

2008/9 Season Weeks 15 - 18

Match Reports – Division Two

Strines B 8 v 2 Commercial B (week 7)

Great night's table tennis. Match of the night was Tom coming back from two games down with Mike to take the match.

[For Strines : Steve Reese 3, Mark Lambe 2, Tom Hennegan 2. For Commercial : Ian Wilson 2, Mike Stansfield 0, Pat Downs 0.]

Hollingworth D 8 v 2 Stanley Square B (week 14)

With Nesta away at a boxing match (he came second), this could have been a tight contest. Emil (from the Juniors) played well, and gained valuable experience.

[For Hollingworth D : Barry Fordham 3, Emil Tangham 2, Ben Thancanamootoo 2. For Stanley Square : Ian Robinson 2, Ian Dagnall 0, Steve Bartlett 0.]

Hollingworth C 6 v 4 Hyde Cricket Club

[For the home side, Dave Morris won his three singles against Lee Brown, Alan Darnell and Ian Barker. Roger Atherton scored a further two points, and Hollingworth C won the doubles. For Hyde Cricket Club, Alan Darnell won two, with Lee Brown and Ian Barker winning one each.]

Old Glossop Cricket Club 1 v 9 Strines B

Six of the nine singles went to four games. You might expect the result to be more equal than 9 - 1 to Strines! Silly mistakes were made by the home team - not to take anything away from the away team. The match between Steve Reese and Gary Oke was very lively, and all the first three games could have gone either way. Gary became disheartened as Steve rode his luck, winning in four.

[For Old Glossop : Peter Woodland 1, Gary Oke 0, John Walker 0. For Strines B : Mark Lambe 3, Steve Reese 3, Tommy Hennegan 2.]

Stanley Square C 9 v 1 Strines C

[Although this was a home match for Stanley Square, it was played at Strines. This relocation didn't appear to cramp Stanley Square's style in any way with Jack Christian and Adrian Borrell winning three each, and Keith Fendall taking a further two. Gordon Bickley prevented the whitewash by beating Keith 15 - 13 in the fourth. He almost took a second point in his very close match with Adrian, but Adrian clinched the victory with an 11 - 9 win in the fifth. Another close encounter was Adrian Bellis's match with Keith. Once again though the home side suffered defeat by two points in the fifth.]

Hollingworth D 5 v 5 Hollingworth C

An excellent night's table tennis, with some very close matches. Dave Morris was seen to move on two or three occasions! Oh, yes, and lots of edges and nets from Roger.

[For the 'D' team : Nesta Chambers 2, Ben Thancanamootoo 2, Barry Fordham 1. For the 'C' team : Dave Morris 3, Roger Atherton 1, Mike Osborn 0. Dave and Roger won the doubles in three close games against Nesta and Ben.]

Hyde Cricket Club 6 v 4 Old Glossop Cricket Club

A match that Old Glossop had to win if they were going to climb away from the relegation zone, and the prospects were good as Peter Woodland and Gary Oke established a 3 - 1 lead. The match was turned on its head however by a fighting display from Alan Darnell, beating Peter Woodland, and by Ian Barker's rout of Gary Oke who had looked in fine form when winning against Alan and Lee Brown. Hyde led 5 - 4 going into the doubles and, at two games to nil and leading 10 - 6 in the third it should have been all over. Ian, however, hits an easy forehand smash into the net, and nerves begin to jangle. Old Glossop take the game, and then the next - to level. In the final game all four players gazed longingly at the bar, wishing it was all over, and by virtue of less unforced errors rather than outright winners, Hyde came through. Excellent night's tennis.

Stanley Square C 1 v 9 Hyde Cricket Club

[Alan Darnell scored Hyde's only point with a win in five over Keith Fendall. Whilst he took a game off Adrian Borrell, and Ian Barker and Lee Brown took a game each off Keith, the rest of the evening's matches went Stanley Square's way, with Jack Christian and Adrian scoring maximums, and Keith winning his other two. Jack and Adrian won the doubles in four against Ian and Alan.]

Old Glossop Cricket Club 4 v 6 Hollingworth D

A win for Hollingworth by the narrow margin of Barry Fordham's victory over John Walker, 11 - 9 in the fifth. Gary Oke's stamina was tested by Nesta Chambers. At 2 - 1 to Nesta it looked as if this might also go to five, but Gary's challenge fizzled out. Peter Woodland played well to win all three - less well in the doubles, but he and John Walker did enough to beat Ben and Barry.

Strines 'X' Men 9 v 1 Strines C

The 'X' Men always had another gear to call upon when required to win this one. Gordon Bickley was the star performer for Strines, beating Mike McNulty, and narrowly losing to Tom Roberts after going 2 up. He also took a game off Marcus McNulty. Can he keep them from the jaws of Div. 3. Let's hope so.

Commercial B 4 v 6 Strines B

[Tony Lawton and Ian Wilson split the home side's four points between them, both of them beating Mark Lambe and Tommy Hennegan, whilst both losing to Strines' Steve Reese 8 - 11 in the fourth. Mike Stansfield wasn't able to get a win. For the visitors, Steve won all his singles, and Mark and Tommy won one each. The doubles went to 14 - 12 in the fifth in favour of Steve and Mark against Ian and Antony.]

Hollingworth C 5 v 5 Stanley Square B

[A closely contested affair, with only one match being decided in straight games - a win for Roger Atherton over Ian Dagnall. Roger contributed another point for the home side with a 10 - 12, 11 - 9, 11 - 9, 13 - 11 win over Ian Robinson. A third point nearly came his way, but he lost 8 - 11 in the fifth against Steve Bartlett. Steve won all his singles for Stanley Square, also beating Lee Chapman in four, and Mike Osborn in five. Lee and Mike scored a point each by beating Ian Dagnall, leaving the home side needing the doubles for a draw. Roger and Lee, in another five-game match, ran out winners against the two Ians.]

