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Wowsers and thank you – As the season gets longer you all seem to get better and stronger – tonight we are as one – with once again several players missing others just come in, fill in and play their heart out, it's a great spirit, and please don't forget that out of what you have done we have 4 teams, in NWCL, the club has 50 + regular box league players – we have also managed to create a separate Junior Club with **30 + kids age 5 - 16 and 9 coaches** who play on a Saturday Morning with at least **5 juniors** including **Junior Mcvicker's (there are more than 1) and Junior Baynes**, having represented Lancashire, not forgetting **Junior Gilchrist and Junior Michie** who have joined the ranks at 5 years old – Have a look in those quiet moments at http://www.haslingdensquash.org.uk/juniors/?page_id=56 but don't forget **Coach Mad Michie** is to be added along with **Tan**.

Onto the events of the evening however please note in all the Glory that **Hasi 3** have a fighting spirit all their own and we all need to help them get off bottom slot, we would prefer not to have 2 have 2 teams in Div. 3 and 2 in Div. 5 next year.

It IS also worthy of Note that out of 8 matches played by Hasi players that went to 3-2 HASI WON 6 OF THEM! LUCKY? I DON'T THINK SO

Crowe Wood 12 (not enough) Hasi 1 (15) just enough

We achieve the Double against our posh friends in a proper Hasi smash and grab. **Skipper and leader Tom** sent out the morning message that he had to be up and away as Mrs Mc working nights again and so sets the seen for us all to follow. On the Balcony we had young ex Hasi Junior and **Semi Professional Cyclist Nick Cooper** there to watch his old team mates – good to see you Nick welcome any time.

Nu 3's on first Me (Si H) ve Nick Utterly previous meeting 3-0 and 3-1 to Nick – **But Not tonight Josephine !** you could have written the script before the game – 3 -2 of course, and thankfully the right side coming from 2-1 down, scrappy and not pretty but effective. **First pillar of the victory temple built.**

On the other court simultaneously, we had **Skipper Tom vs Chris Smith** at 2.

Skipper full of a cold and having had a Div 1 Ladder game Monday with Harry 3-0 win and then Tuesday with Gordon 2-2 . Not moving that well till 2-1 down and 10- 7 down and then found his legs – just a little late losing 15-13 in the 4th (**its long way is 15 so respect to Hasi 2,3, and 4!**) match 1 all – **still only 1 pillar built.**

Tim (short straw) Metcalf up next. 2nd week running Tim on the way back from injury has drawn the short straw – played bloody well just a little short on confidence at this level and played an excellent player in Mark Saunders who Crowe Wood wheel out to play Hasi and has a list of Hasi players has beaten. All I can say is that I wish I played that well when that injured! on a different night and with a little more confidence Tim would have been there, not tonight a close 2nd at 3-0, still **only 1 pillar built.**

Up Step Hasi 3000 pointer Gordon – that's in the bag surely _ **not after 15**

minutes it wasn't.

Gordy 2-0 down against Kirk and reeling at the speed of Kirk – slow it down came the guidance from Tim – what great advice, Kirk didn't win 11 points in the next 3 games combined – you tease Gordy . Pillar 2 built now for the roof!

If your 2-2 in matches then you know you are in need of divine intervention, up step John Corteen or as we know him **J C** 😊 never in doubt to the Balcony , the customary showmanship, debates, arguments and final result, 3-2 win for John – The Posh dingles feel happy at losing and don't even notice that Hasi have walked out with the family silver and won Home and away – Job done, anyone for a Sauna 😊



With The Balcony full at the Pickup Stadia inc Sir Pickup himself, Cockney Allan, Scribe Bruce and Martin McGuinness fresh from his victory last week watching how did Hasi 2 do vs the posh Boys of Burnley?

With no skipper Mick **H** who is away skiing and no **Dave S** who is sick job of I skipper and leadership duties went to **Si Latham** to steer the good ship Hasi 2 against closest rivals Crowe wood 2. Team selection out Go **Dave S and Mick H ,si Baynes from last week's defeat** – In come **Si Latham, Tan** the returning **Dave O** along with **England international Shelly** and Stalwart Ben.

