

## **2009/10 Season Weeks 16 - 22**

### **Match Reports – Division Two**

#### **Denton West Cricket Club 8 v 2 Hollingworth Studs B** (week 5)

Barry started well for the visitors, with wins over Kevin and Ken. Unfortunately these were the only successes as both Alan and Ben failed to register – although Ben's match with Ken was a five-game classic. The home side took the doubles.

#### **Hyde Cricket Club 6 v 4 Old Glossop Cricket Club** (week 6)

Hyde hold their nerve! Super evening's tennis. No sixes, fours or wickets in this. Pleas to the Gods went unheard as nets and edges won crucial points, especially in the games that decided the match. Ian's game with Gary was impossible to call as Ian took the first, and Gary the second. Ian stormed back to take the third, but Gary threw caution to the wind and claimed the fourth. Even the barman wandered over to watch the deciding game, which Gary looked like claiming when he went 8 – 4 up. But Ian produced two fine serves and two backhand smashes to level. Point to point to 11 – 11, and Ian's long experience paid off as he held his nerve to take the match. Two matches later he had to endure another five-game match and come back from 1 – 2 down to see off a much improved John Walker. Lee also had to dig deep to beat John in another titanic five 'setter'. Peter, as usual, remained a mystery to all three of us! Alan's extra practising is paying off as he swa off Gary and John in fine style. Gary received a red card for his over-exuberant shouting which stopped the Evensong service down in Glossop Chapel!

#### **Old Glossop Cricket Club 3 v 7 Rosehill C** (week 10)

Jacek was impressive. It was difficult to see a weak point in his game, which was attacking and fast. He did not give Peter Woodland a chance to dominate. There were three five-game matches. Only one was won by the home side. The visitors would have been flattered by an 8 – 2 win. The doubles took on significance for the home side. They won in determined style. The return match may be closer in the score.

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

Fred won three for the Conservative Club and the other point was won by Mike who beat John Walker. Peter and Gary each won two, and beat Mike and Fred in a closely fought doubles to take the match 6 – 4.

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

A burst pipe, as a result of the very cold weather, left the carpet tiles sodden – an interesting surface on which to play a game! No-one played in willies, although if we had we could hardly have done worse! John and Graham both managed to beat Mike, who only played 9 games to Graham's 16. No tea tonight, only biscuits.

#### **Hyde Cricket Club 0 v 10 Hollingworth Studs A**

There was a good crowd at the Cricket Club on Tuesday night – unfortunately they had all come to watch the United/City derby on TV. If they'd dragged themselves away from the football they would have seen some really entertaining table tennis. I think it was Albert Einstein, or was it Albert Steptoe, who said 'you get out of life what you put in'. What a load of tosh! We put everything we had into this match and got absolutely zilch! We played reasonably well, and my (Lee) game with Ryan, and Alan's with Nas, were worth the admission fee alone. Ian went close to taking Ryan to five, and the doubles nearly went to five as well. Even the Studs commiserated after the match. 'Just wasn't your night lads'. Nesta was on top form, not conceding a game, and he was backed up well by Nas and Ryan. Ah! well! there's always next week. And to cap it all United lost! C'est la vie.

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

[Lee Chapman, Mike Osborn and Roger Atherton each won a point, although in Mike's case the point resulted from Martyn conceding their match. Harry Garside won his three singles, Peter Green took two, and Martyn, one. Harry and Peter had an easy win in the doubles against Lee and Roger.]

#### **Old Glossop Cricket Club 5 v 5 Hyde Cricket Club**

Honours even, and deservedly so. A really enjoyable night's table tennis. Fortunately for us, Andy was on top form. A long evening because of the late arrival of the visitors. Andy Town only dropped two games.

Gary Oke beat Ian Barker in five after losing the first two. The doubles was a rather tame match after the excitement of the singles. Lee Brown fought like a demon for every point.

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

[Jacek Jarzab beat Ian Wilson and Mike Stansfield, but lost his match with Graham James in the fifth. Krystian Kolodziejczyk and Tomasz Pruszko provided the home side's other two points, each of them beating Mike, who failed to score on this occasion. Graham won three, Ian two, and the pair of them took the doubles against Jacek and Tomasz.]

