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So me again, I have decided management is not my thing, The Neil Warnock style is just not me and having an urge to resign on a Monthly basis, like a salmon feeling the need to swim upstreamFozzy you are back in the chair again next fixture for the thirds

A strangely surreal and flat atmosphere at the Pickup tonight, a lot of changes and new dynamics. Rochdale got there nice and early, and decided to get the moaning going early doors, we were told to be here for 7, bla bla. I told Helen to wrap up and get her shorts on and lets get it on That proper stumped her Without further a do ...

Hazzy Team 1 match report

Feeling tired and lonely tonight, so only a brief report. Hope I won't be this lonely next Thursday when its Valentines Day, but then again, I probably will...

The first team welcomed the not so posh Dingles from St Peters Centre, and ended up the wrong side of a 3-2 defeat (17-7 actually), but it could so easily have been the other way. Burnley brought back their numbers 1 & 2 who missed the first half fixture, and at the same time we lost our 1 & 2. Tom was cruelly struck down by a Pre-holiday calf injury, and Gordon was busy arranging the end of season do.

So here we go....

Tan Hussain v Jonny Lee (second string)

Some breathtaking rallies in this one, great retrieving from Tan, but eventually overwhelmed 11-9, 11-3, 11-9 by the left handed grinder who just kept running and running. Tan did much better in the third game when he realised he was playing a left hander, and then had much more success on Jonny's back hand, but sadly to no avail.

Simon Latham v Rob Wilson (third string) Performance of the night from the Clitheroe Cyclone (ok it was the only polite word I could find beginning with c) taking this one in the fifth 11-6, using all his renowned guile and stamina, against a sweet hitting opponent. Great to see you performing again on a Thursday Simon!

John Corteen v Martin Lowcock (first string) Disappointment of the night from the Silver Fox

With the game evenly poised at 1-1, and with me forging ahead 8-4 in the third, I mysteriously lost all control and threw that away 11-8. Still reeling from that loss, I succumbed 11-8 in the fourth too. A very dismal 3-1 defeat in a match I could easily have won.

Ben Nelson v Josh Riley (fourth string)

A difficult one for Ben to take, this one. He lost the first two games 11-4, 11-7, though I honestly believe he would have won the match had he taken the the third game, but unfortunately he was pipped 12-10 and a 3-0 defeat. I struggled to find Ben to console afterwards, but eventually located him curled in the foetal position on a settee, mumbling incoherently. You'll be back Ben, keep trying mate.

Simon Watkinson v Mick Hodgson (fifth string) A really solid performance from Simon giving a not so warm welcome back to one of our own, Gentleman Mick Hodgson, disposing of him 3-1 in a good quality match.

So it was a dismal defeat tonight, against a side we would normally hope to beat, no match next week, and need to sharpen up for a fortnights time.

H2 v dingles (crow wood 1st)

Aaron v mark

Welcome to H2 Aaron !!! Promoted to the Royal Marines of the H teams - none of this easy win stuff you're at the business end now!! Aaron showed why he has gone H4, H3 and now H2 - his running is something to watch - Mo Farah would struggle to keep up with our Aaron !! Highest boast in the league but who cares ! Lots of running lots of digging out but not to be against a very worldly wise Mark 0-3

Andy v nick

A stone lighter - coordinating kit - back from Scotland could MC-Wray do the unthinkable ?? This guy was super tidy and apparently a plus 2 golfer as well (so no summer challenge either !!) Andy volleyed, dropped an tan but not to be tonight 0-3

Simon v Kirk

What can you say about this leg end - he huffs and puffs and moves the panther round - but not to be tonight for our resident jigalow - perhaps too much pre match activity- who knows ?? Unfortunate 0-3 defeat but no match W tonight !!

Chris v James

According to Mr H - best Nuts performance to date !! Almost had the third losing 10- 12 so perhaps it is coming !! Anyway advantage of turning up early and changed means 5 pints down before the games have even finished !!

Simon v Chris

Big lad showing the way as usual - god he looks knackered was the comment in the gallery - knackered what do you mean I said thatâ€™s our Simonâ€™s A game !! And so it was yet again - ground out a game for H2 points - well played Simon. As per usual â€œa â€œ for effort just need to get past L for attainment!!!

