

# **LEINSTER TABLE TENNIS**

## **SHIELD BULLETIN**

**2019**



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### GROUP 1

<u>Team</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>Pts</u>	<u>Individuals</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>Pts</u>
Balbriggan 1	6	29	Paul Norgrove	24	13
Balgriffin 1	6	27	Marko Gabric	20	13
Terenure 1	6	25	Brian Keenan	20	12
Wexford 1	6	15	Robby Davis	24	12
			Sabina Devereux	20	11
			Mia O'Rahilly Egan	16	10
			Tibor Pofok	12	8
			Stuart Grannell	20	8

Congratulations to Balbriggan 1 on winning the Group, losing one match to Terenure 1 and giving a walkover to Wexford. Balgriffin 1 pipped Terenure 1 for the runner up spot.

In the individuals Paul Norgrove (Balgriffin) was the winner, beating Marko Gabric on a countback.

It is with regret that I have to report that Balbriggan 1 and Terenure 1 cancelled their away matches in Wexford at short notice and without informing the steward. In Terenure's 1 case they cancelled the same away match twice. Wexford were infuriated as they had honoured all their away matches.

The day after the League Grading meeting I was informed by Wexford that they are withdrawing from all League competitions. This is their statement;

"We will not be part of an organisation whose teams do not honour their game commitments. Table Tennis is fun time for us, it stopped being fun when 2 of the 3 teams in the Shield Group 1 would not travel away to Wexford in the time allotted with no justifiable reason. The amount of time that was spent listening to bull---- excuses is not worth the hassle."

This is an absolute disgrace and clubs must remember that the League is called the "Leinster Table Tennis League".

Many thanks to the captains for getting the result sheets to me on time and to the webmaster Alan O'Reilly and may it continue in the League. Wishing everyone a Happy Christmas and good luck in the League.

Tony Martin

## GROUP 2

Team	Pts	Individuals	Won
DUNBOYNE 1	25	LUCIAN DUMEA	12
BALBRIGGAN 2	15	RAMANUS MESKAUSKAS	10
TERENURE 2	14	KEVIN MC CARTHY	10
LEIXLIP 1WITHDRAWN	0	JOHN MC CORMACK	9
		GERLDINE GREENE	9
		DAVE GIBBONS	7
		PAT KINSELLA	7

A BIG THANKS TO ALL WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THE SMOOTH RUNNING OF THE GROUP.

MANY CONGRATULATIONS TO THE MEN FROM DUNBOYNE 1 ON WINNING THE GROUP IN STYLE WITH 25 POINTS, 10 POINTS TO SPARE FROM THEIR NEAREST RIVAL BALBRIGGAN 2 ON 15 POINTS. TERENURE 2 WERE JUST 1 POINT BEHIND THEM ON 14 POINTS, WHILE LEIXLIP 1 HAD TO WITHDRAW BUT HOPEFULLY THEY WILL BE BACK FOR THE LEAGUE

WELL DONE TO LUCIAN DUMEA ON WINNING THE INDIVIDUALS WITH JUST TWO POINTS TO SPARE OVER HIS TEAM-MATE RAMANUS. THE TABLE SHOWS IT WAS VERY CLOSE WITH THE REST OF THE PLAYERS

A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR TO ALL. THANKS TO ALAN FOR LOOKING AFTER OUR WEBSITE BEST OF LUCK TO ALL IN THE LEAGUE.

Jimmy Fleming

## GROUP 3

Team	Pts	Individuals	Won
Balgriffin 2	31	G Weafer	17
Dunboyne 2	30	I Krasnyansky	16
Navan 1	26	J Grecik	16
Pingzone 1	21	J Depass	15
		G Macovei	14

Congratulations to Balgriffin 2 winning this Group. This was without doubt the best division I have ever had to look after.

Results were sent to me straight away. Thank you to all Captains. Dunboyne 2 were very unlucky, having beaten Balgriffin 2 times, but still finished second. The two big wins by Balgriffin over Navan secured them the shield win. Navan 1 finished strong with two wins in last two games. Pingzone 1 are better than the final result table shows. Congratulations to

Gerry Weafer winning the individual award. This was a very close affair. Just 1 point separated 3 players.

Robby Davis

#### **GROUP 4**

Team	Pts	Individuals	Won
Pingzone 2	34	Vasile Goian	17
Balbrigginn 3	28	David Jacobson	17
Leixlip 2	24	Navneet Sriram	15
Balgriffin 3	22	Ken Peare	14
		Gerry Wickham	13
		Karol Fialka	13
		Paula O'Neill	12

As you can see we have two players finishing on 17 pts, as there can only be one winner, on a count back of sets won and lost Vasile Goian from Balbrigginn came out on top. Congratulations to him.

