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The Players Cup Kicked off its inaugural year with a Bang at the Winnipeg Winter Club Open, Nov. 1st-5th. Team Turk, lead by Captain Connor Turk jumped out of the gates to take the initial lead in the standings. Turk made the final of the A, while teammate Cam Mundle finished in a strong 4th place position. Team Turk was also the only team that managed to field their entire line up with Andrew Thiessen, Richard Doucett and Jared Niessen all playing which will be one of the keys to winning this year.

Team Glass follows close behind, being led by their Captain and tournament Champion David Glass. Even with missing their Masters competitor Johan Jacobs, Team Glass's depth showed with a 6, 7 and 8 place finish in the A event.

Team Mancer is well within striking distance, with three of their players finishing in third position including team captain Evan Mancer in the A, Peter Reimer in the 40's and Steve Younger in the 55's. Nathan Hall was a solid fifth in the A, while wild card #2 pick overall was unsurprisingly MIA. Will the Boumford pick come back to haunt or help team Mancer in the end, only time will tell.

Team Borland, playing possum, made the odd choice of resting 3 of its starting 5 and now must make a dramatic comeback in the rest of the tournaments this year, which the players seem confident they can do. When asked for comment on the decision to rest his players, all captain Borland would say was "We're on to the fall classic at the squash club." Borland, Vincent and Kirbyson have been spotted on the court recently and look to join the rest of the Team Alix Younger and Adrien Chamberland-Mike who look like they will be in form to pull off some upsets in the next tournament.

Team Turk-	127 pts
Team Glass-	122 pts
Team Mancer-	110 pts
Team Borland-	28 pts