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Subject: 2nd half under way _ and how we roared tonight _ the best performances pound for pound this season _ Both HASi1 1 and HASi 3 showed the way tonight
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3 sleeps since New Year's Eve and the 2nd half to the season begins _ Turkey wobble all round and a trip to Tame Valley for Hasi 1 to boot – Motorway shut on way home – still we don't care as in the face of rule bending or some may say foul play The Hasi Spirit rang True. Have a look at these beauties <http://www.resultszone.com/cgi-bin/resultszone.cgi/nwcls?ucid=ViewPlayerRankings&aid=results&clubId=176>

Tame Valley 3 (12) Hasi 1 (17)

Skipper Mcviker still driving home tonight hence the substitute reporter in the chair – yours truly.

Tame Valley, (long way to go)however new it would be a good night as J C (not the original) managed to make it on time and be there for 7 ish (**do you need a map for hasi John ? or are we in a different time zone ?**)- sign of things to come ☺. Well as suspected Bottom of the League Tame Valley, without a win this season, and for the second time (both against us) fielded 3 players from their 2nd team who had no game and they got their just desserts ! Lads it was a battle royal – one I was privileged to be part of and one that depicted the **Hasi Spirit** – all watched by young Fin McVicker who will be one of us soon – **have no doubt.**

First up **Si Latham** – difficult gig especially as Si Latham is a nice guy and had to put up with a little (lot) of sportsmanship, tone set for the rest of the matches Si lost 3-1 although the behaviour on court let us all see what was to come, **(and 1st point of the new year.)**

J C (in old T shirt) on next to steady the ship, playing a 17-year-old who hits the ball well and moves quickly – however has the temper of a young John McEnroe without the talent. If you try and rough up J C when he is wearing Mrs C's Tee shirt only 1 winner, J C 3-1.

Next up a welcome return for **Tim, sponsored by Heli Hanson** – fresh from a couple of successful run outs with Hasi 2 and keen to impress. Underneath the calm exterior, Likes a little scuffle does our Tim and is a dogged character that wont be pushed around at all – Great to see. Tim set the Bar High tonight with true Fighting spirit a 3-2 win – coming from 2 -1 down and overturning his loss from the reverse fixture. **Tim** you paved the way and set the standard, building on the platform set by **John and Si Latham**.

Hasi 2-1 up and Bacon on the counter there to be taken, certainly not Given. Playing at the dizzy height of 2 complete with nose bleed I set about my customary 3-2, with a slow start, followed by dogged determination to level, then tease by losing the 3rd before somehow winning the last 2 predominantly by slowing the game down and refusing to be bullied, as shown by Tim. Match won ☺ no Pressure Hasi nu **1 (Tom)** **Tom** Played the best I have seen and was actually playing against 2 (The ref and

partisan crowd and also his 17 year old opponent) narrowly losing 3-2 mainly due to the Marking and winging of the 17 year old – not nice to watch and certainly not the Hasi way.

Tom Well played sir _ Hasi 1 is a wonderful thing to be part of and your stewardship has made the difference, you have made this role your own and those little chats half way through with players are proving to be the difference and putting us on the right side of a 3-2. (we now just need to get you winning again as you deserve it)

Brilliant Night – Brilliant Team _ Brilliant Squad to be part of - **AS INDEED IS HASI 3 and don't Forget <https://www.surridgesport.com/haslingden-squash-club>**

Crow Wood 2 : 12 points - Haslingden 3 : 15 points

As Bruce said "LIONS! They played like Lions" 😊😊😊😊

A really close match, which either team could have won, but they DIDN'T, WE DID!! Crow Wood have the consolation prize of getting the maximum points possible and yet still losing, Ha!

Simon W continues to improve now he is playing a place or two lower down the order. Held his nerve to come from behind and win the last 2 games 15-13. A 3-2 win against Joe Mac.

Andy had a thriller of a match against Ian Lancaster, very even, very similar styles, again holding his nerve to win the 5th 17-15.

Chris Nuttall playing his first match for 3 months was desperately out of sorts. 9 drives into the tin on the bounce in the second game is never going to win you any prizes but it didn't matter. By playing at #2 he gave Andy the chance to win.

Derek's carded opponent didn't turn up. Could have claimed the game but that would be jolly bad form, so I agreed to play Mick Smith and duly lost 1-3. Grrrrrr.

So down to Tom English at #1 to bring home the bacon. He made hard work of it but by the time he got to the 5th game Gavin's dodgy knee was seriously hampering his movement and Tom had enough in the tank to take advantage winning it 15-4.

Soooooooooooo, it doesn't matter how you win just win

Well done guys.

The Derby v Haslingden 2 next week. I can feel some good points coming on.

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