Congratulations to Pingzone on winning this section by just 6 points with some close matches and a few 5 set games which could have gone either way. Balbrigginn beat them 6-3 but Pingzone came back on the return match with a 7-2 win.

Balgriffin and Leixlip finished 2 points apart with close games both home and away with both teams losing at home.

Hope everyone enjoyed the Shield and we look forward to the League starting in January. Have a great Christmas and Happy New Year.

Irene McNevin.

## **GROUP 5**

Team	Pts	Individuals	Played	Won
Dunboyne 3	33	Raja Saverian		22
Balgriffin 4	30	Jimmy Fleming		14
St. Pat's 1	24	Dick Cruise.		13
Leinster 1	21	Denis Kelly		12
		Tudor Popescue		12
		Philip McDermot		12
		Brian Gilshinan		12

Dunboyne 3 topped this group finishing on 33 points, they only lost one match and that was to second place Balgriffin 4 who finished only 3 points behind on 30 points. St. Pat's 1 winning 2 matches finished on 24 points but this result could have been slightly different if they hadn't needed to use a sub for one of their matches. Leinster 1 finished on 21 points but they had some very close matches throughout especially in their home match against Balgriffin where they lost 5 of their games in the 5th set and a doubles in the 3rd set.

The individuals were won by Raja Saverian from Dunboyne he only lost 2 games and finished well ahead of the other players on 22 points. Jimmy Fleming from Balgriffin finished in second place on 14 points followed very closely by his team mates Dick Cruise on 13 and Denis Kelly on 12 with Tudor Popescue from Dunboyne, Philip McDermot from Leinster and Brian Gilshinan from St. Pat's also finishing on 12 points.

Well done to all and thanks to all captains for returning result sheets so promptly.  
Happy Christmas to all and best of luck in 2020.

Carmel Lokko

### **GROUP 6**

Team	Pts	Individuals	Won
ALSAA 1	38	Frank O'Reilly	18
ALSAA 2	28	Jim Fitzsimons	17
Leixlip 3	25	Albert Adamson	16
Navan 2	17	Carmel Lokko	14
		Neil Shanahan	14
		Margaret Cleary	13
		Fred Ball	11

Congratulations to ALSAA 1 who have continued their success from being cup winners last year to being Group 6 shield winners this season. They were 10 points ahead of club rivals ALSAA 2 who came second. In third place was Leixlip 3 who are only 3 points behind, but 8 points clear of Navan 2 in last place. Well done to all players who participated in a hard-fought group and congratulations to the top performer Frank O'Reilly from ALSAA 2. Jim Fitzsimons also did himself proud in second place just one point ahead of team mate the ever reliable Albert Adamson. Christmas Greetings and a Happy New Year.

Denis Kelly

### **GROUP 7**

Team	Pts	Individuals	Won
Balbriggan 4	40	Gerry Maguire	20
Leixlip 4	38	William Allen	18
Leixlip 5	23	Damian Malone	18
Dunboyne 4	7	Charlie Bowman	17
		Ciaran Glynn	17
		Frank McDonagh	14
		Chris Kearney	13

This was a two way group between Leixlip 4 and Balbriggan 4. While Leixlip 4 led for most of the Shield, Balbriggan 4 won their last match 9:0 to pip Leixlip 40:38. Leixlip 5 had a good run but Dunboyne 4 were a little out of their depth.

Well done to Gerry Maguire from Balbriggan for winning the individuals.

Aengus Benson

### GROUP 8

Team	Pts	Individuals	Won
Leinster 2	42	Sebastian Sheer	21
Pingzone 3	28	Geraud de Langmis	19
St. Pats 2	26	Sameer Rahmani	18
Slane 1	12	John Harrison	16
		Ann Donegan	14
		Marie Fannin	12
		Irene Mc Nevin	11

Well done to Leinster on winning this Group. They were far better than the three other teams. They only had one loss and that was at home to St. Pats who beat them 5-4. The only other close match they had was against Pingzone who they beat 5-4. Pingzone themselves did quite well with a few good wins. Their best win was against St. Pats who they beat 8-1 at home having lost to them 6-3 away. St. Pats had four good wins but lost heavily in their other two matches. Slane never really got going. Hopefully they have better luck in the League.

In the individuals Sebastian from Leinster only lost three games so well done to him. His two team mates were very close behind him.

Thanks to all team captains for returning the result sheets promptly.

Well done to all the players. Hope you all have a lovely Christmas.

Terri McKeon