lawrance to take the doubles set 3-1 versus Holmes and Quinn.

WEDNESDAY 11TH NOVEMBER 2015 EDITION

Carmarthen A moved up one spot to third in the Premier Division of the Swansea & District Table Tennis League, inflicting the first defeat of the season on opponents Cam Gears A. Jason Peckham starred with a 9-1 maximum in a 22-15 victory for the A's.

News was less good, however, for Carmarthen's other three Premier Division teams, all of whom slipped down the table following heavy defeats. Carmarthen B are down to sixth following a 27-9 mauling at the hands of 2014/15 season league champions Penlan A while Carmarthen C went down 24-12 to Betws Rugby Club A and drop to ninth.

Carmarthen D fell into the Premier Division relegation places, currently lying eleventh out of twelve teams after losing 26-12 to mid-table Penyrheol A. Darren Cross was the D's top scorer with a 5-8 match total and also partnered skipper Paul Tansley in a 1-3 doubles defeat. Tansley posted a 4-6 individual score while Rob Wilkins picked up a 2-9 match total.

Carmarthen E got their Division One campaign underway with a pair of defeats, firstly losing 24-12 at Resolven-based side Cam Gears B. then going down 28-11 to Penlan E to lie bottom of the Division One table at this very early stage.

Carmarthen F continue to impress in Division Two, posting their fourth straight win of the season with a 24-13 victory over Penyrheol D. Stephen Lawrence (9-2) and Ryan Trigg (9-2) both hit nine-point maximums for the F's with James Nash chipping in with a 3-8 individual total. Nash also paired up with Lawrence to win the doubles set 3-1.

Tata Port Talbot D (receiving a 2 point per game handicap advantage) defeated Carmarthen F 10-5 in an all Division Two tie in Round One of the Tudor Jones Handicap Cup. In the same competition, Carmarthen E of Division One have been drawn at home to Premier Division opposition in the shape of Penyrheol A, the E's to receive a 10 point per game start.

Carmarthen Table Tennis Club hold weekly club nights at Carmarthen Leisure Centre in Johnstown from 7pm to 10pm each Thursday throughout the year. New players of any age or standard are welcome at these sessions.

WEDNESDAY 4TH NOVEMBER 2015 EDITION

Carmarthen B fought out a high-scoring 22-22 draw with Penyrheol A in week two of Premier Division fixtures in the Swansea & District Table Tennis League. Micky Marsh led the way for the B's, winning two sets out of three for an 8-5 score-line though Dennis Bromage posted an outstanding 9-4 maximum for Penyrheol. Carmarthen skipper Stan Eastwood (4-8) and Sven Severeys (7-8) each won one out of three and Carmarthen also took the doubles set 3-1.

Carmarthen B then won 28-10 versus Tata Port Talbot A in their third match of the campaign to move into second place in the early Premier Division table, Carmarthen's Micky Marsh again top-scoring for the B's with a 9-1 maximum.

Carmarthen A comfortably defeated club rivals Carmarthen D by 24 points to 12, Jason Peckham and David Lloyd scoring 9-1 maximums with Vince Dragone adding a 3-9 total for the A team. Darren Cross (4-8), Paul Tansley (4-6) and Rob Wilkins (3-7) each defeated Dragone, with Tansley also picking up a valuable point when taking the opening game in a 1-3 loss to Carmarthen number one Peckham while Cross added a further point against Lloyd. Peckham & Lloyd took the doubles set 3-1 against Cross & Tansley.

Carmarthen A went on to easily defeat Penlan B 28-7 in their next contest, with Peckham and Lloyd each winning their three individual sets 3 games to 0 and teaming up to win the doubles 3-1. Carmarthen's Dragone gained two wins out of three, totalling 7-4 from a 1-3 loss to Craig Henton, a 3-1 win over Charles Legge and a 3-0 victory against Tamlan Eastwood.

Premier Division new boys Carmarthen C made it two wins out of two, narrowly defeating Penlan B 21-20. Jeff Parsons posted a fine 9-2 maximum for the C's with Simon Packer scoring 4-7 via a 3-1 win over Penlan junior Tamlan Eastwood and losses of 1-3 to Craig Henton and 0-3 to Charles Legg. Andrew Joules added a 5-9 contribution from narrow losses to Legg (2-3), Eastwood (2-3) and Henton (1-3) and also combined with Packer to win the doubles set 3-2.

Carmarthen C then went down to their first defeat of the season, losing out 11-24 to Cam Gears A. Parsons lost 1-3 to Ceri Higgon and Morgan Siddley and beat Gareth Evans 3-0 for a 5-6 match score while Neil Hulme - making his season debut - totalled 4-6 from a 3-0 win over Evans and losses of 0-3 and 1-3 to Siddley and Higgon. Andrew Joules picked up a point from a 1-3 loss to Evans following 0-3 defeats at the hands of Siddley and Higgon and teamed up with Packer in a 1-3 doubles defeat by Higgon and Evans.

