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So

Even I am now on the injured list, not for long though. I have a strap on !!!!! And now know where to strap it, if you are in the changing room and you hear tearing velcro, that will be me behind you, enough about me

As we near the halfway point of the season, we see who are the stalwarts and who would rather whack their slippers on and watch Holly & Dec and a bunch of disgusting smelling hang on it's practically the same

H1 (LOST 3-2)

Hassy I v crow wood 1 at home match report lost 3-2.

Up first Simon Latham coming back from injury at 5 against James also coming back from injury. James 2-0 up no time Simon dug in and played great squash 2-2 game on.

Unfortunately bad start in the 5th just couldn't claw it back loosing 3-2.

Next up Tan the man against big hitter Kirk performance of the night best I've seen Tan play winning 3-2 magnificent performance pal.

Next up Tom English against Paul Downes great test against a very nice player unfortunately to many tins and Tom loosing 3-0.

Next up foxy to keep us in the running with a solid performance winning easy 3-0 so up to me to bring the bacon home and failed gutted as tan didn't deserve to be on losing side but hey ho.

Next week Rochdale away team selection Simon Latham 5, John corteen 4, Tan 3, Gordon 2, and me any problems let me know need to know asap. Cheers lads.

H2 away at The Etihad (LOST 4-1) (18 points to 5)

- Danny v Adwiti

So Danny's third outing for H2 playing a young lady (reports that this lady was 9 or 12 are false - Ed) who asked to go on first as there was homework to hand in !! Our Danny was a bit tense in the first game probably still recovering from my driving here ! First game was over before it began 0-1 come on Danny !!! Quick team talk by skip and what do you know we have a point on the board !!! So a totally different Danny has reappeared For game 3 playing that amazingly shocking Haslingden boast - but what do you know this girl as expecting a proper squash player not our cave man Dan. 2-1 cmon Danny !! This could be a momentous moment for H2 !! And so it was our little Neanderthal man is a blooming winner !!! Match to Danny 1-3

Simon B v Lexi

What can I say - Mr B officially so far match w£&k*r. Totally flipping destroyed by lady Lexi 11-7, 11-2, 11-2. I'd hardly finished my pre match poo before I was called up !! None of our usual swaging, swaggering Si more a mere stain on the bed sheets - early bath Baynes

Chris v Vicki

So the third lady of the evening - would mr nuts be paying homage to the ladies like mr baynes or simply not giving a stuff like Danny. Lost the first game 7-11 then a little yoda style voice from the pickup stadia cane through - go short nuts ! And So it was in the second game 11-8 point on the board ! More running than usual from the fat lad and what do you know we have another game 13-11 !! Vicki stepped up a level and I thing I feel asleep 4-11 wtf !! All to play for but not to be - beaten, by a younger, fitter lady who simply kept going (at least Baynsey keeps his title!)

Ben v Joel

Now this was a very, very close thing to Ben taking our Simons title - in fact there is only one point in it. I think our man needs a little tlc with the missus before he comes out - a little bit of de-stressing - cmon Mrs Nelson H2 needs you !! Barking Ben, snatching - unusual for him - racket just about intact 4-11, 6-11, 4-11 - head gone - points gone - unlucky boys the H2 dream over boo

Simon W v Sam

We had to get nursery to finish early to let our super junior out. Armed with a new quiff (tin tin & snowy styley) he immediately let his opponent get a false sense of security by going 7 up ! Some simply epic running - brilliant to watch but still not good enough - hard ask playing number one (isn't it Gordy!!) well played pal 11-13, 2-11, 4-11

H3 LOST 4-1

Team 3 report v City Of Manchester

Me v Sam

All hail the healing powers of squash. This morning I'm knackered with some mysterious jungle bug tonight all hale and hearty.

Another time I'll have this bloke, bloody close and I was half cocked.
0-3

Andy v Niall

If Niall was their no 1 I'm Nick Mathews. Andy dispatched him with ease to give us some glimmer of hope.
3-0

Andrew v Amy

Step up our latest debutant to the cauldron that is team squash. Playing a well schooled junior tonight whom did everything orthodox and well ; Andy was unfortunately unable to get the better of his opponent.

0-3

Alan v Ali

Sometimes you just have to accept that you're up against it and there's not a lot you can do. This guy should have been no 1 tonight.

0-3

John v Ali (no 2)

Awkward little chap was Ali. Didn't go well from the warm up when having 10 shots a time before changing.

John couldn't get his rhythm going or his deadly drop and with Ali mixing his serves up didn't help either.

0-3

All in all another hard fought match.

Thank you and good night ☹

Cheetham Hill 3 v Haslingden 4. Lost 4-1 (18 points to 6)

Steve against the mysteriously named 'MD'. None of his team-mates seemed to know his real name either. Hmmmmmm. I smell a ringer.

Very quick around the court, Steve worked hard but as we later established, his ranking was higher than the #1 player. Hmmmmmm fishy or what?

They aren't known as 'Cheating Hill' for nothing. Lost 0-3

Derek against Kaz, again a player dropping down from the team above. 2 down before I was able to pull one back but couldn't pull the 4th one back. I guess feeding his forehand volley didn't help. Lost 1-3.

Dermot against Paul D, had a chance with the first game but struggled after that. Lost 0-3

Dave C v Faisal. Fresh from an appointment at the Dental Hospital, Dave won the first game. Promising we thought. But then as the anaesthesia wore off Dave's timing went with it. Games were close but it wasn't to be. But a sterling performance from a wounded soldier.

Finally Fin the boy wonder to get us some points. Won the first, lost the second, we wondered if his tall opponent would have the nous to lob Fin, but he didn't. In fact Fin made him struggle keeping his serves to the backhand high and tight. He tried to power Fin off court but Fin just had the edge in talent. Won 3-1. Good ranking points when the system updates tomorrow. Am sure he'll be on it at daybreak to check.

So a loss, but not a heavy defeat as we continue to rotate the squad to give opportunities to all.

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