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Another Great week and signs of Progress - Hasi 1 whilst losing managed valuable points against a team where we got none last time - the H2 marines took Crow Wood by storm with Corporal Nuttall playing first so he could feed on Peroni, Hasi 3 steam roller moves on ably supported by Hasi 4 " The Development team 😊 "

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Hasi 1 vs Total fitness Whitefield 1 - Lost 5-0 or 20-5

So, the snowflakes licking our wounds after a chastening experience at bottom of the table dingles.

No easy games in div 3 - straight into tfw- who duly panned us 20-0 in the reverse fixture
Onto the report

First up Si latham vs Mac- lost 3-0

Tough first game back of the year for Si l. Mac doesn't seem the flashiest of players but is fit and plays a solid game- proved too much for Mr l- lost 3-0

Next up Me vs Luke Bentley Lost 3-2

No real flow to the game as luke went off the boil on several occasions. Managed to nick 2 games but lost 3-2. On the plus side avoided match w this week!!

Next up Tim vs Andy

Lost 3-0

The score line doesn't tell the whole story here - 2 of the games ended up 11-9- if Tim managed to nick one of them i feel there would have been an upset here. Andy aware of the threat and stayed focused in the third to close it out.

Next up Young Fin Mc vs Mark Campbell

Lost 3-2

Game of the night this, along with fin being player of the night. Nip and tuck throughout - in front of a filled balcony. A hugely entertaining 5 game thriller. Fin managed to take the final game to a tie break coming from 10-7 down. Unfortunately couldn't quite close it out - 12-10 in the fifth- the relief on marks face clear to see. Best I've seen him play- well done fella.

Last up Dad McVicker against Nick Blocksidge

Lost 3-1

I always marvel at how effortless Nick is at playing squash- turns out he's been playing

since he was 6- it shows.

Tom kept him honest and actually made him get out of first gear - valuable point that as nick is no mug.

So, although a 5-0 loss a dogged performance by everyone. 5 valuable points which is infinitely better than the reverse fixture.

Next up top of the league Monton 1 ☹. No easy games in this division.

H2 Marines v Crow wood away

So, a quick look round at this week's team and yes sir me - a result should be on the cards. A shaven colonel Saunders, me ,Beno, Andy (2 from 2 in the first team) Wray and our little boy blue, captain fantastic- Simon "le small" Watkinson. First up me - as although John, Simon and I were at Crow wood THE opposition certainly were not !!

Chris v Craig 11-5, 11-9, 11-1

Oorah !!! Nuts on mission ! First game went fairly quickly with nothing to report. Second game a tadge too close with yours truly trying to make a game of it. However game 3 provided entertainment - with some great disguised shots that would have kept Inspector clueso guessing - Craig had no answers match won 3-0. Onto my next match #notdriving #peroniondraught

Simon W v Jason

8-11, 11-3,12-10,11-8 winner !

Not quite sure What happened to our "capitan" in the first game. Adjusting to the light, temperature and probably the marking !!! Yes big John with his new marking app (wtf!!) so we needed a marker to watch the marker ! (It must have been a free download - surely no-one would have paid for it !!) anyway quick team talk with Mr Tactics and what do you know 11 chuffing 3 get in !! Games 3&4 were tighter than they needed to be but our little boy blue (blue shirt & trainers) brought home the result !!

Ben v Carl 5-11, 9-11, 8-11

Carl can be an awkward customer to play and Ben found that tonight - not quite at the races and probably a little bit too self-critical - this guy is no fool. Unlucky pal

Andy (not lost in the firsts) Wray v Richard young blood 5-11, 11-3, 11-5, 10-12, 9-11

The one that got away - unlucky Andy !!!

Playing a big, tall, young guy Andy needed to out play his opponent and for times he was simply mesmerising - moving his guy all over the court. Unfortunately, our man didn't bring home the bacon as expected so we nervously awaited our 1st team lend to H2 Marines Mr C or would we have been better with the panther (aka Baynesy!!!)

