

Worsley A on track to retain their title

THE Bolton Men's tennis League season is now past its halfway point, and Champions Worsley A of Division One are 'marching on' to the title once again, *writes Stephen Maslivec*.

With nine matches played, the Champions have opened up a six-point lead over their nearest rivals, Markland Hill A, having won all their matches and, quite remarkably, conceding just six sets in the process. Their latest victory was a 9-0 home drubbing of second-bottom Lostock A.

Meanwhile, in Division Two, Worsley B are also on the march following their recent 5-4 win at Markland Hill B. The win puts Worsley six points clear of Eagley A in second place. In contrast, newly promoted Elton Vale A are struggling at the foot of the Division with no points from their nine matches played.

In Division Three, the mid-season two-horse race between Bradshaw A and Chorley A is still ongoing, but Bradshaw have recently taken a five-point lead over Chorley following their 8-1 win over Eagley B. Third placed Winton are on thirteen points, some eight points behind Chorley.

In Division Four, Holcombe Brook C continue to hold pole position on twelve points following their recent 5-4 win over Leigh B, and Astley and Tyldesley A hold onto second place six points adrift of the leaders following their recent 5-4 defeat at fourth placed Markland Hill C

In Division Five, Roe Green A continue their impressive season, having played seven and won seven. In their latest encounter, the Worsley-based team defeated fourth-placed Bradshaw B 6-3, thereby opening up a nine-point lead over second-placed Lostock C.

In Division Six, Chorley B have continued their impressive form by creating a six-point lead over second-placed Walmer B following their recent 8-1 win at Holcombe Brook D. Walmer, who are on sixteen points, defeated Chorley C 7-2 in their most recent match.

Meanwhile, in Division Seven, David Lloyd Chorley have become clear promotion favourites following their recent 8-1 win at Markland Hill D. The win puts the Chorley-based team six points clear of nearest contenders Eagley C, Holcombe Brook E and Markland Hill D, each on fifteen points.

And in Division Eight, Tyldesley B have maintained a three-point lead at the top of the Division, despite having had an open date in their last fixture. Monton B moved into second place following a comfortable 8-1 win at Walmer C. Walmer remain at the foot of the table with no points.