### **Strines C 3 v 7 Old Glossop Cricket Club**

Once again, Peter Woodland was too good for the Strines trio, winning all his matches. He was ably supported by Gary Oke, who won two, including a five-game match with John Ashworth. They also paired up to win the doubles against Graham Bellis and John. John also went to five with Matt Greenhalgh, but this time he won 11 – 8 in the fifth. Adrian Bellis hit some unstoppable shots, but lack of consistency left him without a win.

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

Some great matches, lots of laughs, and no trouble with the locks! Also thanks to Barry's wife, who didn't object to him playing on her birthday!

### **Hyde Cricket Club 1 v 9 Denton West Cricket Club**

'Capitulation' In future, all opposition players will have their bats inspected before entering the club, and any 'pimpled' ones will be immediately confiscated and ceremonially burned on November 5th! You've probably guessed that Fran dealt mercilessly with us. We coped with his backhand but, as soon as he plays a forehand we might as well haul up a white flag – he crushed us all in straight games! Andy gained our sole victory, although Ian fought hard, taking a game off both Kev and Ken. For Alan though, a night to forget – too much pasta before the match perhaps! Ken and Kev were also on good form, and each earned a deserved victory for Denton West Cricket Club, which confirmed their top of division status.

### **Glossop Conservative Club B 5 v 5 Hollingworth Studs A**

Three for Graham James and one for Mike Stansfield left Glossop Conservative Club B needing the doubles for a draw. Ian Wilson, who had failed to score thus far, teamed up with Graham and beat Nesta Chambers and Ben Thancanamootoo in four. Nesta won two of his singles, Ben also; Ryan Conway scored the visitors' fifth point with a win over Ian.]

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

[Harry Garside beat Krystian Kolodziejczyk and Tomasz Pruszko in straight games, but lost in four to Jacek Jarzab. Andy Bickley got Hyde's third point with an 11 – 8 win in the fifth against Krystian. Jacek won all his singles, Tomasz won two, and Krystian one. Jacek and Tomasz won the doubles 11 – 7 in the fifth.]

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

[Three for Dave Morris, two for Lee Chapman, and nothing this time for Roger Atherton despite a very close match with Mike Lavelle – Mike winning 13 – 11 in the fifth. Stuart Higginbottom won two, whilst Fred Lilley and Mike won one apiece.]

### **Hyde YMCA 'B' 5 v 5 Hollingworth Studs B**

A close-fought match with a draw as a fair result. Peter Roberts starred for Hollingworth with three wins. Harry Garside and Martyn Capper won two each for Hyde. No match went the distance to 5 games. A very one-sided doubles gave Hollingworth the draw.

### **Denton West Cricket Club 10 v 0 Strines C**

An enjoyable night. The final score did not reflect the matches. John had two epic matches with Ken and Kevin but did not have any luck, and Graham began with another five 'setter' against Kevin. Adrian's forehand was wonder to behold but, with good fortune favouring the home side, Strines C eventually succumbed.

### **Rosehill C 8 v 2 Old Glossop Cricket Club**

[Old Glossop only fielded two players for this match – Gary Oke and Peter Woodland. Peter secured the only singles win for the visitors beating Tomasz Pruszko in the fifth, 11 – 5. He also played a close match

with Krystian Kolodziejczyk, but that one he lost 3 – 11 in the fifth. Gary and Peter won the doubles in another very close match, beating Jacek and Krystian 11 – 9, 11 – 9, 9 – 11, 9 – 11, 11 - 7.]

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

Matthew Greenhalgh was the busiest player, playing 14 games and including two matches that went the distance. By far the most interesting match was Matt 'v' Graham James which went alternate games until the fifth which Graham won 15 – 13. Ian Wilson won the opener against Peter Woodland who was below his best. Ian was not so lucky in his other matches but he took a game off each of his other opponents. The doubles went Old Glossop's way as the home team improved as the match went on. Total match time almost 2 hours 50 minutes.

