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Subject: Elbow Tankard- report on s/finals (5/9)

The two semi-finals have now been played and so we have our finalists.

First up were the winners of Group A, defending champions The 3 Musketeers (Knighton Park).

They lost 12-11 at home to Wizards 1 (Winstanley Wizards); Wizards had earned their s/final slot by finishing the group stages as the best second placed team across the three groups.

T3M: George McClurkin 4/6, Andy Searle 2/6, Dean Jordan 1/4; 3/4 doubles

W1: Kai Bhakta 5/6, Elijah Weedall 4/6, Matt Weedall 0/4; 1/4 doubles

At 10-10, at the knockout stages, extra time is played; 1 game each for A vs. X, B vs. Y, and if necessary C vs. Z.

Kai beat George 21-11 (they had won 1 each when playing each other earlier in the night) to put Wizards 11-10 up in the match.

Andy then beat Elijah 21-18 (Elijah had won 2-0) to level things at 11-11.

Matt then beat Dean 21-19 in the battle of the two doubles specialists (who don't otherwise play against each other at singles) to secure a 12-11 win for Wizards.

The second s/final saw a battle between the winners of Groups B and C, Knighton the Town and Summer Spinners (both Knighton Park).

Summer Spinners won another close match, 12-8.

KtT: Frank Gao 3/6, Dave Mountain 3/6, Chris Parmar-Saville 0/4; 2/4 doubles

SS: Stan Dunne 5/6, Muhammad Osman 4/6, Penny Eames 1/4; 2/4 doubles

The final will therefore be between Wizards 1 and Summer Spinners.

Coming from the same group, these two have played each other twice already: Wizards won 12-8 at KP and Summer Spinners won 11-9 at Wizards so a close final would not be a surprise.

The final will be played at KP on either Monday 7 or Tuesday 8 September.

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