John v Gavin 5-11,6-11, 11-6,11-7, 11-3

It's not often we let Snowflakes play for us so tonight John had to stand his ground like a Marine - tall, strong & not giving up !! 2-0 down and very unlike a 1st teamer reduced to playing for the seconds !! Quick team talk by 5 pints Nuttall and a whole new sense of believe had retuned - even after some blatant gamesmanship from Gavin to try and put of our man - it was clear John "marine" Corteen had was having none of it !! Get in !! No more Mr nice accountant more like Mr ruthless HMRC tax take barsteward had turned up. Lots of let's, lots of strokes and in fairness Bens best game by far tonight - as a marker !! - game won - match won !! Mr C take a bow- grey haired super sub - a very valid and welcome member of H2!!

Team 3 report home v crow wood.

Aaron v Glyn

Aaron needed a break for his knees, and he got it as this was total domination from start

to finish. 3-0

AJ v Dave

AJ played a very mature match against an opponent whom because he couldn't run wanted to drop and lob everything.

Not happening tonight as AJ's speed negated everything. Well done 🍊

3-0

Simon B v Phil Barlow

I would like to give si some superlatives about his win tonight but after telling all my mates in the pub I was crap tonight before I turned up ☹ I'm afraid I can't.

He was scrappy, extremely lucky and looked like he was dressed for a funeral. 🙄

3-1

Mick Riley v Paul

Match of the night this.

2 guys going at it full throttle with no quarter given but plenty of complementing each other (think a bit of a bromance was blooming. 🤔)

Extremely entertaining with micks' outbursts (strangely always after he won a point🤔)

RIP roaring affair 3-2

Me (Si foster if you've not been keeping up with the series) v Michael Rigault

Not that we in the thirds follow all the goings on of the marine corps that is the 2nds, but I earned a match W tonight.

Thoroughly gutted letting my team down 🙄

No excuses just didn't perform. Fortunately, only cost us a point.

Should of been a clean sweep but I'll take 20-5 all day and the Hassy 3 train is rolling along nicely

Hasi 4 away to Total Fitness Whitefield

Won 4-1 (18 points to 7)

Dismayed to see that after 3 years they still haven't fixed the leaky roof. In fact, it's been going on so long the floor has started to rot where it drips.

Fortunately, it's near the back-centre glass door so isn't an issue very often.

And it's so noisy that you can't hear the marker. I nearly lost my voice; you have to shout the score and then repeat it anyway when one of the players says "Eh?"

But apart from that the courts are nice and lively.

#4: Derek v Christian.

Made hard work of what should have been a routine 3-0. Annoyed to drop a game.

#1: Dave Scurlock v Mike

If there were any rallies in this match, then I missed them. Mike matched Dave drop for drop, lob for lob. It was like watching someone play himself.

(Note what I skilfully avoided saying there).

Dave was 2-0 up and then lost to make it 2-2, so I went for a shower confident he would win 3-2. Of course, he did.

#5: Chris v Ryan (J)

Playing at 5 Chris gets more than his fair share of juniors, but fresh from the ski slopes he cruised serenely to a 3-0 win.

Played 4, Won 4. Need to find him some more juniors to play.

#2: Steve M v Mark

Steve went on court still grumbling about his box league loss earlier in the week.

It was one of those nights.

Both players were extremely grumpy, mostly with themselves I have to say, or in Steve's case, with the back wall. It's a good job it's reinforced glass.(Or it might have been my marking 😏)

Lost 1-3. Go away, regroup and come back calmer next time.

#3: John K v Zafir

Match won so no pressure. Zafir was better than his ranking suggests, and he made John work for it. A tight 3-0 win if there is such a thing.

It's the first time this season John hasn't shed blood for the cause.

A solid win, 18 points keeps us near the top.

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