

The Armstrong season wrapped up and while the Champions may have been decided before the last round, questions of relegation, runners up, records and board prizes would be decided on the last day of the league.

With 3 rounds to go it looked like Gonzaga would be hard to catch but with Benildus A in second place playing them in round 9, a big win could make it an exciting last couple of rounds and while there was a big win, it went the way of the defending champions. Gonzaga won 7.5-0.5 which essentially wrapped up a second league title in as many years, and opened the door for letting Dublin University finishing second. Round 9 also saw Curragh register a win and Kilkenny get a very respectable 3.5 against a strong Elm Mount team illustrating that nobody was ready to leave Division 1.

Round 10 saw Phibsboro take on the champions elect and as their 3 relegation rivals had only managed 1.5 points in total against Gonzaga another large score looked a certainty, however Phibsoro produced a great match and while on paper the 5.5-2.5 victory to Gonzaga looked like a great 2.5 points gained, Phibsboro were very unlucky not to have gained more! This result eased the relegation pressure massively on the 2013 champions. Overall it was a very good round for the relegation battling teams with Benildis B getting 2.5 points off Elm Mount, Curragh beating Dublin 4.5-3.5 and most impressively Kilkenny beating Benildus A 5-3.

This meant that Curragh, Kilkenny, Dun Laoghaire and Benildus B all had their survival in their own hands so Phibsboro could not afford a massive loss to Benildus A and avoid a loss they did as they completed their impressive relegation fight with a 5-3 victory. This meant the other relegation threatened teams would have to battle it out to determine who would be playing Heidenfeld next season. Curragh needed a big 6.5-1.5 victory over Dun Laoghaire but the way they had been playing it was not an impossible result. Curragh did win but only 5-3 and sent the Curragh down. Kilkenny had an advantage over Benildus B who would need to win 5-3 or they would join the curragh in the drop zone. The match did end 5-3 however it was Kilkenny who won the match, so Curragh and Benildus B have done a yo yo and gone straight back down to play Heidenfeld next season but should be applauded for making it a very exciting league.

At the top of the table the only question was could Gonzaga better their record equalling points tally of 69 points from the previous season. They needed 4.5 points against Balbriggan to set a new league record which they achieved comfortably and went on to record a 7.5-.0.5 victory. This gave Gonzaga 72.5 points and meant they finished 17.5 points clear of Dublin University in second place. Phibsboro victory over Benildus A allowed Elm Mount to sneak into third place, which incredibly meant that the top 7 teams finished in the same position as the previous season!

8 people received board prizes unsurprisingly all from the top three teams:
Conor O'Donnell (Gonzaga) 10/11
Killian Delaney (Gonzaga) 9.5/11
Gordon Freeman (Gonzaga) 9.5/11
Carl Jackson (Gonzaga) 9.5/11
Sam Collins (Gonzaga) 9/11
David Murray (Gonzaga) 9/10

Jacob Miller (Dublin University) 9/10
Karol Marzec (Elm Mount) 8.5/11

So Next season the Armstrong will welcome Rathmines and Blanchardstown who are looking like very competitive teams and hopefully it will be another exciting season.