



Newsletter

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Fields Favourites

Castlefields are favourites to win the 2017 Salop Leisure Shropshire Premier Bowling League as they lead by 13 points with just 3 games remaining. They have barely but a foot wrong, apart from just edging out Bowring 9-5 and by 3 chalks when they should have really lost last week. But the game after they beat nearest rivals Sir John Bayley 9-5 to move within touching distance of the championship, but do still have two away games to negotiate, one of them at Wrockwardine Wood, where they have struggled in recent years. The Bayley do have two home games as well as a trip to Wem USC to come, but it could be a little bit too much to do. The Bayley will be ruing four 20 losers at St Georges meaning they only got 3 winners there, as well as losing out at Hanwood by just 2 chalks. After a poor start Newport are looking like they will finish in 3rd place after a series of excellent away results, including wins at Hanmer, Wem USC, Bylet and St Georges. With two home games to come they should do easily. Bowring are currently 4th and looking for their first ever top 6 finish. Despite a rocky middle patch, including a home loss to Burway, they scored five consecutive double figure hauls, including their first away win in two seasons at Bylet, to surge up the table. They do have two tricky away trips to come though as well as the visit of a Hanwood side also looking for a top 6 place themselves. Meole Brace and St Georges are also in the mix, Meole 3 behind the Bowring and St Georges another 3 adrift along with Hanwood. St Georges and Meole have suffered disappointing league campaigns but a 4th place finish will not be too bad a finish for either in the end. Meole have started to hit a bit of form with two 10-4 home wins after a shock home loss to Hanmer, while St Georges are still buzzing after winning the KGJ Insurance County Cup. St Georges and Hanwood do have the advantage of two home games out of the last three, and Hanwood have once again been excellent at home, despite coming close to losing against the Bayley. They hammered Wem USC 13-1 last time round but their away form could cost them despite it having picked up after getting 7 at Wrockwardine. Wrockwardine and Burway could still get a top half finish and the Pool A place it brings as they have two out of the last three at home. Burway, despite a heavy home loss against Castlefields, have had another great season at home, while Wrockwardine have been similar to, with both also winning an away game this season. needed.

Tight for bottom spot

The fight to avoid bottom spot has been one of the tightest ever with 5 teams being around there for most of the season. Wem are currently there and are 7 points adrift after some terrible away results, scoring 1 and 2 twice as well as a whitewash. Their home form has been ok, but they have only won their last two there 8-6, this after two home losses on the bounce against Castlefields and St Georges. With a trip to Newport to come, and a home game with Sir John Bayley, they will be hoping they are in reach of Bylet who they go to the last game of the season. Bylet though do have the toughest two games they could have, a visit to league leaders Castlefields as well as a trip to defending champions Sir John Bayley. So the home game against Wem could be the decider. Ifton though are just a point above and only have a home game against St Georges to come. With their away games at Hanwood and Wrockwardine Wood, where they have struggled a lot in the past, they still have work to do. Chester Road and Hanmer should be safe now, with Chester Road having picked up since the half way point of the season. They have scored at least four in their away games since, and after scoring 5 in their last two trips mean they should be ok, despite home games against Meole Brace and Castlefields to come. Hanmer have done remarkably well since a whitewash at Bowring in May, having picked up two away wins and only losing once at home, and their 13-1 home win last game should now see them safe even though they still need to go to St Georges and Newport.

Bottom Five Run-ins:

Wem 14th 131 points
Newport (A)
Sir John Bayley (H)
Bylet (A)

Bylet 13th 138 points
Sir John Bayley (A)
Castlefields (A)
Wem USC (H)

Ifton 12th 139 points
Hanwood (A)
St Georges (H)
Wrockwardine Wood (A)

Chester Road 11th 144 points
Meole Brace (H)
Hanmer (A)
Castlefields (H)

Hanmer 10th 146 points
St Georges (A)
Chester Road (H)
Newport (A)

League Stats

League Averages:

Diary Dates:

Pos.	Name	Team	P	W	Agg
1.	Callum Wright	Castlefields	22	19	154
2.	Derek Wright	Wem USC	23	19	131
3.	Peter Farmer	Newport	23	19	124
4.	Michael Beer	Castlefields	21	19	106
5.	Andy Moss	Chester Road	23	17	125

Friday 1st September - Gameweek 24 Fixtures

Friday 8th September - Gameweek 25 Fixtures

Saturday 9th September - Barlows Fire & Security Alan Mayhew Trophy Final

Friday 15th September - Gameweek 26 Fixtures

The League Averages race is tightening up with four player on the same number of wins. Callum Wright leads them, but with a trip to Wrockwardine Wood, a green he has never won on, he might not be the favourite. Derek Wright is second 23 shots behind but like Callum has two away games to come, including one at Newport. Pete Farmer has won his last 11, and a win in his next game will mean he takes the most consecutive wins prize off Callum to. With two home games to come as well as a visit to Burway, a green that he has won their open on, he looks the favourite. Michael Beer is the last on 19 wins, but with those above him having superior aggregates, it means that he will most likely be reliant on them losing if he can win all three. However, having only lost two games all season, he will think he can achieve this and apply some pressure on those above.

