

## **2008/9 Season Weeks 8 - 14**

### **Match Reports – Division Two**

#### **Stanley Square C 10 v 0 Old Glossop Cricket Club**

[Gary Oke came closest to getting a singles victory for the visitors, losing a closely fought match with Adrian Borrell 10 – 12 in the fourth. Jack Christian lost a game in his match with Peter Woodland. The rest of the singles went to the home side in straight games. The anonymously contested doubles started well for Old Glossop who went two up, but Stanley Square took the next three.

[For Stanley Square : Jack Christian, Adrian Borrell and Keith Fendall. For Old Glossop Cricket Club : Gary Oke, John Walker and Peter Woodland.]

#### **Strines 'X' Men 9 v 1 Strines B**

A great night's table tennis, some super rallies, and a scoreline which doesn't reflect well enough the performance of Strines B. Steve took their only point with a fine victory over Tom but, overall, the 'X' Men took the important points when it mattered most. Good advert for Strines T.T. Club.

[For the 'X' Men : Mike McNulty 3, Marcus McNulty 3, Tom Roberts 2. For the 'B' team : Steve Reese 1, Mark Lambe and Tommy Hennegan 0. Tom and Marcus took the doubles in four against Tommy and Steve.]

#### **Strines C 8 v 2 Stanley Square B**

With five people from Stanley Square B, and three players and a 'brew lady' for Strines C, it was more like a picnic than a table tennis match. The home team tried to wear Steve Bartlett out by getting him to knock up and then telling him he was not on yet. A much improved Lilian Peace was unable to register a win for Stanley Square but Steve and Ian Dagnall won one each. Adrian Bellis's matches were all four or five games but he only won one. Stanley Square brought in Ian Robinson to partner Ian Dagnall to play the doubles, to confuse their opponents and the scorer with two Ians – but they must have confused themselves as Strines C won in three.

#### **Commercial B 9 v 1 Hyde Cricket Club**

Knew I should have walked to the bar instead of going upstairs! (Lee)

[Alan Darnell scored the visitors' only point with a four-game win over Ian Wilson. Ian Barker went to five with both Ian and Tony Lawton but victory eluded him. For Commercial B : Ian & Adam Wilson, Tony Lawton. For Hyde Cricket Club : Lee Brown, Alan Darnell & Ian Barker. Ian and Tony took the doubles in four against Ian and Alan.]

#### **Old Glossop Cricket Club 5 v 5 Hollingworth C**

John Walker won a hard-fought 5 'setter' with Lee Chapman in the closest contest of the night. Peter Woodland conceded a game to Roger Atherton, and took a game off Steve Oliver, but these were blips on a night when the majority of contests were pretty clear cut. The doubles was a case in point. The home side did not even look like succeeding. Steve Oliver was by far the best player on view.

[For Old Glossop Cricket Club : Gary Oke 2, Peter Woodland 2, John Walker 1. For Hollingworth : Steve Oliver 3, Roger Atherton 1, Lee Chapman 0.]

#### **Stanley Square C 4 v 6 Hollingworth D**

[Jack Christian won each of his singles in straight games against Gary Turley, Nesta Chambers, and Ben Thancanamootoo. Adrian Borrell beat Ben in three, but succumbed to both Gary (in three) and Nesta (in five). Keith Fendall took Nesta and Ben to five but couldn't add to his team's four points. Gary and Nesta took the doubles in four against Jack and Keith.]

### **Hyde Cricket Club 0 v 10 Strines 'X' Men**

My thanks to Mike and the lads for setting the room out. I was delayed trying to get out of the traffic disaster that goes under the name of Glossop!

The 0 – 10 scoreline doesn't reflect the night's play as Ian Barker and myself could have taken the doubles, and Alan Darnell took Tom Roberts close, losing in the fifth. Both Ian and I took a game off Marcus McNulty, which wasn't sensible as the young wizard produced some serves he'd learned from the 'Hogwarts' book of table tennis. Mike McNulty however remains a mystery to all three of us. But, beware Mike, we pocketed Marcus's book and we're all reading avidly! Great night – see you at Strines.

### **Strines B 7 v 3 Strines C**

Pat 'the Hacker' Downs returned to push Mark Lambe to the limit, and to take Tom down. Lovely to get tea and biscuits but it failed to energise Adrian to victory. Mark took 3 to return to form, and Steve was as solid as ever.

[For the 'B' team : Mark Lambe 3, Steve Reese 2, Tommy Hennegan 1. For the 'C' team : John Ashworth 2, Pat Downs 1, Adrian Bellis 0. Steve and Mark beat Adrian and John in the doubles.]

### **Hollingworth D 7 v 3 Commercial B**

A great match, with some fantastic shots and a wide range of styles. Who would have expected to see Nesta pushing for half the night?!

[For Hollingworth D : Gary Turley 3, Nesta Chambers 3, Barry Fordham 0. For Commercial B : Ian Wilson, Tony Lawton, Mike Stansfield - 1 each. The doubles went to Gary and Nesta in three close games against Ian and Tony.]

### **Hollingworth C 7 v 3 Stanley Square C**

[Dave Morris won his three singles in straight games against Adrian Borrell, Gary Owen and Keith Fendall. Kurt Leech added two more points, beating both Gary and Keith in close five-game matches. Roger Atherton's single victory came with a win over Adrian in four. The home side took the doubles.]

### **Stanley Square B 3 v 7 Old Glossop Cricket Club**

[Steve Bartlett won his matches against Peter Woodland and John Walker, but lost to Gary Oke. Ian Robinson picked up the home side's third point by beating John in straight games. Final scores – Ian Robinson 2, Steve Bartlett 1, Ian Dagnall 0. And for Old Glossop Cricket Club, Gary Oke 3, Peter Woodland 2, and John Walker 1.]

