

## **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,*

*Vernon Hyde  
General Secretary*

## **Match Reports – Division Two**

### **Denton West Cricket Club 8 v 2 Rosehill C**

A welcome return for Kevin [Appleton] who won all his games on his comeback. Fran [Marsden] also won three, and Ken [Wood] won one. The doubles went to the home side after a titanic struggle. Thanks to Rosehill C for a good night's entertainment.

[Rosehill's two points were scored by Jacek Jarzab & Tomasz Pruszko, both of whom narrowly beat Ken Wood in the fourth game. Krystian Kolodziejczyk nearly managed the same result, but the fourth game finished 22 – 20 in Ken's favour!]

### **Glossop Conservative Club B 5 v 5 Hyde YMCA 'B'**

[Ian Wilson and Tony Lawton scored 2 points each with singles wins over Martyn Capper and Peter Green, but both of them succumbed to Harry Garside, YMCA's new signing. Mike Stansfield provided the home side's fifth point by beating Harry 11 – 7 in the fifth. With Martyn and Peter both having beaten Mike, the visitors needed the doubles for the draw, and Martyn and Harry, after a very close first four games, managed the win, beating Ian and Tony in the fifth].

### **Hyde Cricket Club 4 v 6 Glossop Conservative Club C**

Thought we'd win; should've drawn – lost! Ah, such is life. If Ian [Barker] had brought his forehand to the match we would have got the draw as it was his five 'setter' with Mike [Lavelle] where we lost it. Ian was 10 – 6 up in the fifth and had two easy chances, but blew them both. Mike levelled and took the game. Alan [Darnell] played well, winning two, and the doubles with Ian. For the Con. Club, Fred [Lilley] won his three, Mark [Bennett] got two, and Mike got one. We are convinced that Mike's been having lessons from Paul Daniels. Not only did he make the ball disappear at times – producing air shots, but he had one net chord where the ball ran along the top of the net for six inches only to then drop onto the edge of the table to win the point. Alas, though, he did not produce the lovely Debbie McGee!

### **Strines C 5 v 5 Hollingworth Studs B**

Some things never change, but the hut has had a summer make-over – repainting, new kitchen, and replacement carpet tiles. Yet the on-table performance by Strines C indicates another season of trying to attain third from bottom. The highlight was a five game marathon between Gordon Bickley and Ben Thancanamootoo which, at 8 – 8 in the last game, no-one would have bet on the outcome. Perhaps though the real highlight was the feeble attempts to overcome the new scoreboard!

[For Strines : Gordon Bickley 3, John Ashworth 1, Adrian Bellis 1. For Hollingworth : Ben Thancanamootoo 2, Barry Fordham 2, Nathan Kelsall 0. Ben & Barry took the doubles 15 – 13 in the fourth against John and Gordon.]

### **Hollingworth C 4 v 6 Old Glossop Cricket Club**

[Kurt Leech scored 2 of the home side's points with wins over Gary Oke and John Walker. Dave Morris managed a win against John Walker, but got beaten Gary Oke in four, and Peter Woodland in three. Peter won all his singles for the visitors, with Gary winning two, and John one. Dave and Kurt took the doubles against Gary and Peter.]

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

In a very closely fought match, Harry Garside starred in his home debut, winning all three of his matches. Martyn Capper added two more, and Peter Green, one. Ryan Conway was the pick of the visitors, winning two. Conway and Chambers nicked a close fought doubles winning 12 – 10 in the fifth.

### **Rosehill C 7 v 3 Hyde Cricket Club**

[Jacek Jarzab won each of his singles against Alan Darnell, Ian Barker and Andy Town. Krystian Kolodziejczyk beat Alan in a very close 4-game match, as well as winning against Ian in three. Tomasz Pruszko added a sixth point with his victory over Ian, 11 – 7 in the fourth. He came very close to a second point in his match with Alan, but Alan managed to take the match, 11 – 9 in the fifth. Jacek and Krystian beat Alan and Andy in the doubles, 11 – 6 in the fifth.]

