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Another fine week for the Hasi 2,3 and 4 and Hasi 1 have their hardest 2 fixtures out of the way allowing concentration on main objectives for the year

Hasi 1 - Stay in Div 3
Hasi 2 - promotion or safety
Hasi 3
Hasi 4 - stability and player development -

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Hasi 1 vs Monton 1
Lost 20-1

Short report today as the action was over by 9. Early bath for all of us

First up fin at 5 vs john mcdonald

Lost 3-0

Fin played well but the squash ball was a hot potato which he couldn't quite control. Kept him honest but lost.

Next up si l vs jez boardman

Lost 3-0

Si was close to nicking one here but jez berating himself after every winner- eeked out a 3-0.

Tim vs James at 2

Started with a bit of needle this game with each of em planting the ball at each other- although i have to say Tim's was more accidental than james. Too fit for our man and downed 3-0.

Next up Me (Tan) vs Lewis

Lost 3-0

Supposedly lazy but had enough to beat me. Joint match w with Tim.

Last up Tom mc vs James cray

Lost 3-1

Tom went in all guns blazing- Simon L marking felt the wrath. Got under james skin who always looks so depressed. Tom played well and took a game. Couldn't quite turn it into a match win as James pulled away in the last game.

So, a drubbing but everyone put a shift in and i can ask no more. On the plus side- Monton didn't stay for food- must have been something we said- no bother - double pie helpings for everyone!

Hasi 2 vs Markland Hill 2 away

First time many of us had been to Markland Hill. Turns out they don't understand the need for people to park and after we all turned around on Peter Kay's drive (apparently he's too busy to join the club) and parked in the next postcode we arrived already warmed up. Maybe it should be a new team policy to park 30 min away from the game to ensure we're all ready and raring to go?

Mick R vs Ken

When I played Mick on Tuesday, he reported his new shiny white shoes were causing him hip problems. When I asked why he was wearing them again tonight he informed me he'd worked out it wasn't the shoes that caused the problems but the fact he'd been walking around with concrete hanging on to his feet. Who'd have thought? Anyway, there was no sign of hip problems tonight. Mick comfortably outplayed Ken in the first 2. Lost a bit of concentration in the 3rd but after a quick chat from skipper he nailed the 4th. 11-9, 11-7, 10-12, 11-4

Si W vs Curtis

A young, tall lad with boundless energy and a long reach Curtis caused me problems and didn't stop running but I managed to scrape over the line. 11-6, 9-11, 11-7, 11-9.

Andy vs Neil

I have little doubt there is a direct correlation between the luminescence of Andy's kit and his performance. Whilst last week there was a certain blandness to his attire, and he wasn't at his best this week I was reaching for the sunglasses and he played far better. First game 6-2 up and cruising he went on to lose 11-7. Realising he was missing a key part of his kit the bandana was added. Key moment!! Andy then smashed the next 3 games 11-9, 11-7, 11-9

Ben vs Pete

Ben was realising that we had taken a key decision not to break the hearts of the opposition and give them a game each (marine values). Ben opted to give the game away first up and then absolutely annihilate Pete with a combination of lobs and drops. 7-11, 11-4, 11-4, 11-5

John vs John

People of the same name should not be allowed to play against each other. 'John to serve' doesn't work. Confusion ensued. Our John turned up coughing and spluttering. Looked like coronavirus to me. Given the NHS email I received this week I then spent time ensuring he hadn't visited Wuhan recently, hadn't been in contact with people from mainland China and spent the rest of the night keeping at least 3 meters away from him at all times. I'd advise no one be in contact with him for the 14-day incubation period. For a man carrying coronavirus John moved rapidly round the court. There were some incredible rallies with him chasing the ball down like a terrier! Having won the first comfortably he remembered marine values so opted to lose the 2nd and then won the next 2. 11-6, 7-11, 11-8, 11-8

Great effort again and still unbeaten in 2020. Let's keep it up!!

Team 3 report home v Rochdale 5.

Birthday boy AJ v Andy Lewis

AJ was promoted to 4 tonight due to first come first on and he didn't let us down. Very calm a mature performance against a guy who made it difficult with his lack of pace on the ball.

3-1

Si B v Andy Parton

Andy is no mug by any distance despite the tonnage. Si took the first game and job was looking good but (and by Andy's admission after) Andy changed tactics and the pace of the game. Unfortunately, it took Si too long to adapt.

1-3

Steve M v Sam Dawson

This was a stuffing. Steve was (and it's me to say it ☹️) imperious in his destruction of Mr Grumpy's daughter whom was there tonight watching. Only blip was taking his foot off the gas in the 3rd to make it look better than it should of.

3-0

Me v Kyle Mills (J)

Straight off the plane an afternoon in bed to shrug off the jet lag and back in the horse. What do I get, another grumpy teenager who can run, to be fair he can play. The game hinged on the third which I lost on tie break after having game points.

1-3

Aaron v Eddie

The decider and revenge was in the air as Eddie did for Aaron in the reverse fixture. A cracker of a game where neither player left anything on court. Lots of running and no wish to go to 5. A very tight 4th game saw plenty of oohs and aaahs from the gallery and even a glimpse of a smile from Mr Grumpy himself (that's Chris Dawson for those not in the know) saw Aaron bring home the victory.

3-1

A hard fought but enjoyable match that keeps the us top and rolling along nicely 👍😊.

St Peters 3 vs Hasi 4 A comfortable win, 5-0, 20 points to 2

Bottom of the league and possibly weaker than normal we SHOULD have hammered them, and we certainly did! But you still must put in the effort and make sure you come away with maximum points and everybody did. Great team performance.

Dave C v Dominic.

#5: Dave was clearly at least twice as good, but as we all know sometimes it's not easy to play well in that situation. Dave wasn't happy with the first two games, despite winning, but he sorted things out in the 3rd to win 15-5. That's more like it.

Chris v Alex.

As he's undefeated so far this was a good chance to ease Chris higher up to the heady heights of #3. It didn't matter, he's still undefeated. Next time might have to give him my spot at #2. A straightforward 3-0 win.

#1: Dave v Keith.

Dave arrived saying he had just been struck down by the lurgy in the last 3 hours, but he would soldier on. What a trooper. I'm never quite sure how hard Dave is trying cos he can make it look so easy. First two games 15-10 to Dave. He never crushes people (apart from me in our box league game, must be something I said ☹️). Keith kept on running and managed to take the next two games. Was the lurgy taking its toll? Or was Dave figuring that a good run might kill off

the lurgy? Final game and Dave won by a healthy margin, even though he didn't feel healthy.

So , having won he said he was going home to bed with a hot toddy (☺ at least I think that's what he said).

#4: Steve R v Jon.

Steve and Jon are old compadres from Blackburn and Steve has beaten Jon probably more times than he can remember. So, it was quite a surprise to see that Jon is not quite the player he remembered. Jon pushed hard and played shots we haven't seen from him before. Steve squeaked the 1st, held the second more comfortably and then took the 3rd in a more dominant fashion. Another 3-0 on the card.

#2: Derek v Eric

I have had some fine battles with Eric over the years. He is a master of gamesmanship. Asking for impossible lets, slowing down to get his breath back, asking the score 3 times to get his breath back, deliberately lining up on the wrong side of the court to get his breath back. You get the picture?

But he's lost a lot of fitness and I was able to win the rallies quickly enough that he didn't really have chance to get out of breath.

In fact, he was quite well behaved. 3-0. Done.

A good maximum point win , so on we march up the table.

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