Wednesday 27th September - Blair Plumbing & Heating Pool A/B 1st round

Wednesday 4th October - Blair Plumbing & Heating Pool A/B Semi Final

Friday 6th October - Playoff Final

Saturday 7th October - Mike Hinton Pairs at Maddocks 10 a.m. start - Enter on the Day

Friday 13th October - Blair Plumbing & Heating Pool A/B Finals & Presentation Evening at Wrockwardine Wood

Tuesday 17th October - October Meeting at Meole Brace 7.30 p.m.

Pos	Team	Play	Won	Lost	GW	Agg	Points
1	Castlefields	23	17	6	171	555	203
2	Sir J Bayley	23	15	8	160	536	190
3	Newport	23	13	10	152	185	178
4	Bowring	23	12	11	147	142	171
5	Meole Brace	23	14	9	140	53	168
6	St Georges	23	11	12	145	-14	165
7	Hanwood	23	11	12	143	129	165
8	Wrockwardine Wood	23	11	11	134	11	157
9	Burway	23	11	12	131	-66	153
10	Hanmer	23	11	12	124	-338	146
11	Chester Road	23	8	15	128	-101	144
12	Ifton	23	9	14	123	-296	139
13	Bylet	23	8	14	121	-382	138
14	Wem U S C	23	9	14	113	-414	131

Most Improved Team 2017

Bylet and Castlefields are the two most improved teams at the moment being 20 points better off than last season. With both teams having to play each other it means that this could be decisive in determining who wins it overall and the £50 prize. Wrockwardine Wood are only 3 behind though, with Newport a further three back, so good results for those two could see them have a chance of winning it. At the bottom and Wem USC are 26 points worse off than last season, with Ifton and Chester Road only just above them as they are 23 behind last season's total. Hanmer are not eligible for this award as they are newly promoted and a new rule was put in place at the AGM in order to prevent newly promoted teams from winning the award.

Pos.	TEAM	2017 Points	2016 Points	Points Difference	Agg Difference
1=	Bylet	138	118	20	259
1=	Castlefields	203	183	20	178
3.	Wrockwardine Wood	157	140	17	293
4.	Newport	178	164	14	293
5.	Sir J Bayley	190	178	12	150
6.	Bowring	171	168	3	-123
7.	Burway	153	150	3	152
8.	Meole Brace	168	169	-1	-53
9.	Hanwood	165	167	-2	3
10.	St Georges	165	179	-14	-226
11.	Chester Road	144	167	-23	-149
12.	Ifton	139	162	-23	-316
13.	Wem U S C	131	157	-26	-461

Barlow Fire & Security Alan Mayhew Trophy 1st round Results

Hanmer beat Sir John Bayley by 10 overall, winning by 17 at home and losing by 7 away.

Meole Brace W/O Donnington Wood

Ifton beat Chester Road by 15 overall, winning by 26 at home and losing by 11 away.

Wrockwardine Wood beat Hadley USC by 73 overall, winning by 41 at home and 32 away.

Hanwood beat Wem USC by 21 overall, winning by 33 at home and losing by 12 away.

Bylet beat St Georges by 22 overall, winning by 33 at home and losing by 11 away.

Castlefields beat Newport by 14 overall, winning by 37 away and losing by 22 at home.

Bowring beat Burway by 18 overall, winning by 28 at home and losing by 10 away.

2nd round Results:

Meole Brace beat Hanmer by 19 overall, winning by 23 at home and losing by 4 away.

Ifton beat Wrockwardine Wood by 32 overall, winning by 39 at home and losing by 7 away.

Hanwood beat Bylet by 48 overall, winning by 48 at home and drawing away.

Castlefields beat Bowring by 32, winning by 40 at home and losing by 8 away.

Semi Final Results:

Meole Brace beat Ifton by 8 overall, winning by 42 at home and losing by 34 away.

Hanwood beat Castlefields by 36 overall, winning by 31 at home and 5 away.