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Top 3 all Win as League set for Great Climax!

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With just four games to go, our top three sides remain separated by frame difference only, as the League looks set for one of it's best finishes to date!

The **Lion** all but end **Cock Brockton's** hopes of retaining their 1st Division status for next season, with an emphatic 8-2 thumping in Westbury. The home side took a 4-0 lead before Phil Passant and Phil Hamer threatened a fight back at 2-4, but Macca McVean and Danny Sumner both 2/2 sealed the points by frame 8; Shaun Gildersleve also finished 2/2 before Phil Richards took the last for a big win.

I would just like to take this small opportunity to express my condolences to Steve (Richards) and family, on behalf of everyone in the league on the very sad loss of his mother this week...

In other games, the **Angel A** converted a comfortable looking 4-1 half time lead away at **Courthouse Judges**. Aidy Jones had the only win for the home side in the opening session (Cougan's mind on other things, see picture right...) and although Neil Yapp made it 2-4, the Angel powered on as Mike Bebb, Justin Williams and Baz Emberton all won 2/2 (Mike Farley with a consolation to end). The **Oak A** also maintain a challenge with a very good 8-2 win over **Argae A**. Jamie Jones stopped the 1st half wipe out as the unfortunate Wayne Smith potted the black early whilst opening the pack.

Wayne's reply to Jamie in the 6th frame was to jump on a missed red & produce a **7-baller** (like Arsenal it looked good but wins nothing come the end of the season) but Nigel Owen kept faint hopes of a point alive at 2-5. Glyn "Walters" Davies 2/2 settled the match and leaves Argae perilously close to the drop, as Dave Gannon and Dai "Felix Jeslar Nine Lives" Walsh both finished up with 2/2 on the night.

The **Oak B** give themselves a great chance to stay up after winning 6-4 away to **Angel B**. Dan Brown, Keith Harding and Lee Andrews all won to Marc Roberts and Rhys Roberts replies, but the home side lead for the 1st time 4-3, after Jerry & Marc Roberts 2/2 won frames 6 & 7. The Oak fought back to gain two much needed points however, as Keith Harding (2/2), Dave Baulch and finally Lee Andrew's (2/2) took 3 frames in a row for a big result.

Cobra's recent run comes to an end as **Four Crosses A** win 7-3. The away side made a superb 4-1 start with only Aled Jones registering for the home team. Jason Bright reduced it to 2-4 but James Gittins, Dave Lewis & Rog Russell all went to 2/2 to seal the match. Aled Jones finished 2/2 for Cobra. Finally, the **Cock A** have a strong 7-3 home win over the **Socialites**, after racing to a 4-1 start. Alan Walker won the 4th frame & Andrew Coppin pulled it back to 2-4, but Gary Gindrat 2/2 set up the chance of the win. Wil Foord fought on to 3-5, but Darren Bowen and Paul Morris both 2/2 sealed the match.

Notifications:

- [Tuesday 5th April Main Cup and Consolation Cup Quarter Finals](#)
- [Singles/Doubles/Trebles by Sunday 1st May](#)
- [Sunday 10th April. Welshpool A v. Bangor Blues, and T.P.X Border Dragons v. Welshpool B.](#)

Courthouse	3	7	Angel A
Cobra	3	7	Four Crosses A
Oak A	8	2	Argae A
Lion Westbury A	8	2	Cock Brockton
Cock A	7	3	Socialites
Angel B	4	6	Oak B



Cougan, always up for a laugh!!
"Hey man, is it like Queen night or Ozzy night, cos I can't really remember you know..." (thanks to Mr. P Allen ha!)

Tuesday night is Cup night, as we see the Quarter Finals of the Main cup and Consolation Cup!

Both the Horse & Jockey v Punchbowl A, and Oak B v Talbot D have been postponed to Tuesday 12th April.

Horse & Jockey	Vs.	Punchbowl A
Oak A	Vs.	Four Crosses A
Pheasant Nomads	Vs.	Cock A
Callow Inn	Vs.	Lion Westbury A



Cobra	Vs.	Socialites
Westwood	Vs.	Cock Brockton
Welly Wizards	Vs.	Courthouse
Oak B	Vs.	Talbot D

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Castle Boys the “nearly men”!

The Castle Boys are now just 2 points away from being crowned Champions (with 3 games to go).

