

## 2008/9 Season Weeks 8 - 14

### Match Reports – Division One

#### **Hollingworth A 6 v 4 Village People**

[Paul Whyatt proved to be the home side's greatest asset with wins over Ronnie Mitchell, Steve Buckley and Di Twist – albeit only just in Steve and Di's case. 12 – 10 in the fifth against Steve, and 11 – 7 in the fifth against Di. Pete Morris was beaten in three by Steve, but beat Ronnie and Di, whilst Richard Hinchliffe had to content himself with a win against Di. Steve and Ronnie beat Peter and Paul in the doubles for a fourth point for the visitors.]

#### **Hollingworth Nomads 7 v 3 Rosehill A**

An excellent night, played in an exceptional manner. Really good sportsmanship. A credit to the League.

[For Nomads : Simon Hardwick 3, George Jones 2, Gary Newton 2. For Rosehill : Dave Pegg 1, Richard Sarre 1, Geoff Ogden 0. Dave and Richard secured a third point with a win over Simon and Gary in the doubles.]

#### **Hollingworth B 3 v 7 Village People**

Ken Ward beat Steve Buckley in three, Di Twist in four, but couldn't manage a third win against Nick Bakewell who took the match in the fourth. Dennis Bradshaw beat Di 11 – 7 in the fifth to add Hollingworth's third point. Vernon Hyde, despite some energetic leaping about in his match against Di, could contribute nothing further in the way of points – not even in the doubles in which he and Dennis failed to distinguish themselves.

#### **Rosehill A 6 v 4 Rosehill B**

Brought forward to help both teams. As Andy Perry was unplayable the 'A' team are considering a multi-million pound bid (or a couple of pints at least.)

[For the 'A' team : Dave Pegg 2, Richard Sarre 2, Phil Ashworth 1. For the 'B' team : Andrew Perry 3, Warwick Francis 1, Jimmy Findlow 0. Dave and Richard beat Jimmy and Warwick in the doubles.]

#### **Strines A 6 v 4 Hyde YMCA 'A'**

Matthew Weatherby was the star of the night, winning all his matches. Playing Paul Madden first, his confidence grew as the game went on, and he won 11 – 5 in the fifth. He then went on to beat Jack Harrington in four and Pete Fowler in three, despite having lost to both of them the previous week in the Volcrepe cup. All three YMCA players were better than the week before, but their only other success was Antony Gummersall's victory over Jack. Neil Coppard won games against Paul and Pete, but couldn't win a match for his team. Playing the doubles to try for a draw, YMCA won the first two games before Strines took control and won the last three.

#### **Stanley Square A 8 v 2 George Lane**

Another defeat for a struggling George Lane. Fran took their only singles win of the night beating Glen Chadwick in the battle of the funny rubbers. Ken Wood took Glen to five, and Ken and Fran beat Steve Hilton and Dave Smart in the doubles.

#### **Hyde YMCA 'A' 7 v 13 Stanley Square A**

3 for Josh Boulton, 2 for Antony Gummersall and 1 for Neil Coppard, plus the doubles. YMCA ran out 7 – 3 winners in what could be the battle between 2 clubs trying to avoid relegation. Steve Hilton replied with 2, and Dave Smart with 1. Glen Chadwick was unlucky 10 – 12 to Antony in the 5<sup>th</sup>, and 9 – 11 to Neil, also in the fifth. Good games, good fun, and good banter made for an enjoyable evening.

#### **Village People 6 v 4 Strines A**

[Nick Bakewell's 11 – 9 win in the fifth against Pete Fowler provided the foundation for his hat trick of victories for Village People. Steve Buckley also went to five with Pete and also beat him. His other win was in straight games against Graham Bellis, but he lost in four to John Potts. Pete Fowler was, yet again, taken to five – by Di Twist – but this time he won it, 11 – 7 in the final game leaving Di with no singles wins in this match. She took the doubles however, partnered by Steve, beating Pete and Graham in straight games.]

### **Hollingworth Nomads 7 v 3 Hollingworth B**

[The 'home' team of George Jones, Gary Newton and Simon Hardwick shared 6 of their 7 points equally. George lost to Ken Ward, but beat Lionel Royle and Dennis Bradshaw in very tight five-game matches. Simon beat Ken in straight games, Lionel in four, but lost to Dennis 9 – 11 in the fifth. Gary also lost to Dennis, who beat him in straight games, but emerged the winner in his matches with Ken and Lionel. George and Simon beat Ken and Dennis in the doubles.]

### **Rosehill B 5 v 5 Hollingworth A**

[Ian Stott and Andy Perry both beat Pete Morris and Paul Whyatt but failed to make an impression on Paul Walker who won his matches with them in straight games. Jimmy Findlow added the home side's fifth point with a win over Paul Whyatt. The two Pauls took the doubles in four against Ian and Andy.]

