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On a week I rang the Fairways lodge contingent following their complaint to ease any angst and unjust feeling they clearly had and whilst in our opinion an unnecessary complaint further demonstrate the Hasi way is to play fair and have a great time whilst doing it – Solid team spirit just flows through all our teams and with clear development of players and the juniors – it's a good place to be.

Another good week for the Hasi Massive as the Green shoots of spring start to show through and the charge continues for all teams with some stunning demonstrations of the Hasi spirit at last getting the right side of a 3-2 to change the outcome – it's never a lost cause (even the snowflakes seem to be a little more resilient – lets hope its not just a false dawn) 7 matches left for Hasi **7 matches to get Hasi 1 out of Danger, Hasi 2 back at the top, Hasi 3 promoted and Hasi 4 “ Developing “**

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Hasi 1 vs Bury 1

Won 3-2 - 16-10

First up fin at 5 vs Steve Won 3-0

Fin taking time out of his holiday to play - he's eager! Continuing where he left off last time- mature squash and set a solid foundation. The youth policy set us off to a flying start. 3-0 bish bash bosh.

Next up me at 1 vs Beano

Lost 3-0

Apparently, he'd hurt his shoulder, here's me thinking I'm in with a sniff here. Turns out he doesn't need his shoulder to give me a lesson. Sent me the wrong way at every given opportunity in front of a full balcony. On the plus side no bagels



Next up Tom at 4 vs dan

Won 3-1

Sporting his leggings today- slow start but took the first. Comfortable in the second. Lost his way in the third putting everything on dans volley. Looked down and out in the fourth but came roaring back from 8-2 down- well played fella👏

Tim at 3 vs Paul cygler

Won 3-2

So, with the win in sight Tim steps on against paul. Dressed in all black paul took the first capitalising on some feeds from Tim. The second went a similar way. 2-0 down😞😞😞

A few choice words from sensei Dave and tom mc- he managed to get paul moving and took the third-game on. No looking back now as Tim took the fourth. The fifth was a procession having worked paul too hard - well done on bringing home the bacon !!

So, with the match won no pressure for Gordy

Gordy at 2 vs Matt

Lost 3-2

You could tell from the first rally this was going to be a crueller- no short points and gordy on the wrong side of a 14-12 game. I went down to chat to him - he looked absolutely shattered. Seems it was a front as he took it to matt- they dont do winners these two. Gordy on his spare set of lungs took the next 2.

But matts fitness helping him through- taking it to a decider. Gordy had to win it in 4 as matt kept grinding on- a taste of his own medicine for gordy. Finished up 3-2 but 2 well earned points👏👏

Turns out matt does marathons for his recovery runs🏃🏃

So the hasi snowflakes are 2 wins on the bounce- relegation- what relegation😏😏😏

Next week it's a 6 pointer away at moss side- it will be a season defining match

Hasi 2 away to Tame Valley

Mick W v Glyn

Fresh after beating me on Tuesday and having the audacity to accept a lift our Mick was well and truly ready. Well almost ready - forgot his cash and needed to borrow a "bobby Moore". Up against Glyn - who just wanted to hit it hard - so Mick joined in !! Bad decision and quickly on the wrong end of 11-9. C'mon Marvel Mick - you can do it. Game 2, Same tactic - same result !!! 6-11 ouch ! Pop quiz - where should a left hander play most of his squash.? Answer on his forehand - your opponent's backhand. Mick cracked on - dreaming of holidays in the camper - head definitely somewhere else - but love how he runs unfortunately not to be 8-11 and yes ladies & gents the marines are one down !!!! possible match W heading Micks way too - wait and see !!

Andy W v Eric

Game of the night so far !!

Andy "wonderful" Wray rocked up tonight. Wife obviously kitted him out - blue shorts, light blue top, blue trainers - think Andy got involved with the socks (?) red stipe !!!??? Andy just played the guy off court the first game and that sometimes can be a problem. 1-0 up, coasting. 1-1, cheeky, 1-2 down - concerned ! Team talk issued - and Andy controlled everything. Eric didn't ever get close - so we have game 2-2 and In the order we played tonight this was about making Bens final match count ! Final game - finesse, fitness and an unnerving habit of getting everything back - Andy was pure class with a headband (not a normal combination) but it so worked ! 3-2 winner, match of the night and setting up a finale of some gravity !!

Ben v Mark

Last on tonight - and want a position to be in !!!! From 2 matches down to 2 all - this is it - this is what we have trained for - the never give up momentum of Marine magic or in this case Ben. So it kicked off well 1-0, then 1-1, so this is where Bens Kahunas where going to be measured, 2-1 OMG, surely not - like ripe Water Melons this lad had large ones and so the deed was done 3-1 winner - epic Beno lad - fantastic!!!