Just as in Division 1 there are no changes to the league positions from last week, but it's a massive result for **Castle** as they thrash **Punchbowl A** 8-2! It's another season of what could have been for the nearly men of the Punch, but it's looking like an instant return for Castle who raced to a 4-1 lead including a **7-baller** by Mark Woosnam over Geoff Griffiths in frame 2. Punch skipper Johnny Morris made it 4-2 and despite obviously being bitterly disappointed, wrote “Congratulations to the Castle Boys, very well played. All the best for Division 1!!” after John Roberts, Brian Davies and Rich Wyatt all went to 2/2, and Martin Thomas completed the match. It's hard to see the Boys not see it through from here. What of their main rivals then, well the **Talbot D** made a valiant effort from 3-0 down to the **Talbot Topdogs**, but had to settle for a draw in the end. Dan Stephens, Jamie Jones and Steve Day made the best of starts at 3-0 but the Dream Team rallied with 3 frames in a row of their own; Drew Hughes 2/2 and Beefy also winning. With the match all level at 3-3 Jamie Jones made an excellent 2/2 for the dogs, but the Dream team were looking for a hard earned win, after Andy Francis and Johnny Jerman **7-balled**

Hywel Lloyd in the 8th and 9th frames. Andy Squibb was the man to deny them in the 10th however, and make a very big dent in their promotion bid.

Argae B were quick out of the blocks against **Westwood** with a 4-0 start, but only managed to cross the line in the 9th frame.

Craig Norbury finally got the Warriors first win in frame 5, but Dave Woosnam 2/2 made it 5-1 and the game all but over. The Warriors did make a fist of it however, as first Dan Lloyd and Matt Bowen both won, but Argae finished in style as Rich Williams 2/2 **7-balled** Titch Turner in the 9th game. Jono Penrose took the last to see the Westwood win the 2nd half, but they, just like the Breidden and Herbert are now desperate for points with games running out.

An important win for the **Cock B** away to the **Welly Wizards** 6-4, which looked extremely unlikely at 4-2 down! Shane Jackson won the opener for Forden as both teams looked for two points to distance themselves from the relegation zones. The Wizards took the next 3 frames however, as Tony Knight, Paul Grisdale and Duncan Morris all won; Dan Thomas made it interesting at 2-3. When Paul Grisdale 2/2 **7-balled** Wyn Jones at the re-start the home side were in prime position, but Shane Jackson 2/2 set up a great run, as Alun Brooks 1/1, Mat Hurst and Dan Thomas 2/2 stole the points from under the Wizard's noses...

Horseshoe ruffle Pheasant Feathers!

The race for the 3rd division title just got a lot hotter, as the Horseshoe beat the Pheasant B 6-4!

10th placed Horseshoe defied the odds and beat the in form team, to see them slip to 2nd with just their 3rd defeat of the season. Rob C Edwards got the Shoe away but Lawrence Evison soon levelled, but Grant Edwards and Ian Thomas forged a 3-1 lead. The away side were in striking distance when Craig Neesam completed the opening session, but the Horseshoe pulled away once more as Grant Edwards 2/2 made it 4-2.

Jamie Cater reduced arrears to 3-4 but an upset was on the cards when Ian “the Silk” Thomas went to 2/2. Pheasant captain Ted Pryce gave his team the chance of a valuable point but the Shoe weren't to be denied a top result, as Rob L Edwards reversed his earlier fortunes against Craig for a big win. The **Talbot Flunkies** took full advan-

tage and the top spot, with a fine 7-3 verdict at the **Lowfields**.

Russell Powell powered the visitors in front with a **7-baller** over John Harris before Neil Hughes restored parity in frame two. The Flunkies hit a sweet spot and took the remaining 3 frames of the half for an ominous 4-1 mid session score; Tom Manuel, Bradley Carr and Ryan Manuel all winning.

John Harris got his side off to a better start at 2-4 but Russell Powell, Bradley Carr and Tom Manuel all 2/2, took the game away from the home side before Allan Wainwright made it 7-3 at the finish.

The **Talbot Slayers** continue their good season, rising to 3rd after a well deserved 6-4 win over the **Mermaid**.

Tom Wilson and J Price opened with a win a piece before Daryl Haynes and Dave Roach made it advantage Slayers at 3-1. R Davies kept it close at the half but the Slayers looked for a possible promotion push (but games running out for them possibly) as Daryl

Ladies Singles

The Talbot Welshpool hosted another enjoyable Ladies Singles again this year (Tuesday), with 15 ladies entering for the night's rounds.

The entrants list read a little like an injured players list to start, as Donna Powell (back), Zara Powell (hand), Laura Williams (dislocated shoulder) and Nia Roberts (flu) all had problems to contend with other than their opponents (Donna unable to play). The girls weren't going to allow that to spoil the night as we set off with an all Wasps challenge...

