

Team BOOM Itemmu s-Sensiela ta' 3 snin ta' Kampjonati Konsekkutivi għal OKMALTA.com bħala ċ-Champions il-Ġodda tal-BOV Premier League fil-Bowling

Team BOOM rebħu dan l-istaġun tal-BOV Bowling Premier League u b'hekk temmew ir-renju ta' 3 snin tat-tim OKMALTA.com bħala l-aqwa tim tal-bowling f'Malta. It-tim ta' OKMALTA.com rebħ dan il-kampjonat fl-aħħar seba' staġuni konsekkutivi – din is-sensiela ta' rebħiet ta' dan il-kampjonat bdiet qabel il-pandemija tal-COVID-19, fl-2019.

B'gimghatejn qabel it-tmiem tal-kampjonat, Team BOOM ġie iddikjarat bħala ċ-Champions il-ġodda tal-BOV Premier League u għalhekk issa huma jistgħu jkunu meqjusin bħala l-aqwa tim tal-bowling f'Malta.

F'dan il-format tal-kampjonat, għaxar mill-aqwa timijiet fil-Malta Bowling Association (MBA) kull gimgha jikkompetu kontra xulxin, u l-punti li jiggwadanjaw f'kull partita jiġu deċiżi f'serje ta' 3 logħbiet. Kull partita, skont ir-rizultati finali, tiddistribwixxi 8 punti bejn iż-żewġ timijiet. L-għaxar timijiet jaffaċċjaw lil xulxin darbtejn fuq total ta' tmintax-il gimgha fuq żewġ rawnds ta' matchplay.

Team BOOM huwa mmexxijin mill-elite plejer Mark Spiteri, filwaqt li l-bqija tal-iskwadra hija magħmula minn grupp ta' żgħażaġħ li jikkowċja – dawn huma Miguel Xuereb, Julian Baldacchino, Shaun Montanaro, Ruslana Grima, u Damian Pisani, għalkemm fil-maġġorparti tal-partiti, li jintlagħbu 4v4, iktar lagħabu l-ewwel ħames plejers imsemmija f'rotazzjoni. Teknikament, l-iskwadra hija wkoll immexxija mill-bowler Miguel Xuereb, li jilgħab b'zewġ idejn. F'dan il-kampjonat, kemm Spiteri u Xuereb għandhom skor medju ta' 200. Madankollu, il-membri żgħażuġħ tagħhom Julian Baldacchino bħalissa jzomm ir-rekord tal-għola logħba fl-istaġun, bi skor ta' 279.

Fis-sittax-il gimgha, it-tim ta' BOOM iddominaw il-klassifika b'rata ta' rebħ ta' 85.2%. Din hija rebħa ferm sodisfaċenti għat-tim li spicċa fil-ħames post fl-istaġun preċedenti, b'rata ta' rebħ ta' 58.3%.

Team BOOM irnexxielhom jissigillaw it-titlu tal-kampjonat qabel it-tmiem tiegħu billi marru bla telfa fl-ewwel 14-il partita tagħhom; fost dawn, Team BOOM rebħu 13-il partita, għelbu liċ-champions OKMALTA.com darbtejn, u akkwistaw draw darba. S'issa, l-unika telfa li kellhom giet fil-ħmistax-il gimgha, kontra Team Brunswick (li f'din il-gimgha kien jinsab fit-tielet post), li hu mmexxi mill-elite bowlers Nicolai Mallia, Sue Abela u Kayden Laganà.

Bħalissa, OKMALTA.com u Team Brunswick huma l-eqreb żewġ timijiet ma' Team BOOM fil-klassifika u huma jinsabu bl-istess ammont ta' punti wara 16-il gimgha b'88 punti kull wieħed. Iżda, b'zewġ logħbiet u bis-16-il punt li għad biss jistgħu jintrebħu, iż-żewġ timijiet ma jistgħux jilgħqu lil Team BOOM, li diġà akkwistaw 109 punti.



Team BOOM End OKMALTA.com's 3-Year Streak as BOV Bowling Premier League Champions

Team BOOM have won the BOV Premier League and have thus ended OKMALTA.com's 3-year reign as Malta's best bowling team. OKMALTA.com had won the league in the previous seven consecutive seasons – this championship winning streak preceded the COVID-19 pandemic and began three years ago in 2019.

With two weeks to spare in the league schedule, Team BOOM have been declared as the new BOV Premier League champions and can now call themselves the best bowling team in Malta.

In this league format, ten of the best teams in the Malta Bowling Association (MBA) face off weekly in a 4v4 setting where points in each match are decided through a 3-game series; 8 points are up for grabs per match. All teams face each other twice over eighteen (18) total weeks across two separate rounds of matchplay.

Team BOOM is led by elite senior player Mark Spiteri; the rest of the squad is comprised of youths he coaches – these are Miguel Xuereb, Julian Baldacchino, Shaun Montanaro, Ruslana Grima, and Damian Pisani, though most matches featured 4-person rotations derived from the first five mentioned players. On paper, this squad is led by the duo of Mark Spiteri and two-handed youth bowler Miguel Xuereb; both of which have a league average score of 200. Notably, their youth bowler Julian Baldacchino currently holds the season-high game scored this season with a 279 score.

As of Gameweek 16/18, Team BOOM have dominated the standings with an 85.2% win rate. In contrast, they finished last season in 5th place with a 58.3% win rate (albeit with only half the matches played).

Team BOOM managed to seal the league title early by going unbeaten across their first 14 matches; across these 14 matches, they racked up 13 wins and 1 draw, and beat the reigning champions OKMALTA.com twice. So far, their sole defeat has come against 3rd placed Team Brunswick, led by the local elite bowlers Nicolai Mallia, Sue Abela and Kayden Laganà. This loss came in Gameweek 15 of this Premier League season.

At the time of writing, OKMALTA.com are currently tied on points with Team Brunswick in 2nd place, though with two matches and 16 points left to play for, both of these top teams have 88 points to Team BOOM's 109 points.



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