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Well. It's with a certain amount of sadness, I have to report we are in a bit of a trough presently

Not sure what you think, but we just need a few breaks to go our way and it will all look very rosy again. Looking at scores and results, it feels like its within touching distance A few fab results in there across the teams, and a few hard luck stories.

So all I want for Crimbo Santa is a win, team and personally. Yes I forgot my shorts.....(bit cold around the balcony area, or as I like to call it the Family circle), fortunately I wore some of Stevie's, so I do have a valet and kit man going forward Stevie is very happy to be my widow Twanky, after all it is nearly Panto season

H1

Hassy I v Whitefield away TOP of the league lost 3-2 valuable points come end of the season, strange one tonight John corteen on first at 6pm and winning comfortably 3-1, then one and a half hours later I played loosing 3-1 up next Taz against his possibly biggest test so far div 1 player loosing 3-0 Well played pal, Tom English up next 1st game for the first team with a solid performance 3-0 win so 2-2 in matches down to gordy to bring the bacon home unfortunately Andy was in TOP TOP form and gave Gordon nothing tough one pal but hey ho 3-2 to top of the league I'll take that, no Gordon next Thursday need to know who's available

H2v cheetham hill

Andy Wray v haroon

White trainers, teal shorts (with orange stripe) Grey top - who dressed our man ?? Obviously working on the gareish- shock and awe tactics. Unfortunately didn't work down 5-11, quick chat from skip - "you look slim Andy - what have you done" - ecoli - flip me our team is a dedicated bunch - rough as nuts but still turning out. Epic !! But lost 4-11, 5-11

Simon B v Jonny

Off like trooper, a dancing trooper or is it a dancing queen ?? Some great running by our MR B but on the wrong side of 11-8 Not quite sure what happened in game 2 - Si went down quicker than a Vicar's fly at choir practise (is that pc?) 1-11 so come on MR B, no early bath let's have one. Usual MR baynes banter and little Jonny seemed rocked 11-2. Game on the board for H2 !! Could it be could it chuff, no quite sure what happens to H's mid range but Jonny come back to win 11-2 match over and our Simon unusually rattled a bit by match noise . So over to skip

Chris v Bryn

Playing a young South African - plenty of moving (for-me) going down 8-11. Match report should read could do better - inspirational words from our yodi and guess what we have a winner - game to skip ! No good in the latter 2 losing out 1-3 si still waiting for the elusive FULL win - but a point is a frigging point !!

Simon L v Stuart 3-2

Game of the night !! He keeps trying to impress the first team & very nearly took it. Never fails to impress our Mr L - running, battling, bizarre wrist flicking shots - just bloody marvellous to watch against a much younger bearded warrior. His heat flap not quite at full extension tonight (needs a trim) so our man hot & bothered bowed out a very unlucky Simon !

Simon v anom

Yes another flipping Simon !!! This time little boy wonder - Watty Watkinson ! Another hair cut - another 10 years knocked off (he will soon be in the juniors) playing at number 1 - big ask but no disappointment ! Runs like an Ethiopian with a meal ticket - and covers more area than Harvey Weinstens hands ! This young boy is just fun fun fun - in fairness his opponent hit the tin even more than me !! (That takes some doing) but our bill boggins did it again bagging a point before finally losing 1-3

So 5 points on the board for H2 - hooray

3-1

Team 3 report

Eric v John k

Brilliant performance from John. Apart from a blip in the first game John growing his opponent down. At one point thought Eric was going to pass out. Nice one John.

1-3

Tony v Bruce

You know things aren't right when Bruce is running along the gallery in his Y's asking for shorts ☺

As for the match this was definitely one that got away. More than a match for Tony but let clusters of points away when in commanding positions can't do that pal.

3-1

Terry v Steve

With Steve you get the good /bad and the down right ugly ,tonight was the latter. By his own admission needs to sort his game out and temperament and get back to winning ways.

3-0

Richard v boss man

Can't say I didn't leave it all on court tonight including a great big chunk of skin.

First game was close 15-13

But fell away disappointingly after that.

3-0

Malcom v Chris

Another match that slipped away. Chris is playing well and ran his opponent all the way. Should of been 3-0 to Chris but Malcom just wouldn't lie down and kept playing his(or hers ☺) game of consistent orthodox squash.

A bit more luck and some nowse on how to finish opponents and we'll get yet.

Haslingden 4 v Tame Valley 5

Lost 8 points to 18.

Coulda, shoulda, but didn't.

This report is being written mostly by guesswork as I wasn't there.

Some close games which if we had won them would have turned the scoreline around. Is it fitness? More likely its age.

Dermot was within 2 or 3 points in all his games. Fine margins.

Les showed his best form to-date I am reliably informed.

Finley not only gets us a bonus point just by turning up, he actually then wins as well. Tonight, playing in his highest position so far (#3) he dealt confidently with the big hitting left handed Mark Regan. This was despite some appalling marking by senior members of his own side I am again reliably informed.

I am starting to worry about my #1 slot.

Alan stepped down from the giddy heights of the 3rd team to play #1 and appeared to be cruising at 2-0 up. Then it all went wrong. Your guess is as good as mine.

Steve , having watched Alan decided to follow suit. Cruising at 2-0 up, lost the 3rd and had match point at 14-12 in the 4th but Amanda plays the marker very well. She gets away with murder with some of her asks. Anyway , it worked.

So we went down 4-1 but were ever so close to pulling it off with a much changed team. Everybody who turns out for Hasi4 does us credit.

Special thanks to Ray for captaining in my absence.

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