

2009/10 Season Weeks 1 - 8

To players old and new, welcome to the new season. For the benefit of any one new to the League, and also as a reminder to regular readers, you should know that anything in the match reports not appearing between square brackets was written by someone who had been at the match – so you'll know where to start looking if you disagree with it! Anything in square brackets will either be my comments based on a reading of the score card – minus a report – some weeks later, or, just occasionally where I've felt it necessary, a clarification/expansion of an existing report.

Have a good season,

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Match Reports – Division One

Hollingworth Nomads 10 v 0 Strines B

The Champions made an impressive start to the new campaign with a whitewash of newly promoted Strines B. All the home side looked sharp, and only dropped two games all evening in a match played in great spirit. It should get easier for the visitors as they adjust to the top division after several seasons outside the top flight.

Hollingworth B 4 v 6 Hollingworth A

Two each for Ken Ward and Lionel Royle, both with wins over Pete Morris and Richard Hinchliffe. Ken had to fight very hard for his victory over Pete, finally taking the match 11 – 6 in the fifth, whilst his win against Richard came a little easier, 11 – 7 in the fourth. With Lionel it was the reverse. Pete succumbed in three whereas Richard forced Lionel to a fifth, but only to get beaten 11 – 4. Ken and Lionel went to five with Paul Walker and Pete, losing 6 – 11 in the final game. Vernon Hyde's only distinction of the night was to be the only person to take a game off Paul Walker – the first game in his first match of the evening. Alas, it was downhill all the way after that.

Village People 6 v 4 Stanley Square B

[The home team of Steve Buckley, Di Twist and Ronnie Mitchell each won two of their singles matches. Their victims in each case were Glen Chadwick and Keith Fendall, with Glen coming closest to a victory – he had a narrow loss against Steve 9 – 11 in the fifth. The visitor's third player, Duncan Hadfield, won all his singles and went on to win the doubles, partnered by Keith.]

Rosehill A 5 v 5 Strines X-Men

These young lads played extremely well, and we had Geoff to thank for the draw.

[For Rosehill : Geoff Ogden 3, Phil Ashworth 1, Ian Stott 0. For Strines : Marcus McNulty 2, Jordan Potts 2, Tom Roberts 1]

Strines A 4 v 6 Stanley Square A

An excellent match to start the season.

[A lot of table tennis played, with 6 of the matches going to five. Ian Gerrard and Jack Harrington both lost 8 – 11 in the fifth to Steve Hilton and Neil Coppard respectively, whilst Ian & Pete Fowler suffered a similar fate in the doubles – losing to Steve Hilton and Jack Christian 9 – 11 in the fifth.

For Strines : Pete Fowler 3, Ian Gerrard 1, Jack Harrington 0. For Stanley Square : Steve Hilton 2, Jack Christian 2, Neil Coppard 1]

Strines B 2 v 8 Strines A

[Steve Reese won a solitary singles for the 'home' side, beating Jack Harrington 11 – 7 in the fifth. He picked up the 'B' team's only other point of the night when he and Tommy Hennegan beat the doubles pairing of Pete Fowler and Jack in four. Mark Lambe was the 'B' team's third player, and John Potts was the other member of the 'A' team.]

Stanley Square B 5 v 5 Rosehill A

[Glen Chadwick picked up a singles win against Ian Stott but his team mates narrowly failed to do the same. John Robertson lost 6 – 11 in the fifth to Ian, whilst Dave Smart went a point better, losing 7 – 11 in the fifth. Phil Ashworth won his three singles for Rosehill A but, partnered by Ian, lost the doubles 9 – 11 in the fifth. A 'no-show' by Rosehill's third player, Dave Pegg, gave the home side the draw.]

Village People 6 v 4 Rosehill B

[Nick Bakewell won each of his single, beating Andy Perry in four, and Warwick Francis and Jimmy Findlow in three. Ron Mitchell had an 11 – 8 fifth game win against Andy, and an identical win against Warwick. Steve Buckley contributed the home side's sixth point, beating Andy 11 – 7 in the fifth. Andy and Warwick took the doubles in four against Nick and Ron.]

Strines B 2 v 8 Strines 'X' Men

[Mark Lambe and Steve Reese provided the 'home' side's 2 points – Mark with a four game win over Tom Roberts, and Steve with a similar win over Marcus McNulty. Tommy Hennegan pushed Marcus very hard, but eventually lost 7 – 11 in the fifth. Mike McNulty won each of his singles for the X-Men, and teamed up with Marcus to take the doubles in three against Steve and Mark.]

