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Whilst not playing Thursday nights and Friday Mornings have become are a complete joy, watching the Hasi massive at home, all 4 teams without exception showing great comradery and playing the game in the spirit it should be played with effort like you rarely see and then waiting for the reports to come in overnight, great start to the day and Hasi 1 securing another victory 2<sup>nd</sup> in 3 weeks means they are well and truly back in the mix. As you read the reports you will note the amount of 3-2s that we managed to win, that gents is the difference – its not a Black Friday for the Hasi Massive !

May the Force be with us ☺

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### **Hasi 1 away to Monton 2**

Won 3-2 16-10

Since our run of defeats and having sat at the bottom of the table for a short stint, this was a must win game, no pressure. 6 pointer as it were Our last visit here was a passing soiree- over by 8.30 bish bash bosh- not this time as we got to sample the food- winning! 🍻

First up the ever-punctual Simon Latham at 5 vs Simon Hall, for relegation strugglers, their number 5 seemed pretty handy. Slow start by simon and a few dubious marking decisions meant he was 2 down, a few wise words from Gordy- who would have thought it ☺ and Si L takes the 3<sup>rd</sup> comfortably.

The 4th was a tight affair and every 50/50 marking decision not going our way- 9-4 down. Simon with a big push manages to secure a game ball- unfortunately with the front wall

beckoning having carved an opportunity- he hit the tin ☺- arrrgh- went on to lose 3-1- unlucky fella but a foundation to work from

### Next up Gordy at 2 vs ash - won 3-2

He managed to bring his favourite racket today. Another slow start in the first and too many unforced errors losing it 11-8. I( Captain Tan ) told Gordy to lengthen the rallies in the second- tight affair

with Gordy snatching at the easy ones - lost it 14-12.

So 2-0 down but it was obvious that the second game took more out of ash than it did Gordy. Cometh the hour cometh the man- Gordy chased down everything from here on in- ash

wilted under the pressure- took the next 3, ash had to feign injury ☺. Ground out a 3-2- cracking result and back in the mix- note to Gordy- could you try and not give the

other guy a 2-0 head start- bloody giving me a cardiac on the balcony!!!!

### Next up John 'savage' Corteen vs Ian Nuttall 3-1

So with the match poised at 1 apiece, our very own Robbie savage gets on court. Took the first comfortably - Ian not going for anything which involved having to move, the second went in the same vein. So 2-0 - cruising here, the third game got ugly - ian complaining of having to go the long way round and getting touched up more than ( **EDIT !** ) . All got a little tetchy and poor marker having to get involved. Rackets flew and it began to go Pete Tong. John exclaims- he's bloody dangerous Ian takes the 3rd 11-9. Gordy going down to speak to john- not sure if he said to touch him up more or not. Both Ian and John appeared on court and shook hands- for a minute I thought he'd conceded. John continued to push Ian's buttons in the 4th but also playing the better squash. Eked out an 11-8 and won the match 3-1. Not sure Johns on ian xmas card list. johns' thoughts on the game were- 'i was fighting fire with fire'- I'm pretty sure that's a quote out of Robbie savages biography.

### Next up Tim vs Scott 3-1

With adrenaline running high, Tim steps on with the ever-steady metronome of solid lengths and the quirky boast at the front. Measured in the first game taking it 11-9. Had a bit of a wobble in the second losing it 11-7. Tight 3rd game but Tim doing enough to take it 11-9. On the brink now. Sealed it in the 4th taking it 11-6- match winning performance- well done fellas!

So match won - the best position to be in when going on court

### Lastly me vs Ben Gibson

Good job the team had already won as my miserable run continues. Not helped by dodgy marking again but wouldn't have changed the outcome. Took the first but couldn't quite gain a foothold in the other games- managed a few rolling nicks and a fake though- eeked out the match w award by one-point. Cracking win by the team - Monton are a miserable bunch so it was good to get a win - right

## **H2 Marines v Rochdale 3**

So earlier on in the season We had already lost against Rochdale 4 so the stats were not in our favour - however .....

### Simon B v Helen

On his new veggie diet our man was determined to be the athlete of the evening and set off with an enthralling, seesawing of a game, coming out the right side of 13-11. Game two was even better, Helen had no answers 11-8 so into the third. An unusually calm and polite Mr B had completely forgot his match winning way and went down 9-11 so he needed some tactics. Much to the gallery's amusement - Wider Simon was an instruction and not a comment about our man's stature - but he seemed to take both comment in his stride and we have our first match on the

board. 3-1

### Andy W v Craig

Well this lads outfit put Andy to shame. Looked more like he had come straight off the beach with Timmy Mallet minus the sunnies - it's a surprises he got through passport control with those shorts ! Andy played some great shots and was even given a compliment of "he's so graceful - like a division 2 player" don't know which Division 2, but hey ho on with the show. ! Andy lost 0-3 but if we had kept going - by game 6 he would have been on it. You see he lost 7-11,8-11,9-11 we just needed 3 more games - unlucky pal

### Mick v John

Game of the night to watch. Two puffing locos never knowing when to hit the buffers and stop. Micks sheer determination to try and break a racket each week is outstanding and how they don't is even more surprising!! 11-7,11-9 Mick is on his way or so we thought - gig awaiting, early finish required so roll on game 3 oh and 4 and 5 .... more running than Gordy when it's his round, more diving than Tom Daley but alas not to be finally losing 10-12. Noisy, sweaty and What a game to watch well done chaps

### Simon W v Rich

First impressions were this guy is fast for a big lad - how often we think it when we are up top - but I wonder what they think about us !!! Looking like the cross over love child of labour MP Jonathan Ashworth & Tin Tin our resident loser needed a blooming victory this week !!! The match had already gone away from H2 this week by the time Watty got on - so his instructions were simple - enjoy & win - simple, so immediately lost the first (ffs) quick rub down by fellow ex-posh boy Mr B and what do you know Simon is skipping his way through 2-1 up. Lost the plot in the fourth but eventually came out a very worthy winner and yes my little matey you can now tell the Missus that match "w" next to your name really does mean winner !!

