



Newsletter

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The Road still top

Chester Road are still the surprise leaders at the top of the Flowfit Shropshire Premier Bowling League after another solid month from them. They only started with 3 at St Georges but then reeled off two 11-3 wins, the latter at Wem USC, before coming from behind to beat Castlefields 9-5. They then got a good 5 at Newport, much better than what they got in previous years there. Meole Brace are 2nd but suffered a 10-4 defeat at Bylet at the end of the month, after getting solid 5s at Sir John Bayley and Ifton, but still sit 5 points behind the leaders with an extra home game left. Castlefields have moved up to their highest position since the second week after a couple of good home wins, including a 13-1 hammering of the Champions Newport. They will be ruing more near misses away, losing by 2 at Wem USC and by 13 at Chester Road. St Georges are in 4th with a game in hand, although away at the Bayley, the team directly below them. They started the month well after beating Chester Road 11-3 but then suffered a disappointing 2 at Burway and then two 9-5 home wins, the second over bottom placed Hadley USC. The Bayley only suffered one defeat in July, losing 11-3 at Hanwood, but only by 19. They won at Bylet and Wrockwardine Wood, with a 9-5 win over rivals Meole Brace sandwiched in between.

Ifton sit on the fringes of the top 5, 15 points behind Chester Road, after picking up in the month. A good 12-2 home win over Hadley USC was followed by solid away results, 5 at St Georges and Wrockwardine Wood and 4 at Hanwood. Bowring are out of the top 6 for the first time in a while after having an average month, with only two 10-4 home wins and 2 at Wem, although a number of close cards went against them that night. They did get a great 6 at Castlefields though and 4 at Hanwood. Hanwood themselves are on the fringes of a top 6 finish after three good home wins, including an 11-3 win over previous leaders Sir John Bayley. Burway are another team that could break into the top 6 with a good finish after two good home wins in July, 12-2 over St Georges and 10-4 over Hanwood. Newport are their lowest position for over 5 years, 10th place, but do have a home game in hand. They didn't have the best of months, only 1 at Castlefields and a 9-5 home win over Chester Road but did beat Hanwood 11-3 and get 4 at Meole. Wem USC and Wrockwardine Wood are adrift of the top 10 but both are clear of finishing bottom. Wem's form dipped at the start



Victorious Meole Brace Captain Mark Thomas (right) collects his man of the match award from sponsor Tom Langford (left), who is Director of Black Technologies Limited, who have sponsored the competition this season. The league is very grateful of the support that the company and Tom have given us. Also pictured is League President John Coxill, centre.

of the month with just 2 at Hadley but came from behind to beat Castlefields 8-6 and by 2 and then beat Bowring 12-2, after losing 11-3 at home to Chester Road two weeks before! Wrockwardine Wood also had a couple of good home wins to steer them from trouble, 11-3 over Burway and 9-5 over Ifton, this despite just losing at home over the Bayley. Bylet recovered from a winless June to win two home games in July, 9-5 over Burway and 10-4 over Meole as they moved 16 points clear over Hadley USC at the bottom. Despite a 12-2 home win over Wem USC the next three games, all away, only yielded 8 points, but 5 of those came in their last game of the month at St Georges.

Hanwood and Road most improved

Hanwood are still the most improved team from last season, but Chester Road are fast closing in behind with their terrific season showing no signs of letting up. Conversely, Champions Newport are the least improved.

TEAM	PLAYED	GW	AGG	PTS
Hanwood	19	28	665	34
Chester Rd	19	18	252	28
Bylet	18	8	87	10
St Georges	18	8	-52	8
Bowring	19	2	279	5
Meole Brace	19	-2	-129	2
Sir John Bayley	18	-1	207	-1
Burway	19	0	-207	-2
Ifton	19	-6	-30	-10
Castlefields	19	-7	-37	-10
Hadley USC	18	-10	-129	-10
Wem USC	18	-7	-87	-13
Wrock Wood	19	-11	-250	-17
Newport	18	-20	-569	-24

