

SNBL Round 3 Report

The third round of the bouldering league was held at Avertical World on 7 December. As always Avertical put on a pretty tough but great comp. It had 42 competitors register for SNBL and with a few new names appearing, it upset the leader board a little.

The two competing Junior Females were not in attendance so their placings remain the same. Matthew Fall was the only one to compete in the Male Junior category, but despite having missed the 2nd round his win here at Avertical saw him back at the top but with 45 SNBL points between him and 2nd placed Charlie De Beaux. In the Adult Female category Ajdar Remskar retains her 1st place despite not competing here, whilst Kirsten Taylor took the Avertical win knocking Eilidh Vas Payne from 2nd in the SNBL league. Alison McDougal remains at 3rd having gained 4th place in the round. There is something of a fight going on between Alison, Laura Anne Begbie and Aimee Burns, all with 3 rounds under their belt and not many points separating them. There were a few new names with the best newcomer Claire McGhie who took 2nd place in the round placing her at joint 7th place with just one comp. The Adult Male category was the biggest with 24 competitors climbing in SNBL. Stephen Kier and David Elder took joint 1st place, and having both completed 2 rounds, Stephen remains at the top by just 10 SNBL points. Jack McKenzie took 3rd in the comp, his first SNBL round, and this puts him at joint 12th overall, whilst Roger Scott came 5th in the round and takes 3rd place in the SNBL League Callum Armour retains his 4th place overall. Angus Harrison-Smart, drops from 3rd to joint 8th as he did not compete at Dundee. Finally, the vets; Koon Morris took the win (again) and retains her dominance of the female vets, being 140 SNBL points ahead of her nearest rival Ali Nimo. Debbie Riley and Avril Gall, both with just one round completed, remain in 3rd and 4th place. 'The Alien' Ruben Welch took the male vets win at Dundee, which brings him up to 2nd in the league, but Gareth Yardley hangs on in 1st 45 points ahead of Ruben (who has one round in hand). Paul Diffley came 2nd and in this his 2nd SNBL round and he takes 3rd place now.

Many thanks to Simon and the team at Avertical World for hosting the league and setting the problems. Round 4 will be hosted by Three Wise Monkeys in Fort William on 6th January 10am to 10pm, so after you have digested all that Christmas pudding, get along to Fort William.