### **George Lane 2 v 8 Rosehill A**

A hard-fought match with several matches going to a decider. Richard and Geoff both won three, and Ian won one. The doubles went to the visitors.

[George Lane's two points came from wins by Fran Marsden against Ian Stott (11 – 9 in the fifth) and Peter Jepson, also against Ian Stott (11 – 5 in the fifth).]

### **Strines A 5 v 5 Stanley Square A**

Jordan Potts started in great form beating Steve Hilton and then Adrian Borrell, but could not beat Glen Chadwick over five games. Pete Fowler also started well, comfortably beating Glen, then going on to lose his other two matches. John Potts also won one, beating Adrian. The father and son partnership proved too strong for Glen and Steve in the doubles. This was a highly competitive match, played in a friendly atmosphere, and brought forward a week at the away team's request. A draw was probably a fair result!

### **George Lane 0 v 10 Hollingworth A**

Although 6 out of 10 matches went to four games, the visitors were always in control and the result was as expected.

[For George Lane : Fran Marsden, Peter Jepson, Ken Wood. For Hollingworth A : Paul Walker, Pete Morris, Chris Guard.

### **Hyde YMCA 'A' 6 v 4 Rosehill A**

It's Barry Manilow night at the M.E.N. "Even now" at the Hyde YMCA on a cold Monday night, Pegg shouted "It's a miracle" as he failed to get any edges. Neil played like he was lost in the "Bermuda Triangle", not winning any. Geoff and his sidekick Lionel (who was watching) talked of meeting Lola, the barmaid, at the "Copacabana" – alias the Lowes Arms. A good night was had by all, and to finish it off Richard Sarre shouted "we can't smile without you" and we all got our lighters out, turned off the lights, and listened to Josh talk about his new girlfriend "Mandy".

### **Rosehill B 2 v 8 Hollingworth B**

[Andy Perry was the only player on the home side to score any points against a Hollingworth B team at the top of its game. Andy succeeded in beating Lionel Royle and Dennis Bradshaw – both in four – but lost 8 – 11 in the fifth to Ken Ward who had earlier despatched Jimmy Findlow in three and Warwick Francis in four. Ken and Lionel teamed up in the doubles to take on Andy and Warwick. It was a close-fought match with Ken and Lionel just getting the win 15 – 13 in the fifth.]

### **Rosehill B 5 v 5 Village People**

[Jimmy Findlow and Warwick Francis won two each for Rosehill, Jimmy beating Steve Buckley and Ron Mitchell, and Warwick beating Steve and Di Twist. Each of the visitors beat Rosehill's third player Krystian Kolodziejczyk. Rosehill had a fourth player in the shape of Andy Perry and he teamed up with Warwick to take on Ron and Steve, successfully beating them 11 – 3 in the fourth to secure the draw.]

### **Village People 6 v 4 Hollingworth Nomads**

The Village People spoil the reigning Champions' Christmas celebrations with a 6 – 4 victory on a cold and frosty evening. Nice to see new players coming into the League.

[For Village People : Nick Bakewell 2, Di Twist 2, Steve Buckley 2. For Nomads : Dave Buckley 3, Tim Baker 0, Paul Neaves 0. The Nomads' fourth player, Simon Hardwick, joined Dave for the doubles which they played against Nick and Steve and won it 11 – 9 in the fourth.]

### **Hollingworth Nomads 9 v 1 Rosehill B**

Nomads started the new year with a convincing 9 – 1 defeat of Rosehill B in an excellent match played in great spirit. There was even a choice of drinks on the menu, though the visitors needed to supply a working pen in order to fill out the match card. Warwick Francis notched up Rosehill's point with a fifth game 'deuce' win over Simon Hardwick, whilst Dave Buckley and Tim Baker scored maximums for Nomads.

### **Rosehill A 6 v 4 Strines A**

[Geoff Ogden scored four of Rosehill's points by winning each of his singles against Pete Fowler, John Potts and Jack Harrington, together with a win in the doubles partnered by Dave Pegg. Dave provided the other two homeside points with wins over Jack and John. Ian Stott was beaten by each of the visitors.]

### **Hollingworth B 9 v 1 George Lane**

A good win for Hollingworth B. Some close matches, especially Dennis Bradshaw 'v' Peter Jepson which Dennis won 12 – 10, 12 – 10, 11 – 13, 12 – 10. The only win for the Lane was a good win for Ken Wood against Lionel Royle. Ken & Dennis were unbeaten as they also won the doubles in four against Ken Wood and Fran Marsden.

### **Hollingworth A 6 v 4 Hyde YMCA 'A'**

An enjoyable evening with a 6 – 4 win for Hollingworth's Pete Morris, Richard Hinchliffe and Chris Guard, all winning two against Josh Boulton, an unfit and pimple-less Steve Lyons, and Antony Gummingsall – who frequently broke the sound barrier with his smashes. Undeterred, Josh put so much spin on his loops that the world actually, briefly, stopped turning. Josh and Ant took the doubles in five, overturning Pete and Chris's 2 – 0 lead.

