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Subject: Its 8am It Friday that means its Cracker Jack - (if you remember that then your getting on a bit)

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Creative Author taking a well-earned rest from reporting duties due to a fantastic personal performance last night and heading off to the white Rose county early this morning – time to dust of the keyboard and fill in if I remember -

Oh yes a little like ground hog day - Masses of effort all round, we manage to cope with a post 6.30 loss of player and still put 4 teams out – Sadly no return in results for Hasi 1,2 or 3 – Hasi 4 however continue to more than hold their own, bringing in new players and creating a future for all. Despite the results – lots of smiles and banter – the success will come and Hasi 2 already changing things around to try and effect a change of fortune. Not long now – guys spring is around the corner, light mornings and the sound of the lark as you walk the dog ! Next week will be wins all round.

Hassy I v monton 2

away report lost 20-8. Tough games up first Mr Latham wrong side of a 3-2 against a fella he's beat last time 1-1 guy starts throwing dummy out but somehow managed to hang in there and grind out the win, next up Tan the man at 2 should have been 2-2 but lost 3-1 big points the difference, up next John to keep us in the running really dug in and tried his best, usual diving and banter but couldn't cross that line losing 3-1 so match lost me next on the wrong side of a 3-2 again the big points in the 5th let me down tonight but hey ho great match so Ben last on to show us how its done 2-1 up i was assured by Tan and Latham ok to go for a shower Ben's got this only to find out he lost 3-2 unlucky pal, 3 x 3-2 need to start turning them round, good crack sound bunch of lads happy days can you all let me know who's available to play Thursday cheers

H2 v Monton 1

A guest appearance by our older & rounder Mr Ginger “I’ve had a good Christmas” Holland and a new first to report on. The whole team has entered the spirit of a gentleman’s sweep stake - based on Total team/game scores - result to be announced later !

Danny v Jon

Some great squash by our Danny boy - using the Haslingden boast to a tee but always going to be tall order against Jon.

Fighting spirit shown by Danny but went down 0-3

Simon w v Jez

I asked him to make sure he was still on court when I’d finished my pre-match poo - and so he was - one game down and one racket down !!! Ffs a lot of running with no return tonight for my little posh pal so that’s it all over 0-3

Chris v James c

Tried, ran, failed - only conciliation more points than the Mr B or Danny ! Not enough variety to worry this guy tonight - gutted at one point as ran flipping bollocks off - left the guy in the corner and still put it in the tin !! Argh

Simon B v James M

Some great banter on this court as our Mr B tried to put his opponent off and being the last game off the night - all to play for as match "w" would be awarded after this one. Simon ran and ran and produced some quality shots but never quite brought home the bacon, actually not even the rind, or even a faint sniff - unlucky pal 0-3

Simon H v Lewis

Dressed all in navy our man was looking pretty chipper - and set off like he had never been away. Puffing, panting, looking like he'd never get there but then somehow always did !! Blooming heck 12-10 win and we have a game on the board !! Could this be ... Lewis all at sea (navy reference) and what do you know Mr h has gone and shot his load over the bows and took game number flipping 2 !! 2-0 this isn't in the script (Baynesy already out of the sweep) Nothing to report in g3 other than Big Si was having a breather and leading this guy into deeper water. Ok he could swim - but we weren't to know !! Game down but now 2-2 with all to play for !!

Love the ginger lad for not playing too hard !!! Great example to all - well played Simon - game of the night so far even if you did lose 2-3

Big count up for total team score is 111 which means Si Holland is match card winner, with £5 on its way to him



and match "w" is appointed to Danny.



Next week could be number of minutes on court Xx

Team 3 report.

Sorry but I f'd up tonight, forgot to take a pic of the card so I'll try and name as many of the enemy as poss.

Away v Markland hill

I had high hopes for tonight as we should have won the first fixture but hey ho you know what thought did 🤔

Gary v Bruce

What a difference a week makes. Out with the anger and in with the calm ,composed and slightly more nimble captain underpants (just can't stop using it)

0-3

Unknown v John k

Ever willing and ever trying John battled hard. Playing through the man flu (I know your pain ☹)

Even so I think his opponent had a bit too much for him.

3-0

Ken v Steve

Flat as a bloody pancake.

Tonight, was Mr calm Steve.

To be honest a little bit of the fire cracker Steve would have helped.

3-0

Unknown v Chris

Can't comment on this too much as was marking the pancake ☐ on the other court. All I know is it didn't last too long.

Maybe a change of shorts would help. (It would help my eyes 🙄 😞)

3-0

Last up Bob v boss man.

New I was in bother when I lost the warm up "convincingly".

Never in it really but gave it my usual all along with many a loud grunt and mouthed obscenity.

3-0

As usual the crack was as good as it gets and the pizzas 🍕 were 👍. I'm off on my jollies now so a couple of weeks of not losing unless I lose the quiz🙄

Over to Bruce now.

Thank you and good night 😊

Hasi 4 vs Fairways 3

It's always good to get revenge for a defeat earlier in the season. In the corresponding home fixture, we happily reversed the result in our favour.

First up, making his Hasi 4 debut, the self-described ' bald skinny one from Ossie' played like a veteran. Aaron made it look easy in the first game, so much so that he eased off in the 2nd and went down 15-17 to Pasquale who can be a bit temperamental. All this is new to Aaron, especially people cheering him on from the balcony. In fact he didn't know if they were even his team mates. So, after a crash course in the corridor in team mind games between the 2nd and 3rd games he went out and came back with his debut win. Fantastic stuff, now it's up to the rest of us to build on it.

Alan next, playing young Tom Bailey formerly of this parish. Good close games but the energy and youth, not to mention skill , of Tom were just a little too much for Al.

So, 1-1 it is. Dave C playing the younger Bailey, Edward, hardly big enough to hold a racquet. Like most juniors Edward has been well coached and thus plays an orthodox game. The key is to be unpredictable against them, and to lob them if they are only 4' 6" tall. Dave did the business cleaning up 3-0, although he had to dig deep to get the second 19-17. Edward was a bit upset at the end but that's kids for you 🙄

So, we are 2-1 up. Who's going to bring home the bacon? Ray on court 2 or Derek on court 1? Surely one of us could do it

Ray came back from 2-0 down to take the 3rd game , if only he could take the 4th it was

game on. Not to be. Lost 1-3. Didn't see it so can't give you any great insight.

Unaware of how Ray was doing I thought I'd better crack on and get it over and done with. Bish, bash, bosh, 3-0, sorted, match won 😊

So, the Hasi 4 juggernaut rolls on, next week it's Markland Hill 3, another winnable match.

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