

Sun outshine Station Road A team

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Aspatria's Sun Inn are the new seven-a-side handicap plate winners with a 4-2 victory over Station Road A.

In a match that saw the Division Two outfit ignore their league form a solid performance was produced to leave the Station A side licking their wounds.

In the first frame of the match Station A's Mike Walker (+23 handicap) quickly removed the handicap deficit but as Sun Inn's Ben Irving (+40) potted yellow to pink the frame looked in the bag. Nevertheless a missed black let the Station A cueist in and with a confident pot he took the game 77-66.

Frame two proved to be a cagey affair as Station A's Peter Collins (+46) took on Karl Charters (+36). Going into the last three colours Collins led by 3 points but in potting a great blue followed by an even better pink it was Charters who squared the match with a 63-55 win.

In the next Station A's semi final hero, Darren Lawson (+35) set off well only to be pegged back by Aspatria's Jobby Dunn (+40). Maintaining the momentum Dunn capitalized to take his team 2-1 in front with a 49-34 victory. Station B's John Teasdale (+25) was to produce the most convincing performance of the final in the next frame to defeated Ben Scott (+31) by the comfortable margin of 82-25.

At 2-2 a scrappy encounter indeed produced the longest frame of the match as Keith Telford (+34) took on Andrew Scott (+27). As the frame went on it came down to the player who made the least mistakes and with Scott coming out on top 39-31 he took the Sun Inn 3-2 up.

The final frame of the match saw Station A's Tom Thompson (+25) wipe out the handicap deficit quickly but as Aspatria's Gary Miller (+40) responded with some equally fine potting the frame was in the balance. As Miller continued to pot well he backed it up with some excellent match play to frustrate Thompson and eventually take frame, match and title with a 61-26 win.

In the league top tier leaders Workington Cons could only manage a 3-3 draw as 7's Plate runners up Station Road A came back from 3-1 down. The only break of the match came from Cons' Alan Moore with 35. Station Road A's efforts did not change their position in the table however as they still remain bottom.

Division Two leaders Flimby Social went 1-0 down on the back of 20 and 22 breaks from the Sun Inn's Gary Miller. This lead was short lived nevertheless as Flimby roared back to record a 5-1 away win. Aspatria's Sun Inn remain bottom of Division Two.

Station Road B moved into second place in Division One on the back of a 3-3 away draw against Workington's Vets Club. The highlight of the match came from Station B's Peter O'Hagan as he recorded a superb break of 74.

The only other recordable contribution came from Station B cueist Simon Frazer with a fine break of 54. Vets stay second in Division Two four points behind Flimby but with a game in hand.

Maryport Social delivered a thumping 5-1 away win against Division Two's Workington Legion to remain fourth in Division One. As the Sun Inn lost by the same scoreline Workington Legion still stay fourth in Division Two.

Finally, Seaton Legion ensured they kept their fifth spot in Division One with a 5-1 home win against Division Two's United Club, whose chances of breaking into the top two are slowly fading. They now sit 13 points behind the Vets Club with just four fixtures remaining.

In the picture are the Sevens plate winners The Sun Inn, Aspatria - (left to right) Ben Scott, Gary Miller, Karl Charters, Jobby Dunn, Andrew Scott, Steven Miller and Ben Irving.

Full details on all the week's results can be found on the leagues website at www.workingtonsnooker.co.uk