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## 27-01-10 LEAGUE SEASON STARTS ....MATCH 1....

Its back and its as good as ever, the league season 'kicked' back in last night. Although it was a new season the same results occurred.

Defending Premier league champions Players Baize got off to the best possible start with two 5-4 wins giving them a 10-8 over Longton Zzz's. Plaza and Abbey Hulton fought out a battle, both home sides winning 6-3 for a 9-9 draw. Both promoted sides got off to a flier Talbot beating Trent Trophies Tuesday champions Green Baize A 11-7 and Crompos Pool Club A beat Locomotive 10-8, based on a excellent 7-2 home win.

In Division One Wolstanton SC continued there unbeaten start to the season beating Joker 11-7. Promoted Crompos Pool Club B also had a great start beating Stone League Champions Lambourne 11-7. Trent Tavern's Division one campaign got off to the worst possible start losing 10-8 Longton Snooker B. Newtown edged past Rileys 10-8.

In Division Two Longton Snooker A got the biggest win of the night beating Corner Pin 12-6. In the battle of the Green Baize North beat B 10-8. New boys Uncle Toms Cabin got a point against Ashwood in a 9-9 draw. Nomads beat Foley 11-7 in the division other game.

Next week Match 2.....

## 25-01-10 LEAGUE SEASON STARTS TUESDAY .....A LOOK AHEAD..... PREMIER DIVISION.....

And finally we have the Premier Division, will anyone beat Champions Players Baize .....

**Abbey Hulton**, so unlucky last year finished Third and a couple of semi-finals ,so they finished with nothing.. With Andy Mullock another top eight stats player and new county player Steve Finney, a cup for them should be the order of the day. Top half finish.

**Crompos Pool Club A** promoted last year and captain Gavin Woolley reckons they're going to be up there ... In your dreams mate!!!! mid table's the best bet for the Crompos lads.

**Green Baize A**, Trent Trophies Tuesday champions, I think they may find it tough going but any side with Mark Roberts and Jason Smith are going to battle through.

**Locomotive**.. mmm... having been toppled by Wolstanton SC in the KO its could be a long season, they've only bought in one 'galactico' this year so it could be a struggle. My prediction ....escape relegation on the last week !!!!!

**Longton Zzz's** ..County A star Mark Copeland and his 'cronnies' will just about hold their own this year, even getting the flamboyant Daz Henshall out of retirement, the best they can hope for is a good cup run ..... They do reckon top three though !!!! LOL !!!!

**Players Alsager** ... Champions of the Alsager Pool League so they must be a force. Pete Flanagan is their key player ...Top three is their best hope ...and a cup win.

**Players Baize** .. Lucky to win the title last year!!!! So this year they may deserve it.... Rumour has it

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that the league's number one player Adam Davis is missing this year, recruited Steve 'I'll never play in this league again' Bridgewood and Daz Shone... will they have enough in the tank.... I think so ...

**Plaza** ... Wardy's mob, he's lost two players and recruited well, (allegedly three Rileys players ) but I can tell you they weren't the best three !!!!! top two finish for these, and of course there's a cup that they usually win.

**Talbot** ..First Division champions, another side that may struggle this year, don't know if they've recruited so it could be a long season ...Prediction.. relegation I'm afraid Nick !!!!

## 24-01-10 LEAGUE SEASON STARTS TUESDAY .....A LOOK AHEAD..... FIRST DIVISION.....

Division One

Tough Division to call ... but here goes

**Crompos Pool Club B** ...Champions last season in Division Two Looks like they've recruited Deadly Daz Wooley !!!!! now that'll make a difference ....

Prediction :- I fancy these to be in the mix for a second consecutive promotion.

**Joker** , Terry Thorleys' 'Barmy Army' did well in the cups last season but I fear for them in the league this season, a good cup run I think their best hope. Bottom half finish for Tez I'm afraid.