### Chris v Karl

Always going to be a tough gig - but we tried !! First game as per usual, shock and awe tactic and almost took it even had a game point at 10-9 but still managed to lose 12-14. Well that was close I thought, more of the same required, but this time is was shock & tin no blooming awe at all !!! So could I manage to salvage a moral boosting point - nope, lost the third 9-11 so that's it 0 - flipping - 3

Match "w" was awarded to Andy after a card playoff with yours truly, just one point in !!! Simon's Caterpillar boxers would have looked more at home on my one year old grandson & Nicola (The Station) how dare you change the wrapper on the pies - Derek and I went for the usual black base = peppered steak, oh my god - this now equals veggie mince !!!!! True pie was later located, and I can now tell you ladies & gents, grey is the new black !!

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### Team 3 report away to Rochdale 6

The hassy 3 train gaining momentum.

### Adam (J) v Steve 0-3

Sorry to say there's not much to say here I was marking the other court. Match lasted possibly 10-15 mins and the lad had to forfeit due to illness.

### **Aaron v Andy Parton 1-3**

Aaron wanted me to highlight the fact that he beat a former division 1 player. A bold boast if only he'd played him 20 years and 5 stone ago ☺. Unlucky son Sorry arn you got the sloppy seconds ☺☺

As for the match it was a classic encounter of skill v youth and persistence. Andy had all the shots but Aaron as ever never gives up and literally ran Andy into the ground

### **Max v Saul 0-3**

I saw only a bit of this as I was still marking Aaron ,but from what I saw it was another training session as max is another of the Rochdale conveyor of juniors. Not much of a contest.

### **Simon Rushton v boss man ( that's Simon F as if you didn't know ) 3-0**

If I could I'd give myself a right kick up the arse.  
A poor performance by my own standards but taking nothing away from my opponent.

### **Eddie Hamilton v Chris 3-2**

Again, I missed most of this and joined it in the decider. 2-0 up and cruising was the jist of the first half of the match. Not sure what happened but the wheels got a wobble then eventually fell off.

Ended up losing

Probably didn't help knowing he'd left his wallet at work. What anyone could do with the moths I don't know ☺♂☺

We had a good night tonight with an excellent bunch.

Also Rochdale's juniors however inferior conducted themselves perfectly unlike others we have met this season.

**Hasi 4 ( Development team !) vs Rochdale 5** Captain Mills Am rushing out to buy a lottery ticket. On Wednesday I said we would win 3-2, with victories at numbers 1,4 & 5.

Bingo! We have a winner, mystic Mills does it again.

### **#3: Bruce v Dave Britton.**

God he's keen. Dave was on the balcony at 6pm raring to go. We made him wait until 6.30 anyway.

He runs and runs and just got everything back. Doesn't look any good but he's clearly doing something right. Bruce might as well not have been there at 6.30 as he didn't start playing until the 2nd game at 6.45. Now things are moving in the right direction. 1-1 and then it all goes to pot in the 3rd. 4th game and the real Bruce resurfaces to make it 2-2. Final game and Dave open's up an early lead and keeps it, Bruce down 2-3.

So we are 1 down and there's nobody else there from Rochdale yet. 7.20 and the Dawson family turn up.

### **#5: Ray v the lovely Samantha**

Sam is clearly her dad's daughter, no doubt about that. The first two games were tight affairs, but Ray just had the edge. She then threw an epic wobbler in the third and final game and virtually downed tools. Ray took full advantage to close it out 15-6.

So now we are 1 apiece.

### **#4: Chris Farr v Kyle**

Kyle is a tall junior who took both the first two games. So, Chris is up against it. But Kyle is known to be a bit flaky temperamentally and it started to show. He also has a forehand far superior to his backhand, something which it took Chris a while to capitalise on. Chris pulled back the third and then the fourth, so game on! In the final game he was cruising at 12-4 (I think) and Kyle got it back to 10 before Chris grabbed the initiative back to win 3-2. Nice one, 2 from 2, great introduction to Hasi team squash.

### **#2: Derek v Eddie**

What can I say? Too young, too fast, arms too long, .....think I've been here before. Lost 0-3. The only consolation is that Chris Dawson only called me once for foot-faults.

### **Now it's 2-2, all to play for.**

### **#1: Danny v Grumpy Chris Dawson.**

I've used this before but am going to use it again.

### **"Cometh the hour, cometh the DAN".**

Chris bamboozled Danny with his lob serves in the first. But Danny began to get to grips with them. It was clear that if Danny could only get in the rally, he could win it. And one way to deal with Dawson's lob serves is to get hand-out and don't let him serve. Danny began to overpower him and Chris visibly tired. For some reason he stopped lob serving and drove some, no idea why. Try as I might call Chris for any foot faults despite Bruce's urging. Danny finished with a flourish in the 4th 15-3. Job done; match won.

Yet again my boys have carried me over the winning line and importantly we defeat one of the better teams to allow Hasi 3 to extend their lead .

Next week get your passports ready, we're off to deepest darkest Oldham to seek out Tame Valley. If we're not back by Saturday, please sound the alarm.

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