### **Glossop Conservative Club C 8 v 2 Strines C**

Fred [Lilley] won 3, and Mike [Lavelle] and Stuart [Higginbottom] won 2 each. Fred and Stuart won the doubles to record an 8 – 2 win. Only Gordon [Bickley] had any success for Strines, winning their two matches. Adrian's mind was obviously on shopping, heading to Tesco's after the match.

### **Strines C 5 v 5 Hyde Cricket Club**

Lee [Brown] went from the Blue Mosque to red mist in 3 hours after being on the receiving end of Adrian's [Bellis] powerful hitting. A draw was a fair result as, over the years, there's never been more than 1 game between them. For Strines, Gordon [Bickley] was unbeaten, not dropping a game, and John [Ashworth] beat Ian [Barker]. For Hyde, Alan [Darnell] won 2, Lee and Ian won one each. Adrian got past 11 in six of his ten games, yet only won one match. As always, an entertaining evening.

### **Glossop Conservative Club B 6 v 4 Glossop Conservative Club C**

[Tony Lawton won all three of his singles beating Stuart Higginbottom and Fred Lilley in five, and Mike Lavelle in four. Unlike Tony, Ian Wilson contrived to lose both his matches against Stuart and Fred 10 – 12 in the fifth, but he followed Tony's example in regard to Mike, beating him 11 – 5 in fourth. Mike Stansfield's only win was also against Mike Lavelle. The visitors were unable to take the doubles for a draw, but only just – Mike and Fred lost to Tony and Ian 9 – 11 in the fifth.]

### **Old Glossop Cricket Club 3 v 7 Hyde YMCA 'B'**

Peter Woodland's all-round game was the feature of the evening. He did not have it all his own way. Harry Garside took him to five, but the last game was never in doubt. Harry looked a canny performer. Pete [Green] struggled his way to 5-game victories against Gary [Oke] and Matt [Greenhalgh], but decisively took a 5 – 0 lead in each of the fifth games, pacing himself very well. Martyn [Capper] was clinical against Gary and Matt but could not make an impression on Peter save for winning a game when Peter relaxed. On the night there were a lot of errors from both sides as well as some good rallies. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves.

### **Hollingworth Studs A 7 v 3 Hollingworth Studs B**

Studs A far too strong for the B team, but some good games of table tennis though. Nesta [Chambers] won all his matches, Ryan [Conway] won 2, and Emil [Tangham] won 1 but was a bit unlucky not to win more. Ben [Thancanamootoo] won 2, Barry [Fordham] won 1. Nathan [Kelsall] didn't win a match, but tried his best though.

### **Hyde Cricket Club 0 v 10 Glossop Conservative Club B**

Buoyant after a good draw at Strines last week, we went into this match with high hopes. Unfortunately we all left our brains at home, and forgot to be patient. Flamboyance is our downfall, and Messrs. Wilson, Lawton and Stansfield gave us a lesson in wearing down your opponents. Ian Wilson didn't play an attacking shot until he spotted a pretty girl behind the bar and tried to impress her with a forehand smash! Seriously, we were thrashed, and we must improve or Division 3 beckons. New team orders – no WAGS the day before a match!

### **Strines C 3 v 7 Rosehill C**

Last week we drew with Hyde Cricket Club who had lost 3 – 7 to Rosehill C. As we too lost 3 – 7 to them it proves something. I suspect it means that Hyde Cricket Club and ourselves will be struggling all season. For Rosehill, Jacek won all three, but had 5-game matches against everyone. Tomasz won two matches, both comfortably, and also lost comfortably. Krystian, who looked dangerous when knocking up, managed only 1 match. For the home team Gordon won 2, and John, 1. A pleasant evening.