Barb Jones and Gail Brown got us underway, with Barb coming through 2-1 which was set the tone for some very close games all night. The undoubted tie of the first round saw last year's finalists pitted against each other, with Nia Roberts winning a tight contest 2-1 also, over defending champion Amy Harris. Laura Davies arrived hot foot from the Pheasant when informed of her game and narrowly edged out debutant Zara Powell in a very good match that could have gone either way, with her reward being a quarter final match up with Vicky Barnes (bye from game v Donna).

In the lower part of the draw Pam Griffin and Ann Bebb both had a nervous start before Ann triumphed 2-1, and Ann then played an excellent game with Nia taking the first frame. Nia fought back to level before taking the decider, but not until after Ann had nearly taken her chances to win.

Heather Douglass started well in her game with Caz Challinor before losing her rhythm and the match was soon level. Carrie Ann then took her chance to win in the next and met Barb in the quarter finals, where some good potting was to see her progress to the semi-finals with a 2-0 win.

Carrie Ann's opponent will be Vicky Barnes, who also played extremely well in her quarter final, as she beat Laura 2-0 also.

Another new and welcome face came in the form of Heather Nudds (Breidden), and her opening game with former champion Lorna Thomas was arguably the game of the night. A very cool finish saw Heather take the first before Lorna levelled with some terrific potting, and the 3rd game didn't disappoint as Heather kept a calm nerve to claim the match. Heather was straight back in action against Laura Williams (bye from 1st round) and took the opening frame again showing composure, but Laura took advantage of a missed opportunity in the next to level. It was typical of almost every match on the night that you couldn't call a winner, but Laura took her chance in the deciding frame to book her place in the semi-final against Nia.

So there's our semi-final line up for Finals Day, Vicky Barnes v Caz Challinor and Nia Roberts v Laura Williams. A big thank you to all the girls who came plus all those supporting, and especially to Dan for the venue and food supplied, which was much appreciated on the night.

Haynes went to 2/2, with Gracia Jcanzur 1/1 winning also.
 J Price (Paddy) went to 2/2 and the Mermaid needed the two remaining frames to draw, but the Slayers were home and dry when Tom Wilson went to 2/2 in the 9th.
 K Rivers 1/1 took a good scalp in the 10th (Dave) to see it end at 6-4.

The [Lion Llansantffraid](#) v [Pinewood](#) game was postponed, so last but not least we have the [Punchbowl B](#) v [Welly Wasps](#).
 Stephen Harrison (“struggled versus Gail Brown”) and Kyle Turner won the opening two frames but “Jay Holbrook gets owned” by Vicky Barnes, says the comments from the Punch on the back of the card lol. Steve Byrne and Dan Vaughan made it a ruthless half however at 4-1.

Dan Vaughan went to 2/2 at the re-start, but Laura Davies beat Steve Byrne to make it 5-2 with 3 to play before Stu Breeze 1/1 put the contest out of the girl’s reach.

Adam Jay 1/1 and Stephen Harrison 2/2 completed the match with a 8-2 score to the Punch B.

DIVISION 2 RESULTS...

Castle Boys	8	2	Punchbowl A
Welly Wizards	4	6	Cock B
Argae B	6	4	Westwood
Talbot D	5	5	Talbot Topdogs

DIVISION 3 RESULTS...

Lowfield	3	7	Talbot Flunkies
Talbot Slayers	6	4	Mermaid
Horseshoe	6	4	Pheasant B
Lion Llansant.	p	p	Pinewood
Punchbowl B	8	2	Welly Wasps

Quarter Finals to be played by Sunday 1st May

Alan Price (Nomads) 07846739504	Alan Walker (Socialites) 07876688397
Rod Edwards (Angel A) 07725547826	Darren Bowen (Cock A) 07971973793
Shaun Gildersleve (Lion A) 07897556666	Glyn Davies (Oak A) 07790010914
Mike Bebb (Angel A) 07989469883	Steve Richards (Lion A) 07775629937



Dai Walsh & Glyn Davies (Oak)	Justin Williams & Kevin Morris (Angel)
Gary Gindrat & Darren Bowen (Cock)	Rod Edwards & Ryan Jones (Angel)
Roger Russell & Gwyn Hughes (Four Crosses)	Adi Davies & Gareth Richards (Socialites)
Dave Gannon & Dan Stephens (Talbot)	Alan Jones & Jonny Jarman (Talbot)