Hollingworth B 3 v 7 Stanley Square A

Hollingworth's Ken Ward and Dennis Bradshaw had to make do with a solitary singles win each – both of them against Adrian Borrell. Ken beat him in straight games but Adrian made Dennis go to five before losing 5 – 11 in the final game. Ken went to five with Steve Hilton and Jack Christian but lost to both by 4 & 2 points respectively. Dennis also went to five with Jack but, after an early lead, eventually lost 7 – 11. Vernon Hyde's best chance of a win came in his match with Adrian, coming back from two down to level it at two games each. Adrian proved too strong in the fifth, and won the match 11 – 7. Ken and Dennis got a third point for the home side with a comfortable doubles win over Steve and Adrian.

Rosehill A 3 v 7 Hollingworth A

[Richard Sarre beat Chris Guard 11 – 8 in the fifth, and Andy Perry narrowly beat Tim Boothman in four. Chris, Tim and Pete Morris took all the other singles, winning 2, 2 and 3 respectively. The doubles went to Richard and Andy in three against Tim and Chris.]

Rosehill B 4 v 6 Rosehill A

[Simon Collins, Andy Perry and Warwick Francis won a singles each – Andy and Warwick each beating Dave Pegg in straight games; Simon beating Geoff Ogden in four. The 'B' team's fourth point came from the doubles, with Simon and Andy beating Richard Sarre and Dave 11 – 5 in the fourth.]

Stanley Square B 2 v 8 Strines 'X' Men

[Dave Smart beat Tom Roberts in four, and Gary Owen beat him in five. The remaining singles matches went to Marcus McNulty (3), Jordan Potts (3), and a win from Tom over Keith Fendall. Tom and Jordan took the doubles 11, 8, 12, 12 against Dave and Gary.]

Stanley Square A 5 v 5 Village People

[Steve Hilton beat each of the Village People – Ron Mitchell in three, and Steve Buckley and Di Twist in four. Jack Christian beat Ron and Di, both in four, but lost in five to Steve Buckley. Adrian Borrell wasn't able to get a win, but came closest to it when he went to five with Ron, losing 9 – 11 in the final game. The doubles was another five-game match with Ron and Steve eventually taking it 11 – 9 against Steve & Jack.]

Strines X-Men 7 v 3 Hollingworth A

Great result for Strines over previously unbeaten Hollingworth A. Marcus [McNulty] didn't drop a game, and only Chris [Guard] gave him any trouble. Good hat-trick for Mike [McNulty] who deputised for Strines other 'young gun', Jordan Potts. Tom and Marcus took the doubles 3 -1.

Strines B 5 v 5 Stanley Square B

[Strines B' s Mark Lambe contributed two of their points with wins over Dave Smart – in five – and Keith Fendal – in three. Steve Reese and Tom Hennegan won a single match each, Steve beating Keith 11 – 6 in the fifth, and Tom – in a very close match – beating Glen Chadwick 11 – 9 in the fifth. Tom came close to another win in his match with Keith but lost it by the narrowest of margins, 10 – 12 in the fifth. Steve and Mark secured the draw in another five-game match, beating their opponents Glen and Keith.]

Rosehill A 5 v 5 Stanley Square A

[Richard Sarre and Geoff Ogden both were able to beat Adrian Borrell and Neil Coppard, although Richard needed five games to get his win over Neil. Ian Stott wasn't able to get a win. Steve Hilton, for Stanley Square A, scored straight game victories over Richard and Ian, but had to go to five against Geoff, eventually beating him 11 – 8 in the final game. Richard and Geoff secured the draw with a win in the doubles over Steve and Neil.]

Village People 5 v 5 Strines A

Steve Buckley was Village People's man of the match, silencing Pete Fowler in four. Bakewell was below his usual standard, and Mrs. Twist could not capitalise on her numerous nets and edges. The score did not reflect the amount of sweat generated, and absorbed into those dark grey seats.

[For Village People : Steve Buckley 3, Nick Bakewell 1, Di Twist 0. For Strines A : Pete Fowler 2, Jack Harrington 2, John Potts 1]

Hollingworth Nomads 8 v 2 Rosehill B

[Gary Newton for Nomads took his singles matches against Andy Perry and Warwick Francis in straight games, but had to go to five to beat Simon Collins. Simon Hardwick beat Andy in three, and Simon and Warwick in four. Dave Buckley lost his match with Warwick, narrowly beat Simon 12 – 10 in the fifth, and against Andy managed to produce the rather intriguing scoreline of 10 – 12, 13 – 11, 12 – 10, 11 – 1. Rosehill got their second point with a four-game victory in the doubles.]

Hollingworth B 8 v 2 Strines B

Lionel Royle got off to a comfortable start for the home side with a straight games win against Steve Reese. However things went somewhat pear-shaped in his next match against Tom Hennegan. Tom, who played extremely well all evening, took Lionel to a fifth game, which Lionel had to work very hard to take 11 – 7. Lionel redeemed himself somewhat by beating Mark Lambe in four. Ken Ward had fairly easy wins over all three of the visitors, although he lost a game to Steve. Vernon Hyde's first match up was against Mark Lambe, and it went to five with Vernon taking it 11 – 5 in the final game. Vernon also beat Steve, but was distinctly shredded by Tom, losing 3, 11, 5, 5. Lionel and Vernon somehow contrived to lose the doubles in three to Mark and Tom.