**Lambourne** ...They initially 'bigged' it up and fancied the Prem , as Stone league champions, this leagues 'different gravy' I'm afraid...They should concern themselves with the bragging rights with the Joker. Mid-table finish I'll go for ABOVE the Joker.... I'll get me tin hat now....

**Longton Snooker B** .. In their KO cup game they had a 10 year old and a 14 year old .... you can't beat experience. A mid to low finish I think for these....

**Newtown**.. Survived relegation on the final day last season and it could be the same this year, as I believe its the same side, and with Phil 'the flower' Shergold in the side.... well.....

**Players Pool Club**... 'These are going to win the league' ...says the Oxman ....brave statement but if they get their best side out led by our Interleague star Sam Capper I can't argue with Ox..But I'll go for just missing out on promotion...

**Rileys**.. Relegated last season but reprieved after Red Lion and Pockets pulled out... Kev Brindley is a winner and won't enjoy another season of 'toil' . I'm afraid it's 'same as last year' for Kev.

**Trent Tavern** ..Hopefully they can re-build after last year's relegation; Ant Smith will sure be giving it the 'big 'un' once they're up there. My Tip ... Promotion for the Trent. And as Champions.....

**Wolstanton SC** .. Always there or there about, beat Premier side Locomotive in the KO cup so I'm going to say they're in a 'four horse race', and if Daz Cooke keeps his top form up they're going to take some beating at the club. Runners-up ..... Is the best bet...

## 23-01-10 LEAGUE SEASON STARTS TUESDAY .....A LOOK AHEAD..... SECOND DIVISION...

As the regular season starts on Tuesday a few people were saying what they are going to do this season, whose going to win and who's going down... here's my (light hearted) views.

**Ashwood**, mmm... lost one of their key players in Rob Taylor to Longton Snooker B ,but they've also lost the Mooney twins ...now that's a positive !!!!! so I think its mid table for them and perhaps a

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Plate competition Cup run (as of last year)

**Corner Pin** , same old, same old for Bertie and his 'crew'. They've got Andy Maskery in their ranks always a top 10 player in the stats, another mid table for them.

**Foley** ... Frank Drosdzowski is running this side; I believe a low finish for these (if they finish the season).

**Green Baize B** ... What side will Ade Gomm assemble, by hook or by crook he'll have some sort of side ...'puts pennies in the till' . Pool clubs always have decent players ...Top half finish.

**Green Baize North**.. Having almost toppled Plaza in the KO cup Andy Waltons 'merry men' have a few new recruits now they're at the Baize... Champions is my tip....

**Longton Snooker A** ..Picked up two trophies last season but the league...No chance ....bottom half and a good cup run the best for Karls mob.(Above his dad's side Foley though)

**Longton WMC** ...Karl Meyer reckons he's recruited some good players... what's good to Karl may not be good to the rest !!!!! Bottom Half I'm afraid.

**Nomads** ...What a fall from grace... Two years ago it was the Premier now its the second Division, got to tip them for promotion else George would go mad ....Oh he is anyway...

**Uncle Toms Cabin** ...new side don't know a lot about them, had a good win in the KO cup against Longton Snooker A so I expect a good season from them ..Just outside the promotion race I'll go for. Blackie (Longton Zzz's) says Division Two is their limit !!! after the Zzz's beat them 7-0 !!!

Over the weekend we'll look at the First Division and the Premier Division .....

## 22-01-10 CUP DRAWS .....

At last nights meeting all the cup draws were made .....

