

## Seven in a Row – “OKMalta.com” Still Malta’s Best 4-man Bowling Team

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Tm Brunswick, led by Sue Abela, had an opportunity to steal the league title for themselves in this final match-up of the season, though they had to win all three games by a considerable margin in order to shift the tiebreaker of overall pinfall scored into their favour; meanwhile, OKMalta.com only required to win or draw one out of the three games to confirm another league title. Game 1 kicked off in the electric start that Tm Brunswick hoped for as they not only beat their opponents to keep their title hopes alive, but they rolled a stupendous 954 team game (245-257-268-184) to shock their opponents with the best team game of the season amongst all Division 1 teams.

However, the reigning champions fought hard in Game 2 and while both sides were neck-and-neck going into the final two frames, all players for OKMalta.com managed to strike in crunch time to tip the league decider in their favour. They won this game via the score line 797-836, and thus, got the points required to confirm yet another Division 1 title. The final game was still played, though its result wouldn’t affect any standings, and Tm Brunswick came out the victors of the final game (789-781).

In this league format, ten of the best teams in the MBA face off weekly in 4v4 play where each match is decided on 3-game series. During this particular campaign, teams faced each other once over nine total weeks in a single-rounded format, rather than the typical format featuring two rounds of play and 18 total gameweeks. This triumph means that OKMalta.com have been Malta’s best bowling team for 3 full years now – a streak stretching back to 2019, before the COVID-19 pandemic hit.

They have done this through keeping the same core roster, their current roster consists of the five top players: Dennis Mercieca, Kenneth Arpa, Rankin Camilleri, Mauro Anastasi, and youth bowler Nicholas Muscat. Kenneth Arpa is Malta’s current national champion, Mauro Anastasi was the national champion for the five years prior to Arpa’s victory this year, Mercieca and Camilleri have represented Team Malta on several occasions, and Nicholas Muscat recently won a silver medal and two bronze medals at the European Youth Championships (EYC 2022) this September.

Sue Abela’s “Tm Brunswick” finished second in the league standings and was comprised of her teammates Kayden Laganà, Nicolai Mallia, Chris Fenech, Daniel Grech, and Matthew Magro. In third place was the team “Supersonic”, which fields the players Matthew Muscat, Daniel Ricciari, Kyle Patrick Camilleri, Clayton Zammit Cesare, and Giancarlo Tolu.



**Team OK Malta – Champions DIV I**