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**As the song goes Oh What a night - a complete full house for the Hasi Massive last night as the Mechanic Mcviker clan helped to put the wheels back on the bus and from top of Hasi one to Bottom of Hasi 4 not an ounce of unused effort left on court – little else to ask for really – The Pickup Stadia was rocking – Moss Side was treated to a Hasi Smash and Grab and our friends at Markland Hill left to rue Storm Foster ! And for the icing on the Cake we have a special report just like the old days from poet Loiret Bruce – to start us off – So get your self a brew and a comfortable seat with loss of WiFi bandwidth and read away.**

**Same again next week please - <https://nwcounties.leaguemaster.co.uk/cgi-county/iconty.exe>**

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### **Hasi 1 vs Moss side 1**

Relegation dogfight against fellow strugglers moss side

First up the ever-punctual John Marine Corteen

### **John C at 5 vs fitz munroe Win 3-1**

Back from his golfing holiday, I have no doubt he was trying to quarantine himself there having gone there with those dreaded coronavirus symptoms. No dice it seems as he returned peeling and sunburnt.

A chance for revenge as he was turned over on the reverse fixture. Raced to 2 up- a blip in the third but came out in the fourth to close the tie. Made it look rather easy if i must say so- all very efficient. Not bad on only 2 hours sleep ☕ so a solid foundation to build on

### **Next up Tim at 3 vs Jack Carpenter Win 3-1**

Sporting his best Barry white impression, Tim clearly under the weather. Slow starting and lost the first. got into his rhythm in the second helped by a few tins from jack. Plain sailing after this- great resilience turning up and winning when not 100%- well done fella- the snowflake tag isn't meant for our Tim ☕ ☕

### **Next up me at 1 vs Ray - lost 0-3**

Some sound advice from tom-he starts slow, so u need to take the first game- I didn't ☹

The next game turned into a training session for ray - cannon fodder. To rub salt in the wound it turns out he has a few more gears- saved me from a bagel by letting me have a point- different class. Match w earned without breaking a sweat ☺ ☺

Scary prospect if these lads get relegated and he still plays at 1 in div 4 ☺

So, teetering on the edge of a win up step's Tom

### **Tom Mc vs Nick cox - won 3-2**

Didn't do too much wrong in the first but lost it- put plenty of work into the stamina bar of nick I thought. Tightened up in the second and third taking both. On the precipice now but nick managed to get a second and third wind. Diving and retrieving everything to take it to a decider. Nip and tuck in the fifth but the talent shining through by tom making nick fetch that squash ball- match of the night

**Match won.**

### **Simultaneously Fin vs Rafael at 5 – won 3-1**

Not his best performance but dogged and overcame the slippery court conditions to take the win- valuable 3 points them- well played fella- 3 on the bounce now😊.

**Match Won 17-8**

So, some breathing space but it's not over till the fat lady sings. The snowflakes haven't melted just yet.

### **Simon L v Dan**

This game was game of the night bar none !! Simon playing at number one was happy to oblige their young giraffe and go on first - so off we go. This lad was like Forest Gump on speed ! With the reach of a 747 wingspan game one went too quick. Quick change of tact and our Simon was well and truly back in it - narrowly losing 13-15 in the second. However, a beautiful thing had happened during the course of game 2 - we had spotted a flaw in the giraffes game !! Instructions were rapidly deployed by yours truly - and Simon was up for it - so here we go. Boom game to us - Dan didn't know what had happened - Same again Si, and he did, same result, 2 flipping all. What a match we were witnessing. Shake of hands - The Pickup Stadia at capacity - ready for another bout of lung busting rallies, delightful drops and smash and grab drives. He very nearly pulled it off - finally losing 15-13 in the fifth. No shame there Si and absolutely no chance of match "w" tonight or is there .....

### **Mick W v Ben**

Wearing his specially ventilated grey Tee ( hole on the left shoulder Pal) chunky grey socks and black shorts our Mick looked like a PE kit advert from the 50's - I think that's when we had black and white tellies Derek ??? Anyway one thing you always get with Mick is commitment - Like a puppy going for his first walk he was out of the traps quicker than Weinstein's solicitor packing up his case - Boom 1-0 !! A little bit too keen on game 2 snatching at every point - and so finishing the wrong side of the line. Cmon Mick - rain it in 10% and you've got this. Relaxed and calm with confidence that can only exude from knowing that if you don't know where you are going to hit - your opponent has no chance !!! 2 quick games and Mick has well & truly put last weeks shocker behind him. Well done Mick 1-1 in matches - watch out the Marines are a coming !

### **Simon W aka "Captain Small" v Andy**

Our perfectly proportion pocket rocket - wee man Simon was up for the cup tonight. Match never really in doubt - bit of a slip in game 2 to rule out a 3-0 but Simon dominated from start to finish and recorded the marines second win of the night - so over to Ben to see if he was bringing the bacon home or leaving it to me on last ?

### **Ben v Fred**

As we eagerly awaited "Fred" the well known "player" of Bury Sports Club news arrived from the changing rooms that he had injured himself getting changed !!! So there you have it - Ben 3-0 without swinging a racket & team win - get in !!

### **Chris v Rick**

Right then over to me for some extra points ! Really wanted tonight as this guy turned me over on the away leg - so special game face on - off we go ! Well that's a first - the assembled crowd didn't know quite what to make of it - not a single tin in game 1 !!! Wtf - unbelievable!! 1-0 up and generally enjoying it - quick team talk by Yoda (Mr Pickup himself no doubt) even though it does take him almost a full game to get back up the stairs after - bless !! Where's a stanner when you need one (club funds Mr H ?) immediately rectified the no tin policy of game 1 but it didn't matter - quicker, faster & fatter than Rick and that ladies and gents was that 3 flipping nil - Marines marching on 4-1 team win !!

