

TEAMS SECURE PLACES FOR PLAY-OFFS

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The Ladies' teams taking part in this year's First and Second Division League have secured their places for the upcoming play-offs.

In the First Division, Paola Hibs Candy, Flyers Depiro and Fleur de Lys will battle it out for the title, whilst Playvolley Stars, Southend and Playvolley Galaxy will fight it out against relegation.

Ladies 1st Division

Southend – Playvolley Galaxy 3-0

(25-4, 25-15, 25-15)

Southend edged a little bit closer to Playvolley Stars in the standings after obtaining three easy points against a rather demoralised Playvolley Galaxy, with the latter still searching to win their first set for this season.

Southend were much better throughout the whole match, taking 55 minutes to round up this match, and leaving a meagre 34 points to the opponents.

Referees: Marvic Micallef, Alexander Spiteri

Fleur De Lys – Playvolley Stars 3-0

(25-15, 25-22, 25-23)

Fleur de Lys needed three points out of this match to be able to consolidate third place in the overall table, and a place with the top three for the playoffs.

They started out very well in the first set, and took advantage of their opponents' inability to settle down immediately.

Playvolley played much better in the next two sets, ably led by Maria Costa, but Fleur de Lys managed to keep them at bay through better services and attacks.

Referees: Frankie Tanti, Alexandra Meier

Paola Hibs Candy – Flyers Depiro 3-0

(25-17, 25-18, 25-22)

Paola Hibs Candy confirmed their current good form, beating second placed Flyers Depiro 3-0, with the latter unable to show the form they showed until now.

Besides the first set, Flyers were at par with their opponents for much of the other two sets, however they could not stop their opponents obtaining precious points mainly through their foreign players.

Paola have now gone very close to Flyers in the standings, and still have a game in hand to play in the regular season against Fleur de Lys.

Referees: Nello Calleja, Deborah Louise Farrugia

Women 2nd Div:

TGIF – Birkirkara VC 0-3

(17-25, 5-25, 8-25)

Birkirkara VC warmed up for their important encounter against 2nd Division leaders Flyers Depiro II with a very imposing win against TGIF.

In a match that lasted 58 minutes, Birkirkara used all their serving and attacking power to prohibit TGIF from being able to prepare any counter attacks.

The latter found it very difficult to offer any opposition, especially in the last two sets.

Referee: Maria Costa

Men's League

Defenders Aloysians – Sliema 1-3

(22-25, 25-16, 22-25, 18-25)

Much more was expected from Defenders Aloysians, especially after the good show given against the same Sliema in the semi-final of the Fr. Tony Parnis National Cup.

The first set was a rather delicate affair, with both teams staying close to each other, with Sliema, who were playing without some of their regular players, managing to win this set in the final sprint.

Aloysians bounced back after the first break, taking a good lead and managing to hold on to it until the end. However, Sliema were rather cynical in their approach to the game, obtaining the points where they really mattered, without overdoing it.

On the other hand, Aloysians did some costly mistakes especially at the end of the last two sets which gave them no chance to beat their opponents.

Referees: Nello Calleja, David Bonnici

Juniors:

Mini Volley Girls: Southend - Playvolley 2-1, Paola – Flyers 1-2, Southend – Fleur de Lys 0-2

Standings: Paola 22, Flyers 22, Playvolley 14, Southend 12, Fleur De Lys 8