

Island Team League 2011-2012



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Island Team League – Cycle 1, Week 5

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Champs Hairtek brush aside champs elect Bourse!

HAIRTEK v BOURSE 5/0

Champions Hairtek showed they are not willing to give up their trophy easily by beating table toppers and previously unbeaten Bourse Trust. Hairtek were handed a walkover at No5 as Katie Ozard had to retire early from her match after falling ill. Hairtek captain Mark Sheppard then matched Bourse's Simon Bourge shot for shot until eventually Mark delivered the killer blow to win 3-1. Ross Kneller then overcame Andy May 3-1 in a match full of glorious shot making, Ross winning the match with an overhead cross court nick. That gave the match to Hairtek, but they had not finished yet. John Lewis then ran and ran, and eventually ran the legs out of Oliver Quarmby to win 3-0. The final match was the game of the evening in this tie, with Hairtek No 3 Gary Rich overcoming Paul Luxon in three sets which contained lots of drama, tension and no little measure of class. With tonight's Bourse defeat, the last 2 weeks of the Island Team League promise further drama, as Hairtek are now well placed within reach of the leaders!

BLACKBURN v OMAKISOFT 2/3

With the first four matches of the night won 3-0 and equally shared by both teams, the match between Blackburn's No1 String Dave Merrien and Omakisoft's David Caine was crucial in deciding the overall match result. The two Daves covered all 4 corners of the court with some gruelling rallies. Dave Merrien took the 4th in a tie break to level things up, and it went to 9 all in the decider before Caine, the South African player proved his class to pull through 11-9 and take the match. As a result, Omakisoft got their third win of the season and in doing so got back into the top half of the table.

BARCLAYS v JUPITER TRUSTEES 3/2

A very close match was decided in the final game on court between the No1s. Before that, Leigh Radford had a comfortable 3-0 win for Barclays, and that win was matched by Andy Parr in a hard fought 3-1 win over Russell Michel. However Jupiter came back with strong 3-2 wins for Gareth Banton over Janick Radford and 3-1 for Andy Biggins over Kevin Murphy to tie up the match. This left the No1 strings to decide it, and inevitably it went to the deciding fifth game where a sharp Steve le Ray pulled out an early lead and held on to give Barclays the win 3-2 on the night. This win, combined with the crash of the Bourse team on the same night, leaves the two teams with equal points at the top of the table (66 points) with only 2 weeks left in this 1st cycle, and leaves next week's Barclays clash with Hairtek as a crucial one!

TRAVEL SOLUTIONS v ACCENT MULTILINGUAL SERVICES 2/3

Accent Team beat Travel Solutions in a tight encounter with the two crucial games being 3-2 results. Before that, Amy Stenner and Shane Cotter gave two wins to Accent to balance a win from Ben Rosec for Travel Solutions. Simon Gaudion then overcame a determined Matt Robilliard to win 11-8 in the fifth and level the overall encounter at two all. Everything looked fine for Travel Solutions when Tony Jones went 2-1 up, but Charles Stenner then produced the performance of the night coming back to win 13-11 in the fifth, saving one match ball on the way. This left Accent delightedly celebrating their second winning evening of the season after a great team effort!

LEAGUE POSITIONS		P	W	D	L	F	A	Total
1st	Bourse	5	4	0	1	50	36	66
2nd	Barclays	5	3	0	2	54	43	66
3rd	Hairtek	5	3	0	2	48	40	60
4th	Accent Multilingual Services	5	2	0	3	48	46	56
5th	Blackburn	5	3	0	2	42	47	50
6th	Omakisoft	5	3	0	2	38	50	50
7th	Travel Solutions	5	1	0	4	45	49	49
8th	Jupiter Trustees	5	1	0	4	37	51	41

P = Played W = Won D = Drawn L = Lost F = For A = Against
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