### **Hyde YMCA 'A' 6 v 4 Hollingworth B**

A cacophony of noise as Josh 'sponsored by Bribar' Boulton turned out with a nasty-looking skin lesion on his neck. His girlfriend was thankfully unattached at the time! (urggh!) Steve Lyons was once again beaten by both Dennis and Ken, and should have lost to Vernon, whose eyes were dazzled by the orange glow condom top he was wearing [*Vernon wishes to stress at this point that, misinterpretable grammar notwithstanding, the person resembling the dayglow durex was Mr. Lyons and not Mr. Hyde! No surprises there then!*] Neil's language, and I don't mean body language, was littered with adverbs that I don't remember at school. Dennis played like a young gazelle, so much so that Dragon's Den have approached his wife Wendy to open up an anti-ageing spa. The ultimate insult was Ken, in the doubles, wearing his cardigan and coat. Good night.

### **George Lane 0 v 10 George Lane**

Different venue – same result. Nomads much too good for a demoralised George Lane.

### **Strines A 5 v 5 Hollingworth A**

Pete Morris was the star performer in this contest, winning his three singles without dropping a game. He also helped Chris Guard to win the doubles, this time in five. Chris came back from two games down to beat Graham Bellis for his only singles win. Graham did the same to Paul Whyatt for *his* only singles win. Jack Harrington and Pete Fowler were the main contributors for Strines A with two wins each.

### **Village People 6 v 4 Rosehill B**

[Two each for Steve Buckley and Ronnie Mitchell for Village People. Steve beat Warwick Francis in 5 and Thomasz Pruszko in 3, but lost in straight games to Jimmy Findlow. Ron took Jimmy to five and won 11 – 9 in the final game, and he also beat Thomaz in three, but he lost 10 – 12 in the fourth to Warwick. Thomasz's luck didn't improve in his match against Di Twist. She added a further point to the home side's total with a straight games win. Warwick and Jimmy played in the doubles, needing a win to get the draw, but Ron and Steve proved too strong and beat them in three.]

### **Hollingworth B 5 v 5 Strines A**

[Dennis Bradshaw was the home side's highest scorer with two good wins over Jack Harrington and John Potts. He got to five with Jordan Potts but went down fighting, 7 – 11 in the final game. Ken Ward and Lionel Royle added a further point each, both with wins over Jack, leaving Hollingworth B needing the doubles for a draw. This they managed – just – thanks to the combined skills of Ken and Dennis who scraped through against John and Jordan, beating them 11 – 9 in the fifth.]

### **Village People 6 v 4 Rosehill A**

The audience was in awe.

[For Village People : Nick Bakewell 2, Steve Buckley 2, Di Twist 1. For Rosehill A : Richard Sarre 2, Geoff Ogden 1, Phil Ashworth 1. The doubles went to Steve and Nick 11 – 9 in the fourth against Phil and Richard.]—

### **Hollingworth Nomads 8 v 2 Hyde YMCA 'A'**

Another high quality match at the Etherow, with Nomads confirming their title intentions with an 8 – 2 defeat of YMCA. It won't be often that Josh Boulton loses two in the Glossop League, but 5-game victories for Tim Baker and Dave Buckley ensured that it was the case tonight. Josh beat Simon in five, and Steve Lyons edged out Tim, also in five.

### **Rosehill B 9 v 1 George Lane**

[Fran Marsden took a game off Andy Perry, but couldn't prevent Andy from winning his three singles. Warwick Francis had a harder time with Fran, finally beating him 12 – 10 in the fifth. Peter Jepson and Roger Etchells took him to four, but he also went on to win all three of his matches. Jimmy Findlow lost to Peter Jepson, 5 – 11 in the fifth but beat Fran and Roger. The doubles went to Andy and Jimmy in three against Peter and Fran.]

### **Strines A 2 v 8 Hollingworth Nomads**

Peter Fowler grabbed 5-game victories over Dave Buckley and Tim Baker to secure Strines' only successes of the evening. Simon Hardwick was unbeaten all night. A good night's T.T. in the snow, rounded off with both teams sharing ale in the Royal Oak.

### **Hyde YMCA 'A' 6 v 4 Rosehill B**

It was snowing like mad, we were all in a hurry to get the match over before the next flurry – not a pusher in sight. It was a night of big hits. Neil played rubbish and it got on his ..... nerves!! 3 for Josh, 3 for Matt, 2 for Andy Perry, 1 each for Warwick Francis and Bob Moores. Doubles for Josh and Matt.

### **George Lane 1 v 9 Village People**

A convincing win for the visitors playing on their own table [*rearranged match*]. Nick Bakewell stroked his way to three wins. Di pushed her way to three wins. The only success for the home side was a narrow victory in five by Fran over Steve Buckley. Thanks to Village People for rearranging the match.