### **Glossop Conservative Club C 0 v 10 Hollingworth Studs A**

The Glossop Conservative Club team sportingly let Emil Tangham play all his three matches first, and were lambs to the slaughter. Two of the night's matches against the much improved young Studs went to five, and one to four. Mark Bennett took Ryan Conway to five – but the young dude proved too good!

### **Hyde YMCA 'B' 2 v 8 Denton West Cricket Club**

[Harry Garside was the only home side player to take a singles, with a straight-games win over Dave McPherson. Peter Green took Ken Wood to five, and Andy Bickley did the same to Dave, but neither of them could turn it into a win. For Denton, Kevin Appleton and Ken Wood were unbeaten in the singles. Harry and Peter played the doubles against Dave and Kevin and got a second point for Hyde with an 11 – 4 win in the fourth.]

### **Rosehill C 7 v 3 Hollingworth C**

[Jacek Jarzab, Tomasz Pruszko and Krystian Kolodziejczyk each won two of their singles matches by beating Lee Chapman and Roger Atherton. Kurt Leech proved too strong for them though, although Tomasz took him to five, losing 7 – 11 in the final game. Krystian and Tomasz had a straight-games doubles win over Kurt and Roger.]

### **Old Glossop Cricket Club 6 v 4 Glossop Conservative Club C**

Peter Woodland did not play as well as he can, but still won his three singles. He contributed to a losing doubles with many unforced errors. In the singles he dropped two games to Fred Lilley and one to Mike Lavelle. Newcomer Charlie Manning played steadily and won two of his three matches. He was leading Fred 9 – 4 in the first game, but lost it 10 – 12. From there, he never recovered. Fred played his usual defensive game, making his opponent make the errors. John Walker played better but he was his own severest critic for the shots he wasted and the positions he let slip. He played some spectacular shots, but some very poor ones also. Mike Lavelle also had a mixed performance.

### **Glossop Conservative Club C 9 v 1 Strines C**

[Three singles for Tony Lawton against Adrian Bellis, John Ashworth and Gordon Bickley. Ian Wilson too got the same results in the same number of games. Mike Stansfield however came unstuck against Adrian, losing 9 – 11 in the fifth. Tony and Ian beat Adrian and Gordon in the doubles.]

### **Hollingworth Studs A 7 v 3 Hyde Cricket Club**

[2 each for Nesta Chambers, Emil Tangham and Ryan Conway. Blocking their efforts for more were new signing Andrew Town, who beat Nesta and Emil, and Ian Barker, who beat Ryan. Hollingworth won the doubles.]

### **Strines C 2 v 8 Hollingworth Studs A**

Hollingworth Studs A are an improving team who will probably finish in the top four, whereas Strines C will be in the bottom four. Hollingworth need to develop consistency. Although Ryan Conway won all three of his matches, he was taken to 5 by John Ashworth, and to 4 by Gordon Bickley – and he should beat both in three every time. Emil Tangham played well for his three, and will improve. Nesta has always had the talent but he can be inconsistent – as he was in losing to Graham in five, and beating John in five. John and Adrian combined in the doubles to see off Ryan and Nesta easily.

### **Hyde YMCA 'B' 7 v 3 Hollingworth C**

Dave Morris won all three for a depleted Hollingworth C team. Martyn Capper, Peter Green and Andrew Bickley contributed one each for Hyde YMCA. Lee Chapman was the unlucky man with no wins. Pete and Martyn won a close doubles.

### **Glossop Conservative Club B 6 v 4 Rosehill C**

[In close matches with Tomasz Pruszko and Jacek Jarzab, Tony Lawton picked up two of his three singles wins, 16 – 14 in the fifth against Jacek, and 12 – 10 in the fourth against Tomasz. Krystian did not fare quite so well as his team mates, losing to Tony 11, 6, 5, 6. Ian Wilson continued his string of hair-raising finishes, beating Jacek 11 – 9 in the fifth, but losing in five to both Tomasz and Krystian, 12 – 14 & 11 – 13 respectively. Paul Neaves contributed the home side's fifth point with a win in four against Krystian. Paul and Ian won the doubles against Jacek and Krystian.]