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Marines 3 - Tame Valley 2 get in !!!

Chris v Wayne

So what happens when you put the tin man on early - second on - do they not know I've had a sandwich ????? He hits the blooming tin for the first 7 consecutive shots that's what happens (wtf !!) first game went in a flash and was almost comical in the amount of winning opportunities that were spurned by tickling the shiny stuff !! So 1-0 down, 2-0 down - hang on this is not in the script !! Team talk with our resident silver supremo - Mr C - and what do you know Chris can hit above the red line !! So game on - 2-1 down. The magic of being in play is a joy to behold. Managed to actually get 10-6 up before the tin started to draw me in but not before grabbing victory 11-9 !! So 2-2. Just too many mistakes in the end going down 2-3. Not happy, but hopefully our other resident marines will bring home that bacon !

John v Malc

Bit of gamesmanship going on here I think as Malc didn't put any names on the sheet until we put ours down (I creamed him last time 3-0) so no surprise we weren't paired up this evening. However - Who do you want when things aren't quite what they seem - Mr C of course - bean counter extraordinaire - no confusion here just simple maths. Get more points than him & we will win. John has an uncanny knack of drawing people in to discussions with the umpire and young mark (bless him) was soon involved in some very consistent, inconsistent decisions - all of which were questioned by the odd couple. Mattered not though - our first team LegEnd lend proved to be yet again a H2 Legend winner- well played John. Silver is definitely your colour

Job done - Match won - Mick R this week's Match "w"

Hasi 3 vs Bury 3 Top of the table clash and a decent old tussle it was to.

John K v Chris Bluer

Our man of the night was Mr K after prising him away from his beloved 4 th team he did the business against a game Chris.

3-0

Aaron v Josh

You could tell as they walked on court what we were about to receive, an absolute run fest, and that's what we got. Some great rallies and brilliant retrieving.

The only difference was Josh's lengths were better and Aaron needs a drop shot.

0-3

Dave S v Goliath (otherwise known as Dan Walsh)

Dan is a big chap and has a wingspan equal to a Boeing 747.

Dave tried his full arsenal of shots to try and topple the giant but struggled to fell the red wood without his trusty lobs. It was close but all the big moments belonged to Dan.

1-3

Me v Duncan

This was a bloody good match but have to say that jimmy McCluskey's marking skills are a load of s**t.

Full of grunting ,growling and teeth baring with a good deal of verbal steam letting.

Very close game and apart from the marking a pleasure to play.

1-3

Simon B v Jimmy M

Got a bit niggly this one. Definitely feel this is one Si should of won.

Don't get me wrong jimmy is a very good player and played the better squash for the first half of the match, but Si hung in and forced it to 5 but was pipped at the end.

Nevertheless, valuable points gained.

2-3

17-7 looks like a bit of a hammering but nothing like. A bit more luck and it could of been ours. Still top by 1 so the wheels wobbled but not fallen.

Back to business next week 🙌👊

Hasi 4 away to Tame Valley

Report by special guest author Danny 'Hemingway' Allen

(It means I don't have to write it when I get home and then not get to sleep until silly 'o' clock)

The Hasi massive turned up en-bloc at the distant backwater that is Tame Valley, two teams making the trek. I'm bloody sure they should be in't Yorkshire league tha knows. It's miles away

First up was Ray playing Karl. Ray threatened to get overturned, but he was only messing and pulled a 3-2 win out of the bag.

Next up was Dan vs Chris. Dan was fresh from several illnesses and an arm injury and his opponent could hit the ball, but Dan had enough in the tank to run Chris down and come away 3-1 to the good.

Steve was up next playing andrew. Steve showed his usual mixture of excellence and exasperation and came away 3-1 to the good.

Next up was Bruce vs Leigh. Unfortunately, there was no point in the game when the ref could say 'Bruce Leigh' (geddit?). Bruce did well to keep his opponent at arm's length and finished the stronger with a 3-1 win. A good comeback after losing the first game.

So with the match victory safely in the bag, it was up to Derek to put the cherry on the cake. Unfortunately, he was up against long-time rival Kiren who was sporting a backwards cap and a fleece jacket for the first game. Kiran had a great slice drop which was deadly when he got it right, but also made plenty enough unforced errors so Derek was in with a shout but didn't seem to believe that himself. Things changed in the 3rd game when Derek fired up and pulled a game back but couldn't keep the big push going and ended up going down 3-1 but a well-earned point was very welcome.

So a 4-1 win, yet again my boys carried me through.

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