### Super Sixes Second Round

To be played Tuesday March 2nd

Crompos Pool Club A	v	Rileys
Locomotive	v	Abbey Hulton
Crompos Pool Club B	v	Plaza
Longton Zzz's	v	Wolstanton SC
Ashwood	v	Green Baize A
Green Baize North	v	Players Baize
Joker	v	Trent Tavern

Bye :-Players Trent

### Super Sixes Plate First Round

To be played Tuesday March 2nd

Longton WMC	v	Uncle Toms Cabin
Lambourne	v	Nomads
Foley	v	Players Pool Club

Byes :-Corner Pin / Longton Snooker B /Green Baize B /Newtown /Longton Snooker A

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## Knockout Cup Second Round

To be played Tuesday 30th March

Uncle Toms Cabin	v	Longton Zzz's
Players Baize	v	Green Baize A
Players Pool Club	v	Crompos Pool Club B
Abbey Hulton	v	Trent Tavern
Crompos Pool Club A	v	Players Trent
Corner Pin	v	Wolstanton SC
Plaza	v	Newtown

Bye :- Talbot

Captains game at first venue drawn

## Knockout Cup Plate First Round

To be played Tuesday 30th March

Foley	v	Green Baize North
Longton Snooker B	v	Ashwood
Rileys	v	Joker

Byes :- Green Baize B / Lambourne / Nomads / Longton WMC / Longton Snooker A

Captains game at first venue drawn

## SUPER SIXES FIRST ROUND.....

The Super Sixes got off the ground last night and the season is just starting to warm up.

Holders Players Baize held off the brave challenge of Players Pool Club by 7-4. The only Premier side to take a 'tumble' was Talbot, the First Division Champions last year lost 7-3 to Rileys. Abbey Hulton crushed Newtown 7-1 and Longton Zzz's went one better beating Uncle Toms Cabin 7-0. Crompos Pool Club A and B both had wins over Longton Snooker sides Crompos A beating Longton B 7-2 and Crompos B beat Longton A 7-3.

Ashwood edged the play-off frame against Longton WMC, to go through 7-6 and Joker made round two after a 7-3 win over Green Baize B. Trent Tavern also made round two after a tough 7-4 win over Lambourne, Locomotive and Green Baize North both eased through by 7-2. Wolstanton SC continue their flying start to the season beating Corner Pin 7-3.

Second Round draws will be made at the league meeting on Thursday.

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## Super Sixes First Round

To be played Tuesday 19th January

Corner Pin	3-7	Wolstanton SC
Foley	2-7	Green Baize North
Trent Tavern	7-4	Lambourne
Crompos Pool Club B	7-3	Longton Snooker A
Ashwood	7-6	Longton WMC
Nomads	2-7	Locomotive
Players Baize	7-4	Players Pool Club
Joker	7-3	Green Baize B
Longton Zzz's	7-0	Uncle Toms Cabin
Longton Snooker B	2-7	Crompos Pool Club A
Rileys	7-3	Talbot
Newtown	1-7	Abbey Hulton

Byes :- Players Trent / Green Baize A / Plaza

### 19-01-10 NAME CHANGE AT PLAYERS .....

As they have not started their campaign yet, Players Alsager have decided to change their name. It seems the majority are not from Alsager and therefore they will be known as Players Trent .....

### 17-01-10 MEETING THURSDAY 21ST JANUARY ..... SPONSORSHIP NEWS .....

This Thursday will see a league meeting at Longton WMC, the draws for the Second rounds of the KO cup and Super Sixes Cup will be made as well as the opening round of the plate competitions .

Also at the meeting teams will be given the league calendars and fixtures.

The league can also announce that all the sponsors for the 2010 season are in place. **Afford Rent-a-Car** will once again sponsor the league. **Players Pool Club** will sponsor all the cup finals , merits finals (except the Singles) and the one-frame knockout. The calendar sponsors have also been confirmed and all of them feature on the [links page](#) .....

### 14-01-10 CHARITY EVENT ..... THE BARRISTER FOURS .... PLAYERS POOL CLUB ..... SATURDAY 23RD JANUARY.....

A competition that we've been asked to mention takes place on Saturday 23rd January at Players Pool Club.

The event is the 'Barrister' Fours, and after the inaugural competition last year , which raised over two and a half grand for the North Staffs Hospital, it is hoped to go another step further and three grand is the target ....