### **Glossop Conservative Club C 1 v 9 Denton West Cricket Club**

Denton proved to be too good for Con. Club C who only won one match when Stuart [Higginbottom] beat Kevin [Appleton]. Fred [Lilley] tried hard to beat Kevin but succumbed in the fifth – as did Fred and Stuart in the doubles against Fran [Marsden] and Ken [Wood].

### **Denton West Cricket Club 7 v 3 Hyde Cricket Club**

[Three each for Ken Wood and Kevin Appleton, both of them beating Ian Barker, Lee Brown and Alan Darnell. Roger Etchells failed to score for Denton, but took both Ian and Lee to five. Ken and Kevin got a seventh point for the home side with a straight-games win over Ian and Alan.]

### **Old Glossop Cricket Club 4 v 6 Strines C**

Peter Woodland continued his unbeaten run, but has yet to win a doubles match. In the doubles the first three games were close, but in the 4th and deciding game John Ashworth and Graham Bellis went into overdrive. Adrian Bellis was the busiest player in the singles. He lost to Charlie Manning in five, but beat John Walker in five. He took the first game off Peter but, after that, he was not in contention. John Ashworth played well for his two wins. It may have been tiredness that caused him to lose in straight games against Peter, 10 – 12 in the third. Graham played efficiently and smoothly but lost to Peter in five. The fourth game of that match went 17 – 15 to Peter who had come back from two games down. John Walker played well in parts. He will need to improve his match craft to win regularly.

### **Hollingworth Studs A 8 v 2 Glossop Conservative Club B**

[Nesta Chambers won his three singles against Ian Wilson (3), Tony Lawton (3) and Mike Stansfield (4). His team mates, Emil Tangham and Ryan Conway took two singles each – neither of them being able to beat Tony, the sole scorer for the Con. Club team. Nesta and Ryan took the doubles against Ian and Tony.]

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

[Warwick Francis played for the 'C' team in this match, and was successful in each of his singles matches. Harry Garside took him to five but couldn't clinch the match. Jacek Jarzab won two – it might have been three had he not lost 12 – 14 in the fifth to Harry. Krystian Kolodziejczyk provided the sixth point for the home side with a four-game win over Andrew Bickley. For Hyde, 2 for Harry, and a win for Peter Green against Krystian. Harry and Peter took the doubles 11 – 6 in the fifth against Krystian and Jacek.]

### **Hollingworth C 4 v 6 Hollingworth Studs A**

[Dave Morris won his singles against Barry Fordham, Ben Thancanamootoo and Alan Wynn. The home side's fourth point came from a win (13 – 11 in the fifth) by Roger Atherton against Ben. Roger narrowly missed another point when he lost to Barry 10 – 12 in the fifth. The 'C' team needed the doubles for a draw but they were denied it when Dave and Roger lost to Barry and Alan.]

### **Glossop Conservative Club B 7 v 3 Old Glossop Cricket Club**

[A 3, 2, 1 for the home side from Tony Lawton, Ian Wilson and Mike Stansfield. For the visitors, Peter Woodland won 2, beating Mike and Ian; and Gary Oke contributed the third point with a win in three over Mike. Ian and Tony beat Matthew Greenhalgh and Gary in the doubles.]

### **Hollingworth Studs A 5 v 5 Rosehill C**

[Nesta Chambers and Ryan Conway both beat Tomasz Pruszko and Andrzej Szymanski, but fell victim to Jacek Jarzab who was unbeaten on the night. Emil Tangham picked up the Studs 5th point by beating Andrzej. With Jacek on 3, and Tomasz on 1, the visitors needed a win in the doubles for a draw – and Jacek and Tomasz provided it.]