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

[Warwick Francis played for the C team on this occasion, and won all three of his singles matches against Nadeem Ahmed, Nesta Chambers and Ryan Conway. Tomasz Pruszko won the home side's other two points with wins over Nest and Ryan. For Hollingworth, Nadeem won 2, Nesta and Ryan one each. Hollingworth needed the doubles for a draw, and Nadeem and Nesta obliged, beating Tomasz and Krystian in four.]

### **Glossop Conservative Club B 4 v 6 Denton West Cricket Club**

[Graham James effectively scored all four of the home side's points with three singles wins and, in partnership with Ian Wilson, the doubles as well. For Denton West, Kevin Appleton, Fran Marsden and Ken Wood each won two of their singles.]

### **Hyde Cricket Club 6 v 4 Hollingworth C**

Although Alan and I (Lee) both took a game off Kurt, the match only began once we had packed him off to work with a treble under his belt. We reduced the deficit to 3 – 2 but Ian was mystified by the rubber on Roger's bat and surrendered in the fourth 2 – 4 down. Alan was in good 'nick', seeing off Roger, but I had a ding-dong battle with my namesake, losing the third game 16- 18, but managing to close it down 13 – 11 in the fourth. Hollingworth needed the double for a draw, but Alan and Ian were flying, and took it in straight sets. Most enjoyable.

### **Glossop Conservative Club C 3 v 7 Hyde YMCA 'B'**

Harry starred for YMCA 'B', winning his three games and partnering Peter in the doubles to beat Fred and Mark. Stuart, Fred and Mark each won 1. Peter won 2, and Andrew 1 – to give the away team a 7 – 3 victory.

### **Denton West Cricket Club 5 v 5 Hollingworth Studs A**

Nadeem and Nesta won two matches each for the visitors but were both outmanoeuvred by Fran, who had lost the first game of the night to Alan. This proved to be Alan's only success, as he was then beaten by Kevin and Ken. The home team took the doubles to earn a creditable draw.

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

A lot of effort for little reward for Hyde C.C. in this Hyde derby match. YMCA gained revenge for an early season loss. Harry Garside and Martyn Capper were unbeaten for YMCA, with Alan Darnell and Lee Brown both beating Peter Green. An excellent doubles, just taken by YMCA.

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

A great night, even though frustrating for the Conservative Club. Lots of laughs and good games. Peter even got in a few back-hand smashes.

### **Hyde Cricket Club 6 v 4 Hollingworth Studs B**

What a fabulous match to end the season on. It was a pity that Hollingworth only had two players but, boy!, did they make a game of it!

Of the six singles played, five went to five games, and eight of the games went past ten apiece. For Hyde, Alan has never played better and lost. He had both matches practically won, but lost concentration at a vital time and blew them both. Both Ian's matches were crackers, losing a hard-fought contest with Barry, but coming good against Ben – both in five. Typical isn't it, last game of the season and at last I find my best form. I managed to beat Ben for the first time, and held off Barry's challenge – again in five. Barry and Ben took the doubles, and finished lamenting the fact that their third player had been missing.

And so another season comes to an end, and I would like to thank all our opponents for being so sporting, and for putting up with the confounded chairs in the pavilion. It has been a pleasure playing against you all. We wish you a pleasant summer, and look forward to seeing you all in September.

### **Strines C 2 v 8 Hyde YMCA 'B'**

The father versus son contest led to a first competitive victory for the son (all previous encounters really were competitive!) and the demise of the Strines team means that parental supremacy will not be restored next season. Martin and Pete won 3 each for YMCA, whilst John and Adrian picked up 1 each for Strines – not enough to stave off relegation this time. We will be back, and all those in Div. 2 who like tea and biscuits at half time will welcome us!

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

Stuart was on good form for the Conservative Club, winning his three matches. Fred contributed the fourth point, defeating Krystian – although one game went to 21 – 19. Fred and Stuart were unable to get the draw, losing to Tomasz and Jacek in the doubles.