Also in the Premier Division, Carmarthen D lost 12-25 to Penlan C, Paul Tansley top-scoring for the D's with victories over James Lobb (3-2) and Steff Griffith (3-0) and a loss to Josh Morgan (0-3) adding up to an overall 6-5 match score. Rob Wilkins totalled 4-8 from a 3-2 win over Lobb and defeats by Griffith (1-3) and Morgan (0-3) while Carmarthen's Darren Cross narrowly lost 2-3 to Griffith and 0-3 to Morgan and Lobb for a 2-9 total. Wilkins and Tansley were beaten 0-3 by Morgan and Griffith in the doubles set.

Carmarthen F thrashed Tata Port Talbot C 27-6 in Division Two with maximums for Stephen Lawrence (9-0), Kurtis Marsh (9-1) and Ryan Trigg (9-2), though Marsh and Lawrence surprisingly went down to a 0-3 loss in the final doubles set. Carmarthen F then went on to defeat Penlan K in a much more closely-contested match, eventually winning 20-18 when Marsh picked up enough points from a 2-3 loss in the final set to ensure the overall match victory.

Marsh had earlier won his two previous singles sets for a total match score of 8-3, with Trigg (7-6) and James Nash (2-9) gathering the remaining Carmarthen points and Marsh & Trigg combining to take the doubles set 3-0.

WEDNESDAY 28TH OCTOBER 2015 EDITION

Carmarthen Table Tennis Club's 2015-16 season is now underway with six teams entered in the Swansea & District League, including a new Division Two squad. For the first time in the club's history Carmarthen have four teams in the top flight, with established Premier Division sides Carmarthen A and B being joined by the C and D teams who took the top two spots in Division One last season.

Carmarthen A quartet Jason Peckham, David Lloyd, Vince Dragone and Tim Evans - who were in the top two for most of last season before an injury to club number one Peckham saw them slip to fourth - should again challenge in the upper reaches of the Premier Division. Carmarthen B trio Stan Eastwood, Micky Marsh and Sven Severeys finished safely in mid-table last time around and are likely to do so again this year.

Last season's Division One champions Carmarthen C - Simon Packer, Andrew Joules and Jeff Parsons have been joined by Neil Hulme and can cope comfortably in their first season at this level. Carmarthen D's Paul Tansley and Darren Cross will be joined by Rob Wilkins with Martyn Fenner set to miss the first half of the season with a back injury. The D's look to have the toughest task of the four Premier Division teams and will do well to avoid relegation.

The Carmarthen E team of John Finnemore, Rob Clayton and Joe Clayton take their place in Division One after finishing runner-up in Division Two last term, while a newly-formed F team comprising Ryan Trigg, Stephen Lawrance, Kurtis Marsh and James Nash make their debut in Division Two.

No Carmarthen teams have been entered in the Senior or Veteran Divisions of the Team Championship of Wales this year.

In week one of the Swansea & District League Carmarthen A lost 12-23 to defending champions Penlan A in the Premier Division. Carmarthen number one Jason Peckham picked up 8 points from wins over Marc Castro and Tony Holt against a 2-3 loss to Tommy Heydon (who was unbeaten with match figures of 9-2) with David Lloyd adding 4 points from a 3-1 victory over Holt and defeats by Castro (1-3) and Heydon (0-3) and Vince Dragone unable to get on the score sheet. Peckham and Lloyd lost the doubles set 0-3 to Castro and Heydon.

Carmarthen B won 19-15 versus Betws Rugby Club, with six points apiece gained by Sven Severeys (6-3), Micky Marsh (6-4) and Stan Eastwood (6-5), who each defeated Bettws's Darren Beer (by scores of 3-0, 3-1 and 3-2 respectively) but were unable to trouble in-form Betws number one Cath Jones who posted an unbeaten 9-0 score. Marsh and Severeys were beaten 1-3 by Jones and Beer in the doubles set.

Carmarthen C won the first of many Carmarthen Premier Division derbies of the 2015-16 season, coming out on top 22-16 versus fellow-promotes Carmarthen D. D's captain Paul Tansley was the individual top-scorer on the night, posting an 8-4 total from wins of 3-1 and 3-0 over Jeff Parsons and Andrew Joules followed by a 2-3 loss to C's skipper Simon Packer.

Rob Wilkins (3-6) defeated Packer 3-0 after losses by the same margin to Joules and Parsons while the D team's Darren Cross picked up 4 points from losses to Parsons (1-3), Joules (2-3) and Packer (1-3). Parsons top-scored for the C's with a 7-4 total with Joules posting a 6-5 score and Packer totalling 6-6. Packer and Joules came out on top 3-1 for the C team over Cross and Tansley in the doubles set.

Carmarthen E had no game in Division One, while Carmarthen F's first Division Two match was in the balance until the final set which Carmarthen's James Nash won 3-0 to seal a 23-18 victory over Penlan L. Nash was aided by team-mates Ryan Trigg (8-3) and Kurtis Marsh (8-4) each winning two sets out of three in a promising debut for the newly-formed F team.