It starts at 11.30 (registration) and for a fiver you get drawn into teams of four, so in fact you could be in a team with Adam Davis or Gaz Potts.

You can download an entry form from Players website page or simply pay on the day !!!!!

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## 13-01-10 KNOCKOUT CUP FIRST ROUND RESULTS .....

The league 'swung' back into action last night with the opening round of the League's 'Blue Ribbon' event the Knockout Cup.

With the Premier sides seeded in Round one , and making them exempt from the First Round losers Plate, they all had a lot riding on last night.

The only upset came with Wolstanton SC , third in Division One last season, beat Locomotive 11-7, after a 7-2 home win. Green Baize North seem to have recruited a bit of 'experience' but couldn't manage a shock losing 10-8 to Plaza. Players Pool Club, recently promoted to Division One, eased passed new boys Lambourne 13-5. Better news for other new boys Uncle Toms Cabin, who moved into round two with a 13-5 hammering of Longton Snooker A.

Talbot showed they mean business in the Premier this year after a 12-6 win over Joker. Crompos Pool Club A cruised through beating Foley 17-1, their B side also made round two with a 12-6 win over Longton Snooker B.

All results below .....

## Knockout Cup First Round

Tuesday 12th January

Players Pool Club	13-5	Lambourne
Green Baize North	8-10	Plaza
Rileys	8-10	Trent Tavern
Longton Snooker B	6-12	Crompos Pool Club B
Longton Zzz's	14-4	Green Baize B
Longton WMC	8-10	Corner Pin
Newtown	12-6	Ashwood
Wolstanton SC	11-7	Locomotive
Longton Snooker A	5-13	Uncle Toms Cabin
Abbey Hulton	15-3	Nomads
Talbot	12-6	Joker
Crompos Pool Club A	17-1	Foley

Byes :- Players Trent / Players Alsager / Green Baize A

Captains game at first venue drawn

The fixtures for the league season are also out..... check the Fixtures/Results page and your appropriate division.

## 05-01-10 LEAGUE CALENDAR AVAILABLE .....THREE DIVISIONS CONFIRMED

Teams are reminded that there is a league meeting on Thursday and the draws for the opening rounds of the KO Cup and the Super Sixes will be made.

It has been confirmed that the league will be split into three divisions of nine sides , with a possibility of a extra side in one of the divisions.

It has also been decided to 'stick' with the three times around giving 27 match nights, but with a bye in each division giving 24 games in a season.

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Due to the increase of the league games the Chairmans / Secretaries and Treasurers Cups will be played on a straight KO basis not groups as last year.

A full calendar is available for viewing NOW. The 'contacts' page is also close to completion.

More news as it breaks .....

The 28th side has confirmed for next season, the Joker are back.... Rileys Duke have confirmed their move to the Plaza in Fenton. Full list below....

Abbey Hulton SC	Crompos Pool Club B	Ashwood
Crompos Pool Club A	Longton Snooker B	Corner Pin
Players / Alsager	Joker	Green Baize B
Longton Snooker Z (Park Inn)	Pockets	Longton Snooker A
Players Baize	Red Lion	Nomads
Plaza (Rileys Duke)	Trent Tavern	Green Baize (Northwood Inn)
Talbot	Wolstanton SC	Players Pool Club
Green Baize A	Lambourne	Rileys B
	Locomotive	Longton WMC
	Newtown	Uncle Toms Cabin

## 01-01-10 NEW TEAMS INTO THE LEAGUE ..... WHOSE ON THE MOVE .....

The league stands at 27 teams (with one side still to get back to me so it could be 28). New sides going straight into the Premier Division are Alsager Pool League champions Players (Alsager) and Trent Trophies Tuesday League champions Green Baize, it will be interesting to see how they fare in our Premier Division.

Also new, but going into the First Division, are Lambourne, Stone Thursday League champions. Uncle Toms Cabin also are a new side and go into Division Two.