Haslingden 2 (18) Crow Wood 2 (6) (Captain Si Latham in the scribing chair)

First on court was **Tan** playing at number 2 against Carl Campy, . Tan played like Tan plays, good lengths good drops, and a few disguised drop shots. Carl was able to pick up quite a few of Tans drops early on, because of his huge reach, but Tan's good squash meant he could not do it all night, **Tan ran out the winner easily in the end 3-0**

Next on court was **Shelly** against Andy Miller. **Shelly** was quite rusty to start losing the first two games against an opponent with quite a few shots that aren't in the manual. The third game was the start of Shelly's comeback, and she was getting better with every point. She eventually fought hard to turn around what looked like a defeat to **a 3-2 victory.**

Time for a hungry **Dave Omara** to step onto court, he lost the first game, but won the second, his opponent managed to work out a way to win the next two games by slowing down the pace of the game, and used his experience to come out on top, so a 3-1 loss for Dave.

Ben next, **the new calm Ben** played good steady squash, good D lengths and dropping the ball when needed, although the score of the second and third game seemed close there was never a danger of him losing. **3-0 to Ben (Good Confidence builder)**

Last on me (**Si Latham**) no pressure, game won, up against Jimmy Nelson, I won

the first two games, then Jimmy changed his game a little and started to turn the game around, he won the next game, and was looking good to win the fourth game, but I manage to have a word with myself and was able to come back and win the last game., so a win 3-1-

David Lloyd Chorley (18) Hasi 3 (7)

It all started so well, although every one of us struggled with the pace (or lack of it) of the DLC courts. Personally, I've never liked them.

Danny up first, slow start, 0-2 down, match point **DOWN, but his opponent blew it at 10-14 and Dan the Man stole it 15-17.** That was all he needed. From then on, he was mustard.

Got a lead in each of the next two games and held the gap to run out a **3-2 Victor. Marvellous stuff.**

Simon B next, cruised to 2-0 UP, and then went to sleep for the next two games. 2-2. Good time to switch on again. And so it proved, clinching the final game as he held his nerve.

Good comeback from 2-0 UP Simon!

Shock, we are 2-0 up! Only one of the next three need to win and we've got a win.

But that was as good as it gets as they wheeled out the big guns.

I took a game off Phil Entwistle, who has played Div. 2 in the past . Would have liked to take 3 but couldn't manage it. Lost 1-3. But every point counts.

Jason, making a late step up from the 4ths, couldn't get to grips with Steve Atherton. Lost 0-3.

So, could Chris be our hero? Fresh from the Maldives I wondered if the slow courts might play to his strengths making his drives unplayable, but no.

His drives didn't even reach the back of the court.

(Did I say I hate those courts?)

Ben Fynney is a good player, he gave Chris nowt, and took full advantage of Chris's frustration. Lost 0-3.

But we got 7 points which might close the gap on Wigan a little, wait and see.

No match for 3rds next week.

Next up Blackburn Northern in 2 weeks.

Hasi 4 winning 3-2 in matches

Back on the winning streak.

Ray (Div 1 has box ladder) v Dave

Never in doubt this one after last week's blip my stalwart no 5 cruised through to win.

3-0

Steve(M) v Mark

An under the weather and still tending to his fear of re injury Steve showed glimpses of what should have happened but couldn't sustain it.

Did well to get 2 well needed points.

2-3

Me (Si Foster) v Mick

A rematch of which I won the first and should of won this. 2-0 up and cruising then it all went Pete tong.

Bad night and a bad habit occurring as the same happened last week, **(little editorial comment Captains Curse mate, you team will carry you through)**

2-3

Chris Walsh v Jason

No probs here just a minor blip for one game but got the job sorted.

3-1

Last up **Simon Watkinson** v Terry O'Leary.

Good game this as both players were speedsters. Simon had the better shots and basically got to everything his opponent could throw against him and battered him.

3-0

Good night. Good match. Good opponents and a good win. 😊

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