Hyde Cricket Club 3 v 7 Commercial B

Another match to be watched from behind the sofa, with earplugs on! It's definitely X-rated entertainment when these two teams meet. Poor Claire behind the bar thought she was in an episode of Shameless! Tony Lawton regaled us with the saga of his failing eyesight, and then promptly won all three of his matches - although he did his usual trick of giving Ian Barker the first two games in their match. Works every time! Alan Darnell was on top form, taking full advantage of the net in his wins over Pat Downs and Ian Wilson. The cricketers took the doubles in the match of the night - it went to five and the result was in doubt until the last point. As this is the last home game of the season, I'd like to thank all our opponents for a most enjoyable season - see you all in September.

Stanley Square B 4 v 6 Strines C

[Three for Stanley Square's Ian Robinson, although Gordon Bickley took him to five before eventually losing. Steve Bartlett provided the fourth point for Stanley Square, beating Adrian Bellis in straight games. No wins for Lillian Peace, but she took a game off Adrian, and two off John Ashworth, only losing 7 - 11 in the fifth. Gordon and John won two each, Adrian one, and John and Gordon scraped a win in the doubles, 11 - 9 in the fifth against Ian and Steve.]

Hollingworth C 5 v 5 Old Glossop Cricket Club

[Dave Morris beat Old Glossop's Gary Oke and John Walker in straight games, but was beaten in four in the first match of the night by an on-form Peter Woodland who went on to win all his singles. Roger Atherton and Mike Osborn picked up a point each with wins over John Walker, leaving the home side needing the doubles for a draw. Dave and Roger combined to achieve this, beating Peter and Gary in three.]

Commercial B 7 v 3 Hollingworth D

[Tony Lawton won each of his singles against Nesta Chambers, Ben Thancanamootoo and Barry Fordham. Mike Stansfield added another two points by beating Ben (4) and Nesta (11 - 9 in the fifth). Ian Wilson battled long and hard against Nesta and Ben but lost 7 - 11 in the fifth, and 13 - 15 in the fifth respectively. He added a sixth point to his team's total with a straight-games win over Barry. Ian and Tony combined to take the doubles in four against Ben and Barry.]

Strines 'X' Men 10 v 0 Hyde Cricket Club

Great game - we were a superb second! [Lee]

Only Ian Barker gave the 'X' Men some problems, taking games off all of the home team but without clinching a victory. Good company as usual. [Mike M.]

Commercial B 0 v 10 Strines 'X' Men

Ian Wilson is a legend!!

[Legendary status notwithstanding, Ian didn't win a match, but he did take Tom Roberts and Mike McNulty to four, and Marcus McNulty to five! Pat Downs is a bit of a legend too and, as befits one, he also took Marcus to five, losing 7 - 11 in the final game. Mike Stansfield was Commercial's third player. He was beaten in straight games by Marcus, and in four by both Tom and Mike.]

Hollingworth D 2 v 8 Stanley Square C

I will dispense with the usual platitudes about hard-fought games, and admit Hollingworth D were well and truly beaten. Lots of laughs though, and a good time was had by all.

[For Hollingworth D : Nesta Chambers 1, Ben Thancanamootoo 1, Barry Fordham 0; for Stanley Square : Jack Christian 3, Adrian Borrell 3, Keith Fendall 1.]

Strines B 2 v 8 Strines 'X' Men

Great night's T.T. Match of the night was a very close one between Mark & Marcus, with Marcus taking it [11 - 8 in the fifth. Good luck to the 'X' Men next season in Division 1.

[Mark Lambe and Steve Reese both beat Tom Roberts for the 'home' side's two points. Tom Hennegan took him to five but lost 6 - 11 in the final game. Mike and Marcus McNulty each won their three singles. Mark and Steve teamed up for the doubles and were narrowly defeated by Tom R. and Marcus, 10 - 12 in the fifth.]

Strines C 3 v 7 Strines B

In a reversal of fortune Adrian Bellis beat Steve Reese for the first time, whilst John Ashworth and Gordon Bickley lost to him for the first time. Mark Lambe, as usual, won all three, whilst the home team won one match each - which should be just enough for a further season in Division 2.

Old Glossop Cricket Club 7 v 3 Stanley Square B

An unusual mood of relaxation and end-of-season feel to the match. Only a very good result, and a very bad one from their nearest rival, would prevent Old Glossop Cricket Club finishing next to bottom. John Walker was well placed in two five-game matches, both of which he lost. He played well to go 2 - 0 up against Ian Robinson, but then lost concentration and played some nervous shots. Even then he led 8 - 6 in the fifth, but errors by both players, who were both playing wild shots, ended up in favour of Ian, 14 - 12. Everything else paled into mediocrity except Peter Woodland who won his customary three quite clinically.

[For Old Glossop : Peter Woodland 3, Gary Oke 2, John Walker 1; for Stanley Square : Ian Robinson 2, Ian Dagnall 1, Lilian Peace 0.]

Stanley Square C 7 v 3 Hollingworth C

[Jack Christian, Adrian Borrell and Keith Fendall each won two of their singles matches, beating Roger Atherton and Lee Chapman in straight games. They couldn't do the same against Dave Morris however, although Jack and Adrian came close - both of them taking him to five. Dave beat Jack 11 - 8 in the final game, and Adrian 11 - 5. Jack and Adrian went on to take the doubles against Roger and Lee in three.]