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A night of nearly, not quite and almost at home this week

In a season that feels that has been longer than Brexit, the end is in sight, and when you have all had a couple of weeks off you will have a Thursday shaped hole in your lives

Great spirit on display as always, and its infectious, turning the opposition into reasonable folk, or is it that we are a soft touch and they know the points are in the onion bag ?

In a night of firsts, Stevie was been explained to where Kazakhstan actually is on a map, played Malcy in a skirt /kilt.! John Keating of the deep heat perfume fame decided to show us all something new tonight

John your on

Get the racket/ wand out

Feel the strings.....

Semi jog to the top of the stairs

Get the racket somehow caught in the bannister.....

Snap the racket

Put Racket in bin

Repeat first few steps. !!!!!, Mind obviously elsewhere, get tattered, return gingerly upstairs avoiding any bannisters at all costs

The McVicker clan in disbelief, I'm afraid to say I was in a heap at the bottom of the stairs desperately trying to dry my eyes and shorts

See you next week

H1

Hassy I v total fitness Whitefield team report lost 20-5 another tough one great squash played by everyone tonight first up me against a chap that's beat me 3-1 twice took him to 3-2 but need to get on the right side plenty of positives next up Tim and performance of the night again wrong side of a 3-2 fantastic rallies and played in the proper manner unlucky pal well played next up Gordon to keep us in the running against possibly the best hitter in the league bare in mind he battered Gordon last time unfortunately loosing 3-1 but a massive improvement on the last game

so next up Tan the man biggest test so far some great squash so close to winning the second game could have been a game changer but not to be so last man John corteen it's not easy going on last massive effort as always but didn't fancy being Tony loosing 3-0 unlucky pal, next week crow wood away should be a cracker cheers lads and well played

H2 Marines v Cheetham Hill

Chris Walsh v Haroon

Does anybody else turn out like this lad ??? Super smart, nice cuff links, great quiff and moisturised face like a babies bum. Welcome to H2 marines Mr Walsh ! First game came and went without much to shout about - few words from Our very own Albus Dumbledore and what do know we have some of our own magic, game to Chris !!! Yes 1-1 !! Quick rub down by Mr B and reapplication of hair products - Chris is looking slick !! Obviously Mr Bâ€™s â€œœtlcâ€ at the interval played on Chrisâ€™s mind 2-11 (wtf) game on ! Always like watching the running men - what are they thinking ??? Rally, rally, rally - itâ€™s tiring just watching !! I think on steps alone Chris ran to Rossendale & back but Haroon just kept on finding the last touch. 1-3 no shame here - game on the board for H2 !! (22 points for Chris Quiff)

Dave v Matt

Silver surfer v young buck. Dave said the courts were hot (considering they were flipping freezing when we arrived the juryâ€™s out) one thing that was hot was matts retrieving. Dave tried all his worldly wisdom but it was not to beÂ 0-3 (20Â points though - not much chance of match w tonight I think !!)

Simon v mark

Turning circle off a 40 footer, glue on his shoes, our man has not started well. Some great touches from Simon if heâ€™s trying to put a nail in with a sledge hammer !! The pace this lad generates on his back hand is ridiculous - if we could get him off his back hand it would be blooming marvellous. Two down, cmon Mr B, go down blazing !!! Huffing, puffing but unfortunately not blowing the house down tonight - this little pig has definitely been roasted !Â 0-3 (13Â points match W ????)

Chris N v Stu

0-3 plenty of tin but to be honest not at bad as it could have been !!! Some lung busting rallies (my lungs not Chris Walshâ€™s) some flipping awful tin tins after working an opening (nothing new there) and not even Dumbledores magic dust (dandruff ???) could get me back in it. (15 points - 2 more than Baynesy)

Tom v Rick

Tough gig for our Tom - good to see him back though !! Running, dropping, tinning (yes I did say that !!) but not quite good enough. Even when Tom fad played a winner racing rick somehow

managed to get the flipping thing back !! 1-3 unlucky pal

Special mention to our Mr B - who had to phone for help whilst naked in the showers to get the water warm !!! Not what you want to see before tea but whilst on the subject of tea - worst one so far (boo) I think Si has posted it on ~~œ~~erate my plate€ so get clicking !!!

Also - although I tried my best to take tonight prize match W - Mr Baynes has cleaned up Again !!

H3

Team 3 report

Home v tame v 4

John k v Fiona

Not Johnâ€™s best night.

Didnâ€™t help by breaking his racquet in the stairs balustrade on his way down to start ðŸ˜³.

0-3

Bruce v Tony.

Donâ€™t know what Bruce was on tonight but it nearly paid off or should of.

2-0 up and the mind games were working a treat.

Then the tide turned and tony edged his way back in.

The mind games being reversed and some subtle alterations took it to 5.

Unfortunately couldnâ€™t see it through.

Another match that should of been ours.

2-3

Steve v Malcom (or mrs Malcom)not sureðŸ˜³

This is the best Steveâ€™s played all season and should of seen it through as he had the tactics right but I think the engine was struggling. (Maybe pizza before match not so good ðŸ˜¤)

1-3

Alan v Wayne

Great game this. Al took the first game comfortably then lost the next 2.

Al regained his rhythm in the 4th and took it to 5. In the 5th al took control and won out convincingly.

Great stuff al.

3-2

Me v Graham

This record is on repeat as again I proceed to play well then throw away advantages and opportunities against opponents who are good but not that good.

I go to my pit disappointed AGAIN ☺.

Another good night with good opposition who played in the right spirit.

Thank you and good night ☺

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H4

Lost 14 points to 8. Close match.

We travelled far and wide and then further again to get to the land known as Tame Valley. Why they don't play in the Yorkshire league I'll never know.

By 7:10 pm we had all 5 players there! Wish we could manage that at home ☺.

When we got there the lovely Amanda told us that they should have had a really strong team out tonight , but couldn't because of the league rules about who could play in the last 3 matches of the season. Shame ☺. Of course we were gutted for them and offered our sincerest condolences.

#5: Dermot stepped into the breach when I put out a call for reinforcements. Playing Walter it was a very tight match even though the score was 0-3 to Walter. Both players could have won it , scores were even in all the games until Walter pulled away in the last few points. Thank you Dermot.

#4: Steve playing Lee who looked a handy player in the knock-up, but he flattered to deceive. 1-0 to Steve, then 2-1 to Steve. He definitely played the best I've seen him for some time. Now it's 2-2 and all to play for in the final game. Aaaargh,Â 15-12Â to Lee. Agonisingly close.

#3: Danny. What can I say?

Lessons learned

1. Don't drink 6 pints the night before a match
2. Don't go orienteering before those 6 pints

3. Don't let Ben Nelson run you round a court 48 hours before a match
4. Don't listen to Derek between games

#2: Derek v 'the lovely Amanda'

3 close games but I won 3-0 coming back from 6-12 down to win the 3rd. And it pisses me off that after a 3-0 win I bet I lose ranking points and Amanda gains some. Grrrrrr.

#1: Mick v Tony. Mick was always in control. Close games but Mick had another gear to call on if needed (which it wasn't). 3-0 to Mick, no fuss, no bother.

So, overall we didn't quite have enough , thank God TV didn't have the strong team that they could have put out. (Yeah right).

Good effort by the boys, only 2 matches to go, both winnable.

Sent from Derek on behalf of Haslingden Squash Club