A special mention to our left handed LegEnd Mr Latham tonight for playing the game of his life and still getting the match "w" for losing - Doh ! Bring back Mr C - undefeated in H2 ! Lol

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### **Team 3 report away v Markland hill 3**

The wheels were well and truly back on this week after the slip up last week.

### **Steve v Aaron 2-3**

Should of been a walk in the park for our running machine but far from it as Aaron started off determined for a match W award.

By own admission was rubbish in first 2 games and was 2-0 down and staring the big W square in the face but then the light bulb flashes and his opponent tires with the relentless running and retrieving that is Aaron's trade mark. Three games in a row and we're off.

### **Chris v Si F 1-3**

Boss man on thinking Aaron was duffing it up so thinking got to win this and started off perfectly taking the first 2 no problem. Then complacency sets in and I gift Chris a game ☹crap.

Next game goes down to a level that has everyone smirking on the balcony and it was dire. So after an outrageous tirade by me and trying to boot a hole in the wall ☹I managed to scrape through.

### **Andrew v John 0-3**

I have been called an immovable object before, but Andrew takes it to another level. He's about 6'6"

and just doesn't move 😳

John did for him easily and has contributed greatly to the push for glory👉.

### **Kurtis v Andy W 0-3**

Just to keep up with margarines catalogue of Andy's attire I would like to say that Andy's wardrobe was as perfect as his performance. Resplendent in teal shorts (if you say so looked grey to me 😳) with a red stripe with Matching red top and bandana. (More like boys in the hood 😊)

Dress code aside he despatched SB's conqueror with ease.

### **Gary v S Baynes 0-3**

Weren't sure if Gary was even going to make it on court as his back went into spasm before the match but with 20 mins of intense stretching he crawled onto court to face our resident undertaker resplendent all in black both in dress and humour.

Si toyed a bit with Gary giving him a sniff but decided enough was enough pizzas are going cold and beer needed drinking.

Good job done. Big points haul and winning ways resumed.👉😊

### **Haslingden 4 v Bury 4 (5 nil, or if you prefer 20-1)**

It's been a while, so I thought it was time for a Brucie bonus report, plus Del can't be bothered So life is good in the development squad, I mean who are kidding, it's more like an episode of the Walking dead every Thursday, but amazingly we are winning and keeping the pressure off the other lot If you are familiar with the film Cocoon, or Jurassic Park, some of use Carbon dating, rather than traditional birthday method

When I was Captain it was anyone with a pulse, questionable if we all have one but these days it's a case of currying favour with Del to get a go, I have the Interflora shop on speed dial to cement my place.

We like to start at 6.30 so we can bang on the slippers and hammer the Horlicks after, not be too late to bed

On with the report....

### **Bonus 3-0 (walkover)**



Determined not to set off more like Mrs Merton on a Saga holiday, been motivating myself all day, then get the call off Pennywise from Bury, so I do the honourable thing and protect my ranking points

## Right said Steve 3-0



Stevie is a permanent fixture since his transfer from the Rovers a much valued member of the Antiques roadshow, whack a few Sanatogen's down the lad and point him in the right direction and away he goes

Del does go through some contortions, back to the 'Right said' references and gets 'Deeply Dippy, not quite the new Neil yet, totally masterful tonight

Told us before getting court he'd been spinning with Cuddly Ken this morning for 2 hours, no sign of any saddle soreness tonight

Cruel shouts about Steve having socks older than the kid, completely unwarranted. Steve was on fire tonight, faster than getting to the front of the que at the Post office on a Tuesday. Our very own pop sensation had his young man cub more than stiffed without the need for a a Viagra in double quick time, then set about a coaching session with the kid, lovely thing to do Steve

Wiley Riley was simply mustard

## Delbert 3-0



Our very own Roy Hodgson, is Ron Manager of this Dad's Army crew, (he does keep calling me a *stupid boy!*), heavily involved in Squash rule book adjudication this week, looking at every angle, waving his slide rule about, generally being important

Prof Yaffle was all over it Tonight, measured to at least two decimal places and down to prime numbers, mainly 3 games on the abacus and safely in the old onion bag. Old faithful headband and Wilson tack on display, proven formula, given a bit of width and time, Deadly meted out his special brand of Hassy magic, therefore  $E = MC2$ , and Chris a tricky opponent was handed a D minus by the Prof

Del was last seen jumping into his DeLorean and set off to the Station, arriving last season, as we all know he loves  $\pi$  and chips, on a repeat time continuum loop

## Danny boy 3-0



Late replacement as the deck was shuffled, conch blown, some rustling in the bushes, and out pops our local Barney Rubble, double trouble

Not short on legs this lad, just going to do a 50 mile trot out at weekend, so fitness is not an issue, our Dan has not yet cottoned onto the internal combustion engine ? (in the lost world of Newchurch) Usual high tempo hair em scare um routine, with lashings of energy and leaves you in no doubt if he's asking, the marker is whacking a claim in for tinnitus damage Clubbed his mammoth into submission and the 3 points dragged back to the cave (by the hair) Grrrrr.....

### **Chris 3-0**



All about perspective this lad, victory is always near, not Farr away. Which reminds me of the famous Father Ted, sketch <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MMiKyfd6hA0>

I also going to throw in a Far side cartoon for good measure. Fresh from some great scalps this week (even a ginger one). Chris set about showing us why his is heading North up the ladder

Very classy performance and we were done

Another great night all-round, as the Charabanc rolls on all looking resplendent in our blue uniforms that match our varicose veins, what we all agree is we don't want anything silly like promotion Div 4 is No Country for old men, were all off to have a Werther's original and scare some more younger people next week

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1YtZQY7u7NU>

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