July Stats

Friday 1st July

St Georges (11) Chester Road (3) St Georges won by 41
 Meole Brace (10) Newport (4) Meole Brace won by 55
 Wrock Wood (11) Burway (3) Wrock Wood won by 45
 Hadley USC (12) Wem USC (2) Hadley USC won by 56
 Castlefields (8) Bowring (6) Castlefields won by 21
 Bylet (5) Sir John Bayley (9) Sir John Bayley won by 47

Friday 8th July

Chester Road (11) Wrock Wood (3) Chest Road won by 41
 Newport (11) Hanwood (3) Newport won by 49
 Burway (12) St Georges (2) Burway won by 69
 Wem USC (8) Castlefields (6) Wem USC won by 2
 Bowring (10) Bylet (4) Bowring won by 53
 Sir John Bayley (9) Meole Brace (5) Sir J Bayley won by 52
 Ifton (12) Hadley USC (2) Ifton won by 82

Friday 15th July

Wrock Wood (6) Sir John Bayley (8) Sir J Bayley won by 8
 Castlefields (13) Newport (1) Castlefields won by 74
 Hanwood (1) Bowring (4) Hanwood won by 42
 Bylet (9) Burway (5) Bylet won by 18
 Wem USC (3) Chester Road (11) Chester Road won by 28
 Meole Brace (13) Hadley USC (1) Meole Brace won by 94
 St Georges (9) Ifton (5) St Georges won by 9

Wednesday 20th July

St Georges (9) Hadley USC (5) St Georges won by 48

Friday 22nd July

Chester Road (9) Castlefields (5) Chester Road won by 13
 Ifton (9) Meole Brace (5) Ifton won by 38
 Bowring (10) Wrock Wood (4) Bowring won by 52
 Burway (10) Hanwood (4) Burway won by 45
 Hadley USC P-P Bylet (to be played 11th August)
 Sir John Bayley P-P St Georges (to be played 9th August)
 Newport P-P Wem USC (date TBA)

Sunday 24th July

Hanwood (10) Ifton (4) Hanwood won by 63

Friday 29th July

Wem USC (12) Bowring (2) Wem USC won by 32
 Bylet (10) Meole Brace (4) Bylet won by 19
 Hanwood (11) Sir John Bayley (3) Hanwood won by 19
 Castlefields (10) Burway (4) Castlefields won by 42
 Newport (9) Chester Road (5) Newport won by 18
 Wrock Wood (9) Ifton (5) Wrock Wood won by 51

League Averages:

Pos.	Name	Team	P	W	Agg
1.	Andy Moss	Chester Road	19	18	149
2.	Alex Jones	Sir J Bayley	18	16	141
3.	Wayne Rogers	Burway	18	16	138
4.	Colin Beaman	Meole Brace	19	16	126
5.	Stuart Rutter	Wrock Wood	17	15	101

Most Consecutive Wins:

Wayne Rogers has won 14 on the bounce, with Andy Moss having won 13.

MVPs:

Stuart Rutter leads the way with 7 MVPs out of 9, with James Duce on 6

Diary Dates:

Friday 5th August: Week 20 Fixtures

Friday 12th August: Week 21 Fixtures

Friday 19th August: Week 22 Fixtures

Friday 26th August: Week 23 Fixtures

Pos	Team	Play	Won	Lost	GW	Agg	Points
1	Chester Road	19	12	7	129	214	153
2	Meole Brace	19	12	6	123	159	148
3	Castlefields	19	10	8	125	240	146
4	St Georges	18	11	7	121	231	143
5	Sir John Bayley	18	11	7	120	365	142
6	Ifton	19	10	9	118	67	138
7	Bowring	19	8	10	119	168	136
8	Hanwood	19	9	10	116	18	134
9	Burway	19	10	9	112	-107	132
10	Newport	18	10	8	107	-115	127
11	Wem USC	18	8	10	103	-3	119
12	Wrockwardine Wood	19	7	12	102	-205	116
13	Bylet	18	6	12	89	-442	101
14	Hadley USC	18	4	13	76	-590	85