Pete Sheppard & Paul Morris & Gary Gindrat Cock A	Drew Hughes & Lee Harris & Mike Bebb Angel A
Rob Owen & Garry Lewis & James Gittins (Four Crosses A)	Rod Edwards & Barry Emberton & Ryan Jones (Angel A)
Steve Jones & Dean Arthur & Steve Davies Pheasant Nomads	Dave Lewis & Gwyn Hughes & Roger Russell (Four Crosses A)
BYE. Previous match given 10 day extension	Digger & Geraint Jones & Dan Stephens Talbot Topdogs

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DIVISION 1	P	W	D	L	F	A	Dif	Pts
1.Lion Westbury A	20	17	1	2	137	63	74	34
2.Angel A	20	16	2	2	133	67	66	34
3.Oak A	21	15	4	1	134	76	58	34
4.Pheasant Nomads	20	14	2	4	118	82	36	30
5.Cock A	20	12	2	6	119	81	38	26
6.Four Crosses A	20	8	3	9	97	103	-6	19
7.Angel B	20	6	4	10	96	104	-8	16
8.Socialites	20	7	2	11	88	112	-24	16
9.Courthouse	21	4	5	12	85	125	-40	13
10.Cobra	22	4	5	13	83	137	-54	13
11.Argae A	21	4	4	13	87	123	-36	12
12.Oak B	20	3	5	12	74	126	-52	11
13.Cock Brockton	21	2	3	16	79	131	-52	7



Please note that the provisional promotion and relegation line is based on 3 equal divisions of 12 per division for next season. This will be subject to confirmation or change based upon next year's entries and what is best for the league as a whole.

Tonight's Games 06-Apr-11

DIVISION 2	P	W	D	L	F	A	Dif	Pts
1.Castle Boys	17	12	4	1	113	57	56	28
2.Talbot D	18	11	3	4	105	75	30	25
3.Punchbowl A	17	9	3	5	95	75	20	21
4.Horse & Jockey	16	7	6	3	93	67	26	20
5.Talbot Top dogs	17	8	4	5	95	75	20	20
6.Argae B	17	7	5	5	87	83	4	19
7.Cock B	18	6	4	8	83	97	-14	16
8.Welly Wizards	18	5	2	11	70	110	-40	12
9.Herbert Arms	17	3	4	10	61	109	-48	10
10.Breidden	16	3	3	10	72	88	-16	9
11.Westwood	17	3	2	12	66	104	-38	8

Division 1

<u>Angel A</u>	Vs.	<u>Cobra</u>
<u>Four Crosses A</u>	Vs.	<u>Oak A</u>
<u>Argae A</u>	Vs.	<u>Angel B</u>
<u>Cock Brockton</u>	Vs.	<u>Pheasant Nomads</u>
<u>Socialites</u>	Vs.	<u>Lion Westbury A</u>
<u>Oak B</u>	Vs.	<u>Cock A</u>

Division 2

<u>Punchbowl A</u>	Vs.	<u>Herbert Arms</u>
<u>Cock B</u>	Vs.	<u>Talbot D</u>
<u>Horse & Jockey</u>	Vs.	<u>Breidden</u>
<u>Talbot Top dogs</u>	Vs.	<u>Argae B</u>

DIVISION 3	P	W	D	L	F	A	Dif	Pts
1.Talbot Flunkies	19	13	2	4	122	68	54	28
2.Pheasant B	18	13	2	3	113	67	46	28
3.Talbot Slayers	20	11	4	5	112	88	24	26
4.Pinewood	17	10	4	3	98	72	26	24
5.Green Dragon Butt.	19	10	3	6	103	87	16	23
6.Callow Inn	18	10	2	6	108	72	36	22
7.Lion Llansantffraid	17	7	4	6	81	89	-8	18
8.Mermaid	17	5	4	8	75	85	-20	14
9.Lowfield	18	4	5	9	85	105	-10	13
10.Horseshoe	18	5	3	10	74	106	-32	13
11.Punchbowl B	19	3	3	13	80	110	-30	9
12.Welly Wasps	18	0	0	18	39	141	-102	0

Division 3

<u>Talbot Flunkies</u>	Vs.	<u>Green Dragon Butt.</u>
<u>Mermaid</u>	Vs.	<u>Punchbowl B</u>
<u>Pheasant B</u>	Vs.	<u>Lowfield</u>
<u>Pinewood</u>	Vs.	<u>Callow Inn</u>
<u>Welly Wasps</u>	Vs.	<u>Lion Llansantffraid</u>

BYES:
 DIV1. COURTHOUSE
 DIV 2. CASTLE BOYS. WELLY WIZARDS.
 WESTWOOD
 DIV 3. TALBOT SLAYERS. HORSESHOE