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With Summer underway, no game for Hasi 2 so Hasi 1 carried the flag (and promptly dropped it !) If you haven't played Summer yet and want to then you need to contact either John Corteen, Jason Kirk or me. It's a great opportunity to develop your game from whatever starting level and develop ready for winter. Chance to play up a level and that will bring your game on no end

The troops trailede over to posh boys Markland Hill 1, and lost so closely you wouldn't believe it!

First up at number one to avoid another family war, our cheerful winter captain Tom McVicker gave it a good shot against a very capable Steve Greenall going down 3-1. Tom fluttered valiantly at 1-1 but just lost out narrowly in the next two games. Good effort Tom, its tough up there at 1, and thanks for doing it.

Next up, our banker John C, dropping down the order to number 4 and therefore guaranteed a win. Alas, it was not to be, going down 3-2 to the considerably younger, pasta eating, Red Bull drinking Jamie Harrison. John still not on his game, maybe needs to drop to number 5! So 2-0 down...

On the other court, fitness freak Ben Nelson brushed aside Neil Fitzsimmons (is that how you spell it??) 3-1. Ben claimed of tiredness, but showed none of it in a resounding win.

Next up Simon "evil marker" Latham produced the performance of the night, taking out veteran grand master Bob Houldsworth, 3-1. Simon started slowly losing the first 12-10, but grew into the game, before bringing Bob to his knees and running out a worthy winner, taking the next three games.

So we're at 2-2, and down to Tim M stepping up to the plate at number 2 against the live wire Alan Jackson. Tim went 2-1 up before Jacko pulled it back to 2-2, leaving the stage set for a grand finale. A belting last game saw the lead to and fro until Tim was 10-7 and three match points down. A super human effort brought Tim back to 10-10, with the whole match riding on the next couple of points. Unfortunately, a lucky shot, and a disappointing line call saw Tim narrowly edged out 12-10 in that fifth and deciding game.

Pizzas and pints were enjoyed by all afterwards, but none of that could take away the sour taste

of another narrow 3-2 defeat.

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