

B team take all-Station Road final

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A Station Road B trio of Mark Tunstall, Stephen O'Hagan and Peter O'Hagan have won Window Outlet Cockermouth and District Snooker League's Trebles handicap. They took the title with a 5-3 victory over Station A's Mike Walker, Mark Robertson and John Teasdale. In a competition that operates a six red format the Station B side held their nerve magnificently in a victory that saw them come from 3-1 behind.

The winning trio are pictured alongside, left to right - Stephen O'Hagan, Mark Tunstall and Peter O'Hagan. In the first frame Walker (+12 handicap) remained cool throughout and in potting the blue and pink he defeated Tunstall (+6), 38-30.

Frame two saw Peter O'Hagan (Scr) cancel the handicap out quickly but it was Teasdale (+13) who kept calm to pot the final three balls of the game to run out a 37-26 winner.

At 2-0 to the Station A side an error strewn third frame went down to the final three balls. Facing the blue Stephen O'Hagan (+9) went all out, however as he missed the pot only to see the blue drop into the opposite pocket, quickly followed by the pink he defeated Robertson (+15), 21-51.

Frame four saw the finals most one sided victory as Teasdale (+12) faced Stephen O'Hagan. Potting superbly Teasdale missed little in a 31-3 win to take his team 3-1 up.

Every match seems to deliver a crucial turning point and in leading by 10, in amongst the balls and faced with an easy red Robertson looked to be taking his side 4-1 up. Nevertheless by screwing the white in-off Robertson squandered an excellent chance only to see Tunstall kick on to a 45-21 victory.

Walker put up a fantastic fight in frame six, however, as Peter O'Hagan potted one of the shots of the night on the final pink to land perfectly on the black. He then squared the match up with a 42-31 win.

A cagey start to the next inevitably took the game down to the last few balls but by stroking in the blue, followed by the pink, it was Stephen O'Hagan who took his side 4-3 up with a 39-29 victory over Walker.

Tunstall and Teasdale went toe to toe in what ended up being the final frame of the match. With nothing to separate the two players only the black would eventually decide the outcome. A first-rate safety exchange ensued but as the final ball was slotted in down the side cushion it was Tunstall who delivered a frame, match and title victory with a 28-22 win.

In the league, Workington Cons lead in the top tier was trimmed to five points this week even though they defeated third placed Workington Golf Club 4-2 at home.

However with just three matches of the season left to play the Cons lead still looks ominous even though second placed Station Road B have a game in hand in the point a frame format.

Richard McCarthy, Julian Plaza and Stuart Shepherd proved to be the star performers for the Cons outfit as breaks of 38, 37 and 30 respectively laid down a solid foundation in a confident victory.

Station Road B were in fantastic form this week as they defeated Aspatria's Sun Inn, 6-0. The 7's plate winners found it tough going as the current Division One champions delivered some outstanding individual performances with Mark Tunstall, Peter O'Hagan and Stephen O'Hagan all contributing with breaks of 30, 35 and 57 respectively.

The Sun Inn still sit at the bottom of Division Two.

Flimby Social also kept their top spot in Division Two with a 3-3 home draw against Division One's Station Road A. The highest break of the match came from Flimby's Paul Vickers with 31 as the team maintained their four point Division Two lead over Workington's Vets Club.

Workington's Vets Club see themselves in a similar chase to that of Division One's Station Road B as the second placed side Division Two side drew 3-3 away with Division One's Maryport Social.

With a game in hand over leaders Flimby Social the Vets Club need some solid performances to topple the Eric McMullen Memorial Trophy 7 a side runners-up. Vets captain Kevin Basnett top scored on the night with a superb contribution of 64.

Finally, Workington's United Club almost ensured they could finish no lower than third in Division Two as they defeated fellow second tier side Workington Legion, 6-0.

The home whitewash saw a couple of close frames slip through the hands of the Legion players in a match that saw United's Mark Johnson lead the breaks with 22. Workington Legion remain fourth in Division Two.

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