

## CARMARTHEN TABLE TENNIS CLUB

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

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Week Ending 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2017

Carmarthen A moved into third place in the Premier Division of the Swansea & District Table Tennis League despite a narrow 18-21 loss to Penlan C 21, David Lloyd top-scoring for Carmarthen 7-4 with support from Mickey Marsh (5-6) and Tim Evans (3-9).

At the lower end of the Premier Division league table, Carmarthen B went down to a tight 16-17 defeat at the hands of bottom side Tata Port Talbot A. Vince Dragone top-scored 6-3 for the B team, via 3-0 wins over Martin Jenkins and Phil Hill and a 0-3 loss to Scott Cundy with Martyn Fenner totalling 6-5, coming back from two games down to defeat Jenkins 3-2 and winning 3-0 versus Hill before a final set 0-3 loss to Cundy. Carmarthen's Darren Cross also won 3-0 against Hill before losses to Jenkins (1-3) and Cundy (0-3) for a 4-6 match score. Dragone and Fenner lost 0-3 to Cundy and Jenkins in the doubles set.

Also in the Premier Division, Carmarthen C picked up useful points from a 17-22 loss to Cam Gears A. Kurtis Marsh continued his good form this season with a fine 3-1 victory over Cam Gears' Morgan Sidley plus a 3-0 win over Martin Evans and 1-3 loss to Alex Straub to score 7-4... 3-0 v Evans, a fine 3-1 victory over Sidley and a 1-3 loss to Straub... Ryan Trigg had match figures of 4-8 ( a 3-2 win over Evans losses of 1-3 to Straub and 0-3 to Sidley and Carmarthen's Alan Griffiths totalled 4-7 via 3-1 win over Evans losses to Sidley (1-3) and Straub (0-3). Griffiths teamed up with Marsh for a narrow 2-3 loss to Sidley and Straub in the doubles set.

In Division One Carmarthen D won 22-14 against Penlan H, with Paul Tansley winning two sets out of three to record a 6-3 match score, defeating Scott Holmes and Steve Holmes 3-0 and losing by the same margin to Jamie Quinn. John Finnemore also won two sets for the D's, beating Jamie Quinn 3-1 and Steve Holmes 3-0 and losing out 0-3 to Scott Holmes, while Rob Clayton scored 7-7, losing close sets 2-3 to Scott Holmes and Jamie Quinn but winning 3-1 against Steve Holmes. Tansley and Clayton lost 0-3 to Scott and Steve Holmes in the doubles set.

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Week Ending 25<sup>th</sup> November 2017

Carmarthen A defeated Carmarthen C 21-16 in the Swansea Table Tennis Premier League derby match. David Lloyd top-scored with an unbeaten 9-1 total for Carmarthen A, dropping just a single game to C team number one Kurtis Marsh.

Kurtis went on to defeat dad Mickey Marsh 3-0 and Tim Evans by the same score to record a match score of 7-3. Marsh senior went on to defeat Rob Wilkins 3-0 and lose 1-3 to Alan Griffiths for a 4-6 score and team-mate Tim Evans totalled 6-6 (0-3 v Kurtis Marsh, 3-2 v Griffiths, 3-1 v Wilkins). Griffiths and Kurtis Marsh took the doubles set 3-2 against Lloyd and Mickey Marsh.

Also in the Premier Division, Carmarthen B went down to a heavy defeat by reigning champions Penlan B by 2-30, Martyn Fenner and Rob Wilkins (the latter playing as a reserve for both the A and B teams on the same night) each taking a point from Penlan's Josh Morgan.

Second-placed Carmarthen E scored a fine 23-16 win over league leaders Penlan J in Division Two and in the same division Carmarthen F trio Mike Fischetti. Ian McDonald and Taylor Williams lost out 14-25 to Cam Gears D.

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Week Ending 18<sup>th</sup> November 2017

Carmarthen A took maximum points from their Swansea & District Table Tennis League Premier Division match against Jerusalem Baptist Church, David Lloyd, Mickey Marsh and Tim Evans each recording 9-1 individual totals plus Lloyd and Marsh taking the doubles set 3-0 for a 30-3 overall match score.

In the same division Carmarthen B lost 10-25 to Penlan C, Ben Palmer-Jones top-scoring for the B's with an 8-4 total from wins over Jacob Young (3-0) and Tamlan Eastwood (3-1) either side of a 2-3 loss to Penlan star Au Yeung Nancy. Simon Packer took two points from 1-3 losses to Nancy and Eastwood before losing out 0-3 to Young while Vince Dragone was unable to get on the scoresheet. Packer teamed up with nephew Palmer-Jones for a 0-3 opening set doubles loss to Eastwood and Nancy.

Carmarthen C lost 11-22 to early Premier Division leaders Penyrheol A despite a fine 9-1 maximum from Kurtis Marsh.

