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Subject: Wowzers - Somebody was going to get it and boy did they 3 wins for the HAsi massive and a good run out for HAsi 3 2 more games to the half way point 30th Nov

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Great all-round tonight, fantastic team spirit all round and great camaraderie. After a tough day for the captains the night proved excellent. Just so you know here is a synopsis of the day in the life of the captains who try so hard to create the Good Ship Hasi a platform for us a Sunday night all teams confirmed. 7 am Thursday Hasi 1 gets a drop out in current Form horse Simon Latham, expected as played on Tuesday and clearly unwell so plan in place. Trusty Dave S on standby steps in at 11th hour, Tan told to no longer go to Clayton as he is now in Hasi 1 all fine. 1.30 pm Tom E drops, Derek disappointed as Tom was there to play 1 and lift the team, Derek contacts soon to depart Gibbo who leaves Mr G at home complete with new hip, (to be fair after Saturday night is used to it – Big Thanks to Mr g) 2 pm Andy W sadly drops – up steps stalwart Danny having cancelled family meal to turn out. Hasi 3 back on and what a night it was 😊

Hasi 1 (14) Table topping having lost only once Rochdale (7)

They didn't expect that and nor did we 😊. Its all about the start and Tan set the tone oh how did he, on a cold court, wonderful maturity, no panic, no snatching just calm methodical play, a truly majestic performance that has been threatening for many a week and never actually arrived, tonight it did just need to repeat it. To Put that win in context, his opponent has not lost all season, and is ranked at his highest ranking ever at 3038 higher than any player for Hasi ever, at 5 !! the crowd were silenced.

Next upstand in captain Si H , captain of the Gingers – on the back of 2 wins knowing Tans win was an astounding pillar to build from and that win would be a 50 point ranking gain minimum for him had to match it. Gaining in confidence from Tans win and also the knowledge that our own Dumbledore Scurlock pulled off an outrageous 3-2 win a season or 2 against Darren I to managed to pull out a victory 3-0 against an excellent player, ranking 2900 (formerly 3030) Hasi 1 in Dreamland.

Next up John C and Tim M both facing possessed players who gave nothing and were desperate to get the team back, do what you will there was no change out of those boys. Match 2-2 who do you want in that situation, Hasi 1 Gordy – Did what Gordon does and did it well 3-1 match won, bacon taken shell shocked table topping Rochdale left to eat the Pies 😊

Haslingden 2 v Clayton Green 2 (Hasi 2 back on the bus)

First up Skipper Mick who got going out of the traps as if he was on his beloved motorbike. Two up, time to stop for a smoke before revving up and racing away to the finish line--great start Skipper.

Next up Dave O, who came out firing on all cylinders and fairly blasted his opponent Dave off the court and that's your lot, me old flower.

Dave S up next, who thought he was playing at Crow Wood, got thumped and

managed to get warm in the pub afterwards!!

Mick the younger up next, he struggled with the court and couldn't work up a sweat, either.

Score 2-2 and up stepped Ben and played good controlled squash, gave nothing away and ran out a worthy winner and saved our bacon, top.

Bottom line is another win for Hasi 2 onwards and upwards. And (Dumbledore again worth extra points from the balcony)

Hasi (3) 6 BBn (17)

Woke up this morning feeling fine (sing along now to Herman's Hermits all you players of the mature variety).

There had been no dropouts since team selection on Saturday, happy days.

Spoke too soon.

Got a call from El Presidente telling me there was a dropout in 1sts but not to worry cos they had worked it so that 3rds were not impacted.

Good news, and then10 minutes later and Tom English sends some lame excuse to do with rising damp or some other non-squash related disease.

All my best laid plans were in tatters, Tom had won last week for 2nds against Blackburn 3 so he was a banker this weekbugger.

But Gibbo willingly stepped in despite being knee deep in packing for France.

Then within 10 minutes Andy dropped, again one of my bankers since he too had won last week V Blackburn 3.

Cries for help were heard by Danny who re-arranged his diary at the risk of marital discord and steps in.

So we have a team once more, not the one we started with but nevertheless soldiers willing to die for the cause.

Danny went down 0-3 and wished he'd stayed with his original diary.

Mick showed his true quality and was 2-0 up when his opponent turned his ankle and that was it. Couldn't carry on, shame. We will take the points.

Si B lost the first game against wily old Ken , and won the next as Ken was inhibited by his knee support. Si came very close in 4th game to taking it to a decider but couldn't quite do it.

Simon W had the best game of the night against big hitting, fast running, hard charging Ben. Simon may finally have begun to get his drop shots to hit the front wall less than 3 feet high, or 4 feet into play and win some points from them. A win is close, I can sense it coming. Came back from 0-2 down to level at 2-2 but couldn't quite get over the line in 5th.

On a night when the courts were cold I knew against Simon Cotton it would be 'death by a thousand lobs', It was.

So a 1-4 loss, it could have been better but we are not losing touch with the teams above us, a win is just around the corner.

Village Bury 2 (9) Hasi 4 (16) _ Bloody great win that
Me (alias Simon Foster) v Barry.

Got off to a flier and led from the front in true Hassy fashion. 3-0
Bruce up next. (Don't know his name as didn't take the card pic this time.)
In his own words he was "dog"
Toss up as who the angriest man in Rossendale bruce or Steve.
1-3 loss

Chris Walsh v Oliver

Chris at 5 played a hard-hitting junior with a lot of potential but experience showed through.
3-0

Steve The michinator up next at 3

A lot of noise, shouting, banging and strange phrases.
If only he could calm the red mist when it falls things would be better. 1-3 loss
Finally Jason v Ken.

Classy match this, no whizz bang and ball thrashing, more about finesse and guile.
Jason came back from 2-0 down to level it and go to 5.
Unfortunately, at 11-10 ken over extended and injured himself.
Unfortunate ending to what was going to deuce.

3-2

Bloody good win against a very fair set of blokes.

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