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Bayley open gap

Sir John Bayley are now favourites to win their first ever Flowfit Shropshire Premier Bowling League title as they are 6 points clear with just 3 games remaining. They have enjoyed a super month with 8 winners at Wem USC and winning 8-6 at Newport, Newport's first loss in 91 home matches. This sandwiched a 12-2 home win over rivals Bowring as well as a 10-4 home win over Castlefields and 9-5 over St Georges. Chester Road now sit second, 6 points behind, after an alright month. They beat Hanwood 10-4 and Ifton 9-5 at home while getting 4 at Bowring and a great 7 at Burway, just missing out on the aggregate by 3 chalks. Castlefields are in third on 181 points after Castlefields enjoyed a promising month. They whitewashed Hadley USC 14-0 as well as getting 6 at St Georges and beating Ifton 11-3 at home. St Georges are two points behind as they beat Bylet 13-1 and got 6 at Wrockwardine Wood, 5 at the Bayley and 4 at Meole Brace but only beating Castlefields 8-6 dented their title hopes. Meole look like their title hopes are over after falling to 5th place and 12 points behind the leaders. They didn't get the big win they needed after only winning 10-4 at home to St Georges and 9-5 at home to Hanwood, despite a good 6 at Wrockwardine Wood in between. Their 4 at Wem USC in the last game of the month dropped them out of contention.

Hanwood have enjoyed an excellent run to rise to their highest place of the season in 6th, level with Bowring. Hanwood enjoyed a whitewash over Bylet and a 13-1 home win over Hadley USC to extend their good home form, and 5 winners at rivals Meole and 4 at Chester Road meant this has been backed up. Bowring, fresh off their KGJ Insurance County Cup triumph, used their home games well to catch up with the pack after beating Burway and Ifton 11-3 and Chester Road 10-4. Ifton are down to 8th even though they had a good month, gaining 5 at Chester Road and beating Bylet 11-3 and Wem 10-4, but will still be looking for a top half finish. Burway's hope of a top half finish has diminished a little bit after a tough month. They started well with a 10-4 win at home to Wem and got a good 5 at Newport but only just beat Chester Road by 3 chalks and 5 winners, and then got 3 at Bowring. Newport are a point behind with a game in hand as their record 90 match unbeaten run at home ended by the Bayley. They beat Wem USC and Burway, but only 10-4 and 9-5, and got 3 winners at Bowring. Wem are in



Leaders Sir John Bayley. Back from left: Norman Harvey, Spencer Clarke, Scott Simpson, Tom Roden, Jason Groom, Chris Ward, Will Plant, Steve Burroughs. Front from left: Paul Evans, Paul Reeves, Gary Cooper, Gordon Hawkins, Aaron Tapper.

11th place despite only getting 4 winners at home to the Bayley as they beat Meole Brace 10-4 and got 4 at Ifton and Newport. Wrockwardine Wood are 4 behind them with a game in hand after they had a good August. They won 10-4 at Hadley USC and enjoyed two 8-6 wins by 7 chalks at home to St Georges and Meole Brace. Bylet are still 9 clear of Hadley USC despite not having a home game and only getting 4 at Hadley and then 1 at St Georges and no winners at Hanwood. Hadley failed to take advantage as they got 1 at Hanwood and nothing at Castlefields, and losing at home to Wrockwardine Wood 10-4.

Bayley favourites despite tough run-in

Sir John Bayley are the favourites to win the league but do have a tough run-in. They take on Burway at home before travelling to 2nd placed Chester Road and then Ifton, so it may not be all over yet. But Chester Road themselves, 6 points off the pace, travel to Meole Brace next but then face bottom placed Hadley USC away last game of the season. Castlefields have a good run-in, visiting Wrockwardine Wood and Bylet, places they are capable of winning at, and playing Meole Brace at home in between. St Georges also have a good run with 2 out of 3 at home and Wem USC away who have had an indifferent season at home so they still have a chance. It is an interesting battle for a top half finish. The top five look set to be the top 5 but the remaining space for Pool A looks to be between Hanwood, Bowring and Ifton. Bowring play Ifton in week 25 but Ifton and Hanwood both have two home games, however Bowring visit Hadley USC next. Hadley know that they're in last chance saloon. But with 3 out of their 4 games at home some big wins could do it. But Bylet also have 3 at home, including Wrockwardine Wood and Wem USC.

