

THE POOL LEAGUE

James the First

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If there is one constant over the years in the Direct Telecom Pool League it is the fact that nothing ever stays the same.

There have been years of domination by a number of sides and nothing should ever be taken for granted. Take the story of James Hammers C: relegated from division one two seasons ago, they were a little lucky to win division two - how Bluebell

B blew the title is still anyone's guess - however, there was nothing fluky about their Cup triumph, and they have returned to the top flight in some style. So much so they are already being nicknamed Leicester! That might be a stretch but they have won their first three matches and claimed a few scalps as well. Not many sides win at Phoenix Potters. They took the Werther's Trophy 8-4 and then backed it up with a superb victory at Dreamers. It has been a fairytale start for the La Caleta crew.

Defending champs Gaffers A have quietly picked up a few wins. Last time out they were too good for Pool Centre and Gaffers A have some favourable fixtures coming up. Last season's runners up Palms A have made a sticky start. They were totally out of luck at bogey team Gaffers B. How they missed two late simple blacks to win and end up defeated is still being debated. They did the same a week later at home to an Exiles A side who could surprise a few this season.

SCORES: DIVISION 1

- Blue Water Bar **8** - 4 Gaffers B
- Dreamers **5** - 7 James Hammers C
- Gaffers A **9** - 3 Pool Centre
- Palms A **5** - 7 Exiles A
- Phoenix Potters **4** - 8 Treehouse A
- Tenerife Hammers A **7** - 5 Terrace Subs
- Terrace Originals **6** - 6 Palms Elite
- Gaffers B **7** - 5 Palms A
- Palms Elite **6** - 6 Blue Water Bar
- Phoenix Potters **4** - 8 James Hammers C
- Terrace Subs **6** - 6 Terrace Originals

SCORES: DIVISION 2

- Exiles B **6** - 6 Hoppys
- Yates Bar **5** - 7 Treehouse B
- Hoppys **4** - 8 Bluebell A
- Palms Rebels **9** - 3 Yates Bar
- Picasso's B **7** - 5 Picasso's A
- Treehouse **B 3** - 9 Exiles B

Division 1

POS	P	W	D	L	F	A	+-	PTS
1 James Hammers C	3	3	0	0	22	14	8	9
2 Gaffers A	2	2	0	0	18	6	12	6
3 Gaffers B	3	2	0	1	18	18	0	6
4 Blue Water Bar	2	1	1	0	14	10	4	4
5 Treehouse A	2	1	0	1	13	11	2	3
6 Exiles A	1	1	0	0	7	5	2	3
7 Tenerife Hammers A	1	1	0	0	7	5	2	3
8 Pool Centre	2	1	0	1	11	13	-2	3
9 Palms Elite	2	0	2	0	12	12	0	2
10 Terrace Originals	3	0	2	1	17	19	-2	2
11 Dreamers	2	0	1	1	11	13	-2	1
12 Palms A	3	0	1	2	16	20	-4	1
13 Terrace Subs	3	0	1	2	14	22	-8	1
14 Phoenix Potters	3	0	0	3	12	24	-12	0

Division 2

POS	P	W	D	L	F	A	+-	PTS
1 Picasso's B	2	2	0	0	14	10	4	6
2 Treehouse B	3	2	0	1	17	19	-2	6
3 Exiles B	3	1	1	1	20	16	4	4
4 Bluebell B	1	1	0	0	8	4	4	3
5 Palms Rebels	2	1	0	1	13	11	2	3
6 Picasso's A	2	1	0	1	13	11	2	3
7 Bluebell A	2	1	0	1	12	12	0	3
8 Hoppys	3	0	1	2	15	21	-6	1
9 New Team	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10 Yates Bar	2	0	0	2	8	16	-8	0



↑ Guv'nor Mark has recovered his table

Tenerife Hammers A made a pleasing start to the season at home to Terrace Subs. They were value for slightly more than the 7-5 score line. Blue Water Bar are the United Nations of this league! They have an army of players and they have made that count over the last few games. A fine four point return could have been six. The 8-4 win at home to Gaffers B really caught the eye. Phoenix Potters prop up the table after another loss to Tree-

house A while Terrace Originals and Palms Elite drew both their matches this last fortnight. It's that tight a division. The second tier is a bit lopsided due to a number of postponements. That will not deter Picasso's B who lead the way. They are still crowing after beating arch rivals Picasso's A. Their rivalry could define the season. Treehouse B have started brightly. Trevor's tribe were just too good for Yates, while Exiles

B should have a good campaign despite a draw at home to Hoppys. Talk of whom, the Torviscas crew were delighted with an away point a week after losing 4-8 at home to Bluebell A. Palms Rebels are also in the win column. They were too good for Yates (9-3) and they are in confident mood. Guv'nor Mark thinks they will take all the beating this year. That may be the case now his table has been recovered. And doesn't it look lovely!



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