Stanley Square A 2 v 8 Hollingworth Nomads

[Steve Hilton secured the home side's only two points with very closely fought wins over Simon Hardwick (17 – 15 in the fourth) and Gary Newton (11 – 8 in the fifth). Both Jack Christian and Neil Coppard had close matches, each of them was beaten by Simon, Gary, and Dave Buckley. Simon and Dave took the doubles in three against Steve and Jack.]

Hollingworth A 4 v 6 Stanley Square B

[For Hollingworth A : Pete Morris 2, Chris Guard 1, Tim Boothman 0. For Stanley Square B : Duncan Hadfield 3, Gary Owen 2, Keith Fendall 1. The home team took the doubles in four.]

Strines A 3 v 7 Rosehill A

[The home side of Pete Fowler, Jack Harrington and Graham Bellis each contributed a point to their team's final tally. Pete beat Richard Sarre (in four), as did Jack (11 – 6 in the fifth). Graham's contribution was a straight-games victory over Dave Pegg. He came very close indeed to getting another point when he took Geoff Ogden to five and just losing 9 – 11 in the final game. Dave and Richard took the doubles in four against Pete and Jack.]

Rosehill B 7 v 3 Strines 'X' Men

The game between Marcus and Andy was fantastic – super hitting and counter-hitting. The match was played at a frantic pace. Excellent sportsmanship displayed. Well done Tom.

[For Rosehill : Warwick Francis, Andrew Perry, Simon Collins – 2 each. For X-Men : Marcus McNulty 2, Mike McNulty 1, Tom Roberts 0]

Stanley Square B 3 v 7 Rosehill B

[For Stanley Square : Glen Chadwick 2, John Robertson 1, Dave Smart 0. For Rosehill B : Simon Collins, Andrew Perry, Warwick Francis – 2 each]

Strines X-Men 2 v 8 Stanley Square A

Great result for the X-Men, with trebles for Jordan and Marcus and a good double for Tom. Marcus triumphed in two five 'setters', breaking Adrian 11 – 9 in the fifth, and coming back from 2 – 1 down against Steve to win the fifth 11 – 8. Easy night for Jordy! Adrian and Steve took the doubles in 4.

Hollingworth Nomads 9 v 1 Strines A

[Simon Hardwick had to work hard to get his three singles wins. Both Pete Fowler and John Potts took him to five, but he then proceeded to take the matches 11- 5, and 11 – 8 respectively. Gary Newton also took five to beat Pete Fowler – his win coming at 13 – 11 in the final game. Dave Buckley also had to go to five with Pete but, in his case, the outcome was a victory for Pete, 11 – 6 in the fifth. Jack Harrington and John Potts were unable to add anything to Pete's single victory. Dave and Simon took the doubles in three against Pete and Jack.]

Strines B 3 v 7 Hollingworth A

[Mark Lambe beat both Tim Boothman and Richard Hinchliffe, but lost 7 – 11 in the fifth to Chris Guard. Tommy Hennegan produced the home side's third point with a straight-games win over Chris. Steve Reese had a close match with Tim, only losing 10 – 12 in the fifth. He was also beaten by Chris and Richard. Chris and Tim took the doubles against Mark and Tom.]

Village People 8 v 2 Strines B

[Steve Buckley and Ron Mitchell each won all of their singles against Mark Lambe, Steve Reese and Tom Hennegan. Di Twist was beaten in three by Mark, but held on against Steve and Tom to take both matches, 11 – 9 in the fifth against Steve, and 11 – 8 in the fourth against Tom. Mark and Steve gained a second point for Strines with a win in the doubles against Di and Ron, 11 – 8 in the fifth.]

Stanley Square A 9 v 1 Stanley Square B

[Some tight matches in this Derby fixture. The scoreline makes it look like an easy victory for the 'A' team, but the 'B' team were only a handful of points away from something approaching a draw. Dave Smart lost to Adrian Borrell and Jack Christian in the fifth (5 – 11 & 8 – 11 respectively), Glen Chadwick lost to Steve Hilton 10 – 12 in the fifth, and Keith Fendall lost to Adrian 7 – 11 in the fifth. As it was, Glen was the only 'B' team player to score a point, with a straight-games win over Adrian. The 'home' side took the doubles in three.]

Rosehill B 7 v 3 Hollingworth A

[Two singles wins each for Simon Collins, Richard Sarre and Andrew Perry, each of them beating Paul Whyatt and Richard Hinchliffe, and each of them losing to Pete Morris – in Simon Collins' case, only just (10 – 12 in the fifth. Simon and Andrew won the doubles 11 – 9 in the fifth against Paul and Richard.]