Carmarthen D defeated Division one pacesetters Penlan F 25-19, Rob Wilkins and John Finnemore both totalling 8-5 and Paul Tansley adding a 6-7 contribution. Tansley won 3-1 versus Tom Rees and was beaten 1-3 by Lee Thomas and 2-3 by Rhys Phillips and also paired up with Wilkins to take the closing doubles set 3-2 against Thomas and Phillips. Wilkins and Finnemore both lost 2-3 to Penlan F number one Thomas but won against Rees and Phillips, Wilkins by scores of 3-1 twice and Finnemore via scores of 3-2 and 3-0.

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Week Ending 11<sup>th</sup> November 2017

The first Premier Division derby match of the Swansea & District Table Tennis League season saw Carmarthen B win 24-17 against Carmarthen C, Vince Dragone leading the way for the B's with an impressive 9-2 maximum comprising of 3-1 wins over Kurtis Marsh and Ryan Trigg and a 3-0 victory over Swansea league debutant Owain Weller. Marsh won his remaining two sets - a close 3-2 victory over Martyn Fenner and a 3-0 win against Darren Cross to record match figures of 7-5 with Trigg totalling 5-8 and Weller scoring 2-9.

For the B team Fenner returned an 8-4 score while Cross's match figures were 5-8. B team skipper Simon Packer teamed up with Fenner to secure a 3-2 victory over Trigg and Marsh in the doubles set.

Carmarthen A won a tight match 20-18 versus Cam Gears A, Mickey Marsh starring for Carmarthen with three 3-2 wins over Morgan Siddley, Ceri Higgon and Alex Straub, backed up with David Lloyd's 5-6 match score from a 3-0 win against Higgon and losses to Siddley (2-3) and Straub (0-3), plus Tim Evans's 3-6 contribution from 0-3 losses to Siddley and Straub and a 3-0 win over Higgon. Marsh & Lloyd won the doubles set 3-0 versus Higgon & Straub.

Carmarthen D won their Division One fixture against a two-man Betws B 21-14, featuring a 9-1 maximum from Paul Tansley which included wins over Sid Brice (3-1) and Doug Smith (3-0), aided by an 8-4 score from John Finnemore (winning out 3-1 versus Smith but letting a 2-0 lead slip to lose 2-3 to Brice) and a 3-6 total from Rob Clayton. Tansley and Clayton were defeated 1-3 by Brice and Smith in the doubles set.

Promotion hopefuls Carmarthen E decisively defeated clubmates Carmarthen F 30-2 in Division Two.

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Week Ending 4<sup>th</sup> November 2017

Five Carmarthen teams were in action in the opening round of fixtures in the new 2017/18 Swansea & District Table Tennis League season

Last season's Division One champions Carmarthen C lost their debut Premier Division contest 9-28 to highly-rated Penlan B, Kurtis Marsh compiling a 4-7 score from a 3-1 win over Josh Morgan and losses to Marc Castro (0-3) and Frank Carroll (1-3) with Alan Griffiths scoring 2-9 (1-3 losses to Carroll and Morgan and a 0-3 loss to Castro and Ryan Trigg totalling 3-9, losing 0-3 to Castro, 2-3 to Morgan and 1-3 to Carroll), Marsh & Trigg were also defeated 0-3 by Castro & Morgan in the doubles.

Carmarthen A - third last season - opened the current Premier Division campaign with a comfortable 28-10 win over newly-promoted Tata Port Talbot A, David Lloyd and Mickey Marsh each posting 9-1 winning totals with Rob Wilkins adding a 7-8 score and Lloyd & Marsh winning the doubles set 3-0.

Carmarthen B (fifth last term) were narrowly defeated 18-23 by Penlan D, Vince Dragone top-scoring 6-4 for the B's via wins of 3-0 versus Grace Clemence and 3-1 against Maz Morgan followed by a 0-3 loss to the undefeated Shankly Ismail. Martyn Fenner totalled 6-8 (1-3 v Ismail, 3-2 v Clemence, 2-3 v Morgan) while Simon Packer's 3-9 score came via losses to Morgan (2-3), Ismail (1-3) and Clemence (0-3). Packer and Fenner took the opening doubles set 3-2 versus Clemence and Ismail.

In Division One Carmarthen D won a close tussle 20-17 over Cam Gears C, Paul Tansley taking man-of-the-match 9-1 figures for Carmarthen with Rob Clayton picking up 6-7 and John Finnemore scoring 1-9. Tansley had levelled an always close match at 17-17 in the penultimate set with a 3-0 win over Graham Butler then teamed up with Clayton to win the final doubles set 3-0 and take the overall match victory.

Carmarthen F won their first ever league match in Division Two in fine style with a 26-10 triumph over Penlan R, Ian MacDonald leading the way for the F's with a 9-0 maximum, ably supported by Taylor Williams (7-7) and Sam Ashman (7-3). Ashman was joined by Mike Fishetti for a 3-2 win in the doubles set.

In Carmarthen Table Tennis Club's pre-season handicap tournament - the Joe Morris Memorial Cup - Ashley Wray of Division Two (receiving a 10 point start) won the trophy 2 games to 1 versus Premier Division ace Mickey Marsh. At the Semi-Final stage Wray had earlier defeated Kurtis Marsh, while Mickey Marsh reached the final with a win over Taylor Williams.

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