August Stats

Friday 5th August

Ifton (11) Bylet (3) Ifton won by 73
 Bowring (11) Newport (3) Bowring won by 55
 Hadley USC (4) Wrock Wood (10) Wrock Wood won by 44
 Burway (10) Wem USC (4) Burway won by 35
 Meole Brace (10) St Georges (4) Meole Brace won by 60
 Chester Road (10) Hanwood (4) Chester Road won by 45
 Sir John Bayley (10) Castlefields (4) SJB won by 38

Tuesday 9th August

Sir John Bayley (9) St Georges (5) Sir J Bayley won by 27

Wednesday 10th August

Wrock Wood (8) St Georges (6) Wrock Wood won by 7

Thursday 11th August

Hadley USC (10) Bylet (4) Hadley USC won by 40

Friday 12th August

Wem USC (6) Sir John Bayley (8) Wem USC won by 15
 Castlefields (11) Ifton (3) Castlefields won by 79
 Bowring (10) Chester Road (4) Bowring won by 34
 St Georges (13) Bylet (1) St Georges won by 78
 Wrock Wood (8) Meole Brace (6) Wrock Wood won by 7
 Newport (9) Burway (5) Newport won by 46
 Hanwood (13) Hadley USC (1) Hanwood won by 93

Wednesday 17th August

Newport (11) Wem USC (3) Newport won by 58

Friday 19th August

Burway (7) Chester Road (7) Burway won by 3
 Sir John Bayley (12) Bowring (2) Sir John Bayley won by 76
 Ifton (10) Wem USC (4) Ifton won by 41
 St Georges (8) Castlefields (6) St Georges won by 23
 Meole Brace (9) Hanwood (5) Meole Brace won by 50
 Bylet P-P Wrockwardine Wood (New date TBA)
 Hadley USC P-P Newport (New date Wed 7th September)

Friday 26th August

Chester Road (9) Ifton (5) Chester Road won by 36
 Newport (6) Sir John Bayley (8) Sir John Bayley won by 8
 Wem USC (10) Meole Brace (4) Wem USC won by 50
 Bowring (11) Burway (3) Bowring won by 72
 Hanwood (14) Bylet (0) Hanwood won by 125
 Castlefields (14) Hadley USC (0) Castlefields won by 100

League Averages:

Pos.	Name	Team	P	W	Agg
1.	Andy Moss	Chester Road	23	22	199
2.	Alex Jones	Sir J Bayley	23	20	166
3.	Wayne Rogers	Burway	22	19	155
4.	Colin Beaman	Meole Brace	21	18	154
5.	Stuart Rutter	Wrock Wood	20	18	123

Most Consecutive Wins:

Andy Moss has won 17 on the bounce and will win the award as Wayne Rogers' run ended on 16.

MVPs:

Stuart Rutter leads the way with 7 MVPs, with James Duce, Colin Smith and Paul Evan on 6.

Diary Dates:

Friday 2nd September: Week 21 Fixtures

Friday 9th September: Week 22 Fixtures

Friday 16th September: Week 23 Fixtures

Wednesday 28th September: Pool A/B 1st round

Pos.	Team	Played	Won	Lost	GW	Agg	Pts
1.	Sir J Bayley	23	15	8	159	499	189
2.	Chester Road	23	14	9	155	258	183
3.	Castlefields	23	12	10	156	358	181
4.	St Georges	23	13	10	153	238	179
5.	Meole Brace	23	14	8	148	212	177
6.	Hanwood	23	11	12	148	141	170
7.	Bowring	23	11	11	147	253	170
8.	Ifton	23	12	11	143	66	167
9.	Burway	23	12	11	133	-187	157
10.	Newport	22	12	10	132	-74	156
11.	Wem U S C	23	10	13	126	-72	146
12.	Wrockwardine Wood	22	10	12	122	-147	142
13.	Bylet	22	6	16	97	-758	109
14.	Hadley U S C	22	5	16	89	-787	100