A couple of sides have moved venue Park Inn are now at Longton Snooker Club and are calling themselves 'Z' !!! Rileys Duke have left Rileys and are now in the process of sorting a venue, Plaza Fenton seems the desired choice. Northwood Inn after their table troubles of last season have moved to the Green Baize.

Decision on the format of the league will be made next week , i.e. how many teams per division, how many times will we play each other etc. etc. etc.

The league is in discussion at the moment to show the single merits final between Adam Davis and Lee Whitfield live via the internet. Watch this space .....

## 01-01-10 2010 SEASON DETAILS.....

The dates confirmed for the 2010 season are Meeting at Longton WMC **Thursday January 7th**.

On this night all the Knockout Cup and Super Sixes draws will be made.

This will get us ready for a start date of **Tuesday January 12th**. The league programme will commence on January 26th.

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## Confirmed sides for 2010

Abbey Hulton SC	Crompos Pool Club B	Ashwood
Crompos Pool Club A	Longton Snooker B	Corner Pin
Locomotive	Newtown	Green Baize B
Longton Snooker Elite (Park Inn)	Pockets	Longton Snooker A
Players Baize	Red Lion	Nomads
Plaza (Rileys Duke)	Trent Tavern	Green Baize (Northwood Inn)
Talbot	Wolstanton SC	Players Pool Club
Green Baize A	Lambourne	Rileys B
Players / Alsager		Longton WMC
		Uncle Toms Cabin

01-01-10 2009 ROLL OF HONOUR.....

## 2009 Roll of Honour

<b>Premier Div Champions</b>	<b>Players Baize</b>
Runners -Up	Rileys
<b>First Div Champions</b>	<b>Talbot</b>
Runners -Up	Crompos Pool Club A
<b>Second Div Champions</b>	<b>Crompos Pool Club B</b>
Runners -Up	Red Lion
<b>Knockout Cup Winners</b>	<b>Rileys</b>
Runners -Up	Park Inn
<b>Sub K/O Winners</b>	<b>Crompos Pool Club A</b>
Runners -Up	Joker
<b>Super Sixes Winners</b>	<b>Players Baize</b>
Runners -Up	Rileys Duke
<b>Sub Super Sixes Winners</b>	<b>Talbot</b>
Runners -Up	Ashwood
<b>Chairman's Cup Winners</b>	<b>Rileys</b>
Runners -Up	Talbot
<b>Secretaries Shield Win</b>	<b>Locomotive</b>
Runners -Up	Joker
<b>Treasurers Trophy</b>	<b>Longton Snooker A</b>
Runners -Up	Northwood Inn
<b>Champions Cup</b>	<b>Players Baize</b>
Runners Up	Crompos Pool Club A
<b>Premier Div Cup Winners</b>	<b>Rileys Duke</b>
Runners -Up	Trent Tavern
<b>First Div Cup Winners</b>	<b>Wolstanton SC</b>
Runners -Up	Longton Snooker B
<b>Second Div Cup Winners</b>	<b>Longton Snooker A</b>

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Runners -Up	Players Pool Club
Single Merits Winner	
Runner -Up	
Single Plate Winner	<b>Alan Walters</b>
Runner -Up	Ryan Cartwright
Double Merits Winners	<b>Wayne Connor/Lee Whitfield</b>
Runners -Up	Andy Greatbatch / Mark Copeland
Doubles Plate Winners	<b>Mark Burton / Andy Maskery</b>
Runners -Up	Scott Wright / Mark Ruscoe
Delegates Winner	<b>Phil Williams</b>
Runner -Up	Andy Walton
One Frame KO Winner	<b>Ryan Cope</b>
Runner -Up	Gary Copeland
One Frame KO Plate Winner	<b>Daz Finney</b>
Runner -Up	Gay Roberts
Premier Division Player of the Season	<b>Adam Davis</b>
First Division Player of the Season	<b>Mark Weaver</b>
Second Division Player of the Season	<b>Simon Knowles</b>