Match achiever - Simon, match â€œwâ€ step forward mr Andy Wray saving Mr B

H3 V Rochdale (lost 1-4) or 5-17 if one prefers

Bruce V Helen 5 (0-3)

So Helen gets on court after a spot of moaning, and brings on a little shiny gold bag with her, I like a magpie I am intrigued. What's in the bag H ?, none of your business Which gets me more fixated with it, My mind is racingwhat could it be ?

First was close the others weren't, the biggest run was to the bag after to see what was in it, something elicit I think, she won that race too, kissed Nigel after. I've been up all night thinking what was in the gold shiny bag

Kieran v Richard (2-3)

Kieran was begging to get on as his handbrake (Mrs) was giving it the full verbal's about even thinking about playing out on Thursday, so I ignored him and went on first, mainly to shut Helen up A battle royale ensued (don't forget a stop at the garage and buy some crap flowers I thought).K makes a swoosh sound when he serves, I thought it was his raquet !!!!

Richy had a Wilson bat older looking than Dezza's collection , old faithful won him through but only just

Al v Craig (0-3)

Our own Danny Dyer was givin it the full banana my old son. Craig who is a strange fish, but class act was asking Al to give it the full Mike Reid Run around Unlucky son, don't think you would have won, if you had taken in a sawn off wiv ya

Wonder Walshy v John (3-0)

Walshy is now doing it on purpose, the outfits are getting more outlandish every week. I expect he will turn up with a bowl of fruit on his head shortly John very frustrated by Walsh wood, and asked if he going to use the strings tonight. Walshy had him a great win again, but my goodness illuminous, a bit like a Baynes , but with far less fabric coverage

JK v Nigel (0-3)

JK was just back from an Alpine break, when we were watching Walshy not sure what made my eyes water more Walshy gear or JK's herbal rub Tough gig this as the Mountie Nig (I thought he was Irish so I did) got his man, but not without some deft touches and flashes of JK. Nig then

gets a kiss from Helen, and I'm at the back trying to get a look in the little gold bag

H4

Lost 19-7 (4-1)

Over to Rochdale to play Mr Grumpy's team.

When we got there was surprised to find out he wasn't captain , even though he was playing.

Wonder how they managed to prise the clipboard out of his hands ?

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(Note: looking at the lineups it was tough to figure out who had the most OAPs on parade.

Eventually decided it was 3-3. Unfortunately their OAPs performed better on the night than ours did)

We played the match in regulation order so Dave C up first v Leo. A valiant effort by Dave but he just couldn't move Leo around enough to capitalise on his movement (or lack thereof). Lost 1-3. Ray v junior Kyle. Ray seemed to have the perfect tactical game plan. Lobbing juniors is always a good option. He cruised the first but then was the wrong side of 16-14 in both the next two games. Even Rays infamous corkscrew shot couldn't get the win. Nor his through the legs shot either. The 4th game was just as close but 15-13 to kid Kyle it was. So, a 3-1 loss but soooo close to a win .

Steve R v Alan, combined age 130+! Steve won the first , but then couldn't take advantage of Alan's slow turning circle and lost the next two. He came storming back in the 4th, maybe the match is not over yet..... C'mon Steve. Don't let you know who's marking get to you! Bummer. Lost 3-2.

Memo to self: When a new player beats you 3-0 in the box league play him above you in the team! He deserves it.

Trouble is I didn't think it was fair to pitch him in against old grumpy draws in his first ever match. Anyway after a 3 hour wait to get on court step forward Mr Mick Riley. Another refugee from Hyndburn he put everything into his first match for the mighty Hasi 4. Playing Eddie who gave Alan the runaround in the reverse fixture. Cracking performance, ran everything down, battered the ball to Kingdom come (shades of Dave O'Mara) , had to be warned for shouting (at himself) in the middle of rallies, this match had everything. Even though a 5th game would have been entertaining we were all delighted to see Mick claim his debut win 3-1. He will definitely feature in my next report.

Finally me (Derek) against Mr Grumpy, another 130 plus years of experience on show. Not sure how I lost and , yes , it smarts to lose to Mr Personality but lose I did , 3-0. I don't want to talk about it, am now going away to sulk.

So, the Hasi4 winning streak comes to a temporary end but as Arnie says " We'll be back!"

Winning and losing are both habits, biting your nails and picking your nose and eating it in public (acceptable when alone and no one is watching), are also nasty habits

Snap out of it lads