



SEASON 2019-20

COACHES CORNER

Hello Club Holdfast members,

The final minor round game of the season ahead and it is another season that has gone by very quickly. A mixed week of results with some very important and emphatic wins mixed in with some tough losses.

At the wash up we know our Premier League team will play host to finals on March 14th, Division 3 South have kept themselves in with a chance of playing finals if things go right this week. For the other teams this week, no team is in danger of relegation or can make finals so it is an opportunity to go out relax and enjoy your game. It was this corresponding round earlier in the year where we had all teams up so let's make that the club goal this week to finish with a BANG and earn a free drink.

For those teams that is their final game this week we still hope to see plenty of faces on Friday Nights for a roll up and then out supporting our finals teams on Saturdays when they begin. The clubs support of each other makes a big difference to help get an extra one or two shots on the board which can make the difference.

It would also be remiss of me not to wish good luck to our Wednesday & Thursday teams who have a further two weeks left. Thursday Premier League has a big battle to stay in the grade and are hitting some great form late in the year after a win against 2nd placed Tranmere. Wednesday are looking to secure a spot in Division 1 finals. Good luck to all members and play well in your final two games.

Last week's review:

The Premier League team had a tough match against West Lakes away. There is plenty of upside and despite losing overall by 5 shots the group will take a lot of learning away and feel confident if we play West Lakes again in the finals. We have not lost a game this year when we have scored 100 overall shots and the team will continue to play aggressive bowls to keep the boards ticking over. We get one last hit out on our home green before finals which is an opportunity for tuning up and rink chemistry.

Div 3 South a very very important and exciting win in the context of the season. A one shot overall win steered us away from relegation and gives us a glimmer of hope to still qualify for finals. This team has dug deep all year and I know we have one more good game in us. Go out with an attitude that we can get 16 points and control what you can control. Fingers crossed results will fall our way and we will have an opportunity to play finals in this grade. Well done to John McDougall and rink for steering the ship home in the tight finish. Build the heads and play patient bowls throughout the day.

Div 5 West a tough away match up at Lockleys and we unfortunately went down. Well done to Mike Hollow and rink for a strong victory to give the team some positives from the day. This week is now an opportunity to simply enjoy and have some personal player development that will assist the club moving forward.

Div 6 Central back to back all rinks up wins. Well done to the team and especially the rinks of Jenny Nerlich & Esther Penglis for big shots up margins. Sitting in 4th it has been a solid season and let's finish with that 3rd win in a row and see how high we can climb.

Division 7 unfortunately a forfeit but more players available this week and an opportunity to try and knock off another team on their home ground. Your match is equally important in us achieving our club goal of all rinks up this week.

Have a great week, and enjoy your bowls on Saturday. One club, all united and keeping positive.

As always anything you need to chat about: 0437 213 914

Cheers, Matty

Results Last week:

Premier League: 4 points 97-102 vs West Lakes. Northcott -11, Klose -13, Studham +16, Klenig +3 – Ladder position: 1/10

Div 3 South: 14 points 81-80 vs Brighton. Hall +6, Creswell +2, Turci -15, Mcdougall +8 – Ladder position: 6/10

Div 5 West: 2 points 74-91 vs Lockleys. Hague -17, Hollow +14, Mules -5, Carey -9 – Ladder position: 5/10

Div 6 Central: 12 points 76-43 vs Christies Beach. Nerlich +15, Crook +2, Penglis +16 – Ladder position: 4/10

Div 7 West: 0 Points forfeit vs Torrensville. Ladder position: 7/8

Games this week:

Premier League: V Somerton @ Holdfast - Somerton Ladder position: 8/10

Div 3 South: V Glenelg @ Holdfast – Glenelg Ladder position: 8/10

Div 5 West V Brighton White @ Brighton – Brighton White Ladder position: 2/10

Div 6 Central V Edwardstown @ Edwardstown– Edwardstown Ladder position: 5/10

Div 7 West V Semaphore @ Semaphore – Semaphore Ladder position 4/8

Tips for this week:

I was lucky enough last week to spend some time at Night Owls and give some basic tips to some of the players starting out. Obviously we are keen to wrap this season up in a positive note but its never too early to start thinking about your friends, family members, work colleagues etc that we can bring down to the venue. Whether they go into Night Owls initially or are keen to join more serious competition bowls – I would be more than happy to give pointers to help anyone start off on the right foot. Get your feelers out and promote the club to keep it a strong and enjoyable place to visit.