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The Pickup Stadia was a buzz once again last night on the penultimate night of a long hard and best season yet for the Hasi Team Bus, after the harsh decision from Skipper Mcviker to drop me and keep the same team I thought I would pop down support my teams mates and see if the decision was a correct one - and IT WAS the games I saw at 2,4 and 5 fantastic performances from all players.

Its time to welcome 2 guest roving reporters this week in Tim Metcalfe for Hasi 1 and Tan for Hasi 2 -

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Hasi1 vs Wigan 4

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Hasi 1 win 3-2 (16 - 8)

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1st up Simon Latham (@4), by the time I'd arrived Simon was 2-0 up and looking good but things can change quickly on Thursday evenings. Before you know it Simon's got his hand full and is in a 5 setter, not to worry though Simon come out for the 5th all guns blazing & wins the final game 11-1, sorted. Should have done that in the 3rd! 😊

Next up Tom (@ 2) cruised through winning 3-0 enough said 🍷 nice one.

Next up me (@5) this guy worried me in the knock up but fortunately not so much in the match. A welcome 3-0 win. Rare these days!

So match won already, happy days
However Wigan 4 weren't finished yet.....

Next up John Corteen (@ 3)
John had the trickiest player tonight (Simon Gray) plays winners from nowhere, John got into it but couldn't crack this nut tonight losing 3-0

Finally, Gordon (@1)
Must be said this was a 5-set epic, both players running each other into the ground trading games up to 2 all. Gordon losing the 5th but left absolutely nothing on the court. Great match.
Gordon refused my offer of a box match for tomorrow afternoon, he must be tired!! 😊

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Hasi 2 vs Leyland Leisure

Match report vs Leyland

First up captain fantastic hodgy- cruised to a 2-0 lead- those drops lethal on both forehand and backhand. A bit of a wobble in the 3rd but closed it out 3-1. Next season will allow him to get himself a shirt that doesn't shrink in the wash- go dingles!

Alan up next- super sub as he always seems to be filling in. Reeled off his list of ailments

before he went on- cruised to victory- injury? What injury- well played pal.

Next up the match of the night- Danny Allen against a Shuttleworth. His opponent seemed to be held together with bandages and had the most straight-armed swing I've ever seen. Went to the death at 2-2, pretty sure he developed Alzheimer's during the match - referring to Dan as Andy- must have been the oxygen debt😅😅. Andy squeaked it 3-2- not the prettiest but fantastic game to watch- a real battle

With the match won Baynes the ewok strutted on court against Andre the giant - all 7 foot of him! Pulverised his opponent with the drop looking sweet- he said he'll teach me it- watch out everyone, my game will be mustard once i learn it 😊😊. Great win Si

Me up against Hannah- there was a wardrobe malfunction- unfortunately for the balcony this was of the footwear variety- this killed the tie. Match won with a clean sweep, won't be this easy in division 3- 😊😊😊

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Wigan 5 vs Hasi 3

And so, it came to pass, Haslingden 3's mighty warriors ventured into the lair of the pie-eaters in a last ditch attempt to climb above them in the league table.

Nobody likes going to Wigan, in fact nobody likes playing them at all. There is just a bit of an atmosphere about the place, something dark and you wonder when it's all going to kick off.

First up Simon W against the infamous Neil Vallance. He's beaten our own Mick H and Ben before, can be difficult to mark but was reasonably ok tonight. Simon seemed out of sorts in the first game and was never in it. In the second he started to pick up , but then lost his way again in the third. Won the 4th with a bit to spare so it was all down to the last, but it wasn't to be. To be fair to Simon he had a 400 point handicap and Neil is a big bloke , nay massive, to run around all the time. A 2-3 loss is a creditable effort indeed.

Jason, on the other court, came from behind twice but lost out 2-3, losing two of the games by two points only.

Dave O had the dubious honour of playing Mr Angry. I didn't see the match as I was on court but I didn't hear any explosions and although it was 0-3 the scores were close. I know Dave keeps drawing the short straw when he plays for the 3rds but it gives the rest of us a chance and helps the team. We appreciate it Dave.

Derek got a 3-1 win over Julian. I kept getting 5 points ahead only for him to claw it back with some very disconcerting shots where he ended up on the floor playing a winner. My wonderfully supportive team mates waited until the match was over to tell me I had my shirt on back to front. They said I played better that way so to try it next week. I had to remind Simon he played one match earlier in the season with his shorts inside out. Its what we do in the 3rd team, it could become a fashion. On the plus side Simon F will be pleased to know Jubilee was to the fore for the whole match.

Final match was Andy v Stuart. Stuart's' a good player , but sometimes he just doesn't run for the odd rally or two. The trick is to move him so that he has to run. (I couldn't manage it when I played him). Knowing what to do and doing it are two different things. At one point it looked like it might get heated when Andy collided with Stuart and Stuart took umbrage . It didn't help that gobby on the balcony joined in as he always does demanding that Andy apologise. Anyway Andy and Stuart sorted it out between themselves which is

as it should be. Andy going down 1-3 in the end.

Good effort all round and Jason and Simon could both have won if 2 points had gone the other way in one of their games.

2 games to go, let's finish with a bang next week. Matches on both Tuesday and Thursday, both at HOME.

Team 4 reporting in.

H4 v too far away Tame valley 5.

Steve v Bruce

Bruce up first. Was up against a very good opponent who knew his home patch well and mixed up his tactics to good affect, didn't let Bruce settle.

3-0

Kieran v Martin

Martin is settling in well to team squash now and is starting to work his opponents out. Also brings a little bit of edge to the party Grrrrrrr Another good win 2 on the bounce.

0-3

Tony v Ray

Don't quite get this one !

Ray starts off brilliantly and has his opponent playing facing the wrong way. Lengths good, driving well and boasting well. Then the tide turns and proceeds to fall apart like Tony's shirt letters. (Need some gorilla glue on them) From bossing to being bossed.

3-1

Amanda v Chris

Played a blinder as the lefties went to war.

Amanda tried to play orthodox, but Chris didn't let her settle into any rhythm and ran out a comfortable winner.

0-3

Eric v boss man (that's me ☺)

So the scores set at 2-2 and the deciding match down to me.

"GREAT" made a right old mess of it against a Sunderland fan who's used to getting thumped.

Took 2 games to realise I was on the court. Then I woke up for the third and the hope of a comeback.

Think again usual mid court dross.

Should have stayed in Crete

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