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Hasi 2 vs Fairways lodge 2 at home

With our usual marine literary **laureate** on 2 weeks political correctness mandatory training I (Skipper Watkinson) am stepping in to report on another winning week for the Hasi marines.

Andy vs Lexi

Sadly, I missed this. A tricky opponent who has had victories against other marines in previous seasons she narrowly beat Andy in each of the 3 games they played. His attire tonight looked fairly bland. I think we need to go back to luminescent regalia! 8-11, 7-11, 7-11.

Fin vs Neil

Again a player that has success against us in the past. Young Fin, with a swagger about his step tonight, was far too quick and strong for Neil. Some of the pick-ups at the front of the court were divine. A solid win 11-9, 11-5, 11-6

Si W vs Mike

You know that any game where the opponent says, 'I was going to hit it up his arse' (having previously been hit in the arse) must have been feisty. With some questionable marking decisions (or lack of decision) this game could have gone either way. Fortunately, I just about managed to hang on to win 12-10, 9-11, 15-13, 10-12, 12-10.

Ben vs Rob

Cool, calm and collected, in stark contrast to the preceding game, Ben combined length, solid boasts and drops to comfortably win the first 2 games. I went for a shower safe in the knowledge the match was in the bag. Get back and Ben has lost the 3rd and the opponent is having a go at the 14-year-old marker telling him he must have seen enough of the game to know better. He's 14?!? Anyway, Ben stayed calm and finished the game well to get us over the line. 11-9, 11-6, 9-11, 11-7

Si L vs Josh

Missed the first 2 games as was watching Ben but seemed that Si was keen on giving the opponent a fighting chance by letting him win the first 2 games. He comfortably won the 3rd. Si then looked at the clock and realised it was 9.55. Aware that we had already wrapped up the match and keen not to keep the leisure centre staff there after 10 he generously let Josh win the 4th. Very magnanimous. Always thinking of others. A true marine quality. 3-11, 8-11, 11-7, 8-11

So 3 consecutive wins since the turn of the year. Let's keep the run going!!!

Fairways vs Table toppers Hasi 3

AJ. Up against one of the Fairways juniors. Fella had some decent shots. Not really able to keep up with our man though in the 1st 2 games. AJ played a game of straight forward squash - nothing fancy, good movement and barely got out of 2nd gear. 3rd game their man came out fighting which made it a little more interesting but AJ wasn't having any of it and fought back. Our man ultimately ran out a straightforward enough 3-0.

Aaron, up against Si Fosters little friend..... Aaron took the 1st and there hadn't been any tears then I went on the other court for a bit of a warm up so was looking good. I didn't hear many tantrums, but it sounds like the games were fairly close. In Aaron's post match

analysis, it probably shouldn't have been. Maybe he was going at a bit. In any case, Hasi ran out a 3-0 winner against the whipper snapper.

Me up at 3 against Gerry. AJ on marking duties rated it as fairly decent with some sloppy shots thrown in for good measure. 3-0 win without too much stress. To be honest, I was happy that i stayed totally calm when i was down in the games and played some decent squash.

Match won..... now for some more points

Simon B on against Mark McKee. 1st game goes to Mark - should have been tighter but for the tin.... quite a few of them.

All the games were tight with some really cracking squash. 2 games down but our man isn't giving up. Takes the 3rd and a comeback may be on the cards. Alas it wasn't - 3-1 loss.

Last up, Mick against Chris Hilley. I came out if the showers and our man was 1 down. 2nd game went worse with Mick hitting a number of sloppy shots and being out played. 3rd, he comes back fighting. Much more like what we expected. Tiring him and moving him around more. Much more effective. Takes the 3rd..... comeback is on?? Takes the 4th..... we're into a decider and their man is complaining of an injury. surely, it's in the bag???

Erm.... and the award of Match W. goes to..... Mr Riley. 2 valuable points though and the wheels keep turning.

The boss should be pleased.

Haslingden 4 v Cheetham Hill 3

Won 18 points to 6 (3-2)

On first at #3 Derek v Paul. I've played Paul before and knew I should beat him , but things don't always go to plan do they?

Well tonight they did. Not the best of games, no great rallies but a solid 3-0 win.

At #5, Ray v Frenchie. I didn't get to see much of this game but saw most of the 3rd where Ray was pulverising his opponent. An easy 3-0 .

Ray said he wanted to get it over and done with while he still had all his limbs attached. I'm sorry I missed the excitement now.

At #1, Dave v Gary. Professor Scurlock was his usual self. All the games were to double figures , but you just must admire how long Dave holds off before he actually plays the ball. Gary said afterwards he had not got a clue what to do, but he really enjoyed it. Obviously a masochist.

So, match won, 3-0 up, 9 games to nil. What could possibly go wrong?

At #2, John v Zwi. For those of you who have never had the pleasure, Zwi is, shall we say, unorthodox. He has no backhand. By that I don't mean his backhand is weak. It's non-existent, he has two forehands, one for each side.

Putting that aside, John won the first comfortably, lost a tight second one, and then lost the third as well. Time for a comeback, 15-11 in the fourth. All to play for in the final game, but not tonight Josephine. But if you are going to lose make sure it's 2-3, cos those 2 points might make all the difference at the end of the season. Great effort John, he's not an easy opponent.

Finally, at #4, Bruce v Volve. Bruce cruised to a 2-0 lead. But Volve is a curious player, he keeps running, and he always has that slight sense of not knowing what he is really doing. After winning the 3rd he clouted Bruce's racquet hand in the 4th. Bruce played on but it looked like it hurt. He was always playing catch up after that and went down 2-3. But still 2 points gained meaning 18 points for the match.

Cheetham Hill beat our 3rds in the first half so that's a good win by my boys. Great result and a hefty point haul.

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