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

A superb night's entertainment and, from our point of view, a shame we didn't get the draw I think we deserved. Graham Bellis was in good form, but the wins John Ashworth and Adrian Bellis contributed were vital. The two matches that stand out were Lee 'v' John – a titanic struggle which Lee managed to win in the fifth – and the doubles. Ian and Lee had to win to gain a draw and, after coming back twice, they had great hopes for the fifth game – but the bell for last orders rang and their concentration went!

### **Hollingworth C 7 v 3 Commercial B**

[Dave Morris and Steve Oliver won all of the home side's seven points, with Roger Atherton not able to get a win – despite taking Ian Wilson and Tony Lawton to five. For Commercial, honours were even, with Ian, Tony, and Mike Stansfield winning each of their matches against Roger. Dave and Steve played the doubles against Ian and Tony and won it in four.]

### **Stanley Square B 4 v 6 Strines B**

Stanley Square's four points came from wins by Steve Bartlett and Ian Robinson. Ian beat Steve Reese in a close five games, and Tommy Hennegan in a close four games. Steve beat Mark Lambe and Tommy – both in four and, again, the matches were closely fought. For Strines, Mark won 2, Steve Reese won 2, and Tom won 1. Steve and Tom took the doubles in straight games against Ian and Steve.]

### **Hollingworth D 0 v 10 Strines 'X' Men**

Not the best match to be a man down, but it did produce some good games although the result was inevitable. The biggest surprise was the heat being on – thank you Mike Flynn!

### **Strines C 1 v 9 Hollingworth D**

A convincing win for the visitors. Our mistake was switching the heating on an hour before they arrived on the coldest night of the winter, and the club having not been used for two weeks. Nesta and Ben won 3 each, and John beat Barry for Strines' only victory. In five of the other 9 matches Strines managed to win the first game but couldn't cash in further. A very pleasant evening with refreshments, as always, up to scratch.

### **Stanley Square C 10 v 0 Stanley Square B**

Match played in a very good spirit.

[For Stanley Square C : Jack Christian, Adrian Borrell & Gary Owen. For Stanley Square B : Steve Bartlett, Lilian Peace & Ian Robinson.]

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

[Adam Wilson won his three singles against John Walker, Gary Oke, and Peter Woodland without dropping a game. Ian Wilson beat John and Peter but lost in three to Gary. Mike Stansfield picked up a sixth point with a win over Peter. The visitors scraped the win when John and Gary managed to beat Adam and Mike 9 – 11, 11 – 13, 11 – 9, 12 – 10, 12 – 10.]

### **Strines 'X' Men 8 v 2 Hollingworth C**

Dave Morris left Mike McNulty's unbeaten record in tatters with a comprehensive 3 – 0 win, Mike having no answer to Dave's domination. Marcus was a different proposition and, after Dave took the first game 11 – 9, Marcus took the next three in 6, 7 & 8 in a super match. Closest match was Tom's 14 – 12 win in the fifth against Roger which could have gone either way. Tom teamed up with Marcus to win the doubles. Specialist cleaning services had to be called in when a bit 'snot' fell out of Roger's nose on to the table during his game against Mike!! Yughhh!

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

[Steve Reese contributed three of the home side's points with wins over Lee Brown, Alan Darnell and Ian Barker. Tom Hennegan picked up a fourth by beating Alan. Mark Lambe was unable to add anything further to the team score, being beaten in four by Lee and Alan, and in five by Ian. Strines needed another win for the draw and Steve and Mark managed to get it in the doubles with a win over Lee and Ian.]

### **Hollingworth D 4 v 6 Strines B**

Early in the match somebody wrote on the card "it's going to be a long night!" In the end five of the matches went to five, with some tremendous games. Tommy Hennegan seemed to enjoy coming from behind all night!

[For Hollingworth : Nesta Chambers 3, Ben Thancanamootoo 1, Barry Fordham 0. For Strines : Mark Lambe 2, Tommy Hennegan 2, Steve Reese 1. Mark and Steve took the doubles for Strines against Ben and Nesta.]

### **Hyde Cricket Club 9 v 1 Stanley Square B**

An excellent evening's TT from two teams trying to escape relegation. Unfortunately for the Square the Cricketers were on top form with Brown and Barker winning three each, and Darnell contributing 2. Steve Bartlett certainly had his money's worth, playing 15 games, but unfortunately running out of steam in the fifth in two of them. Ian Robinson's over-enthusiasm was rewarded by 'yellow cards' for ball abuse, bat abuse, net abuse, table abuse, self abuse, and general abuse about everything!

### **Stanley Square C 3 v 7 Strines 'X' Men**

[Jack Christian, Adrian Borrell and Keith Fendall each won a point for the home side by beating Mike McNulty, albeit not by much. Jack won 11 – 6 in the fifth, Adrian 11 – 3 in the fifth, and Keith 12 – 10 in the fourth. For the visitors, Jordan Potts won each of his singles in straight games, whilst Marcus McNulty took a little longer to achieve the same end. Adrian came closest to preventing his hat trick, taking him to five but losing 5 – 11 in the final game. Jack and Adrian played Jordan and Marcus in the doubles and lost 11 – 13 in the fourth.]

### **Old Glossop Cricket Club 3 v 7 Stanley Square C**

The home team had to fight hard to earn any points. Three were scored but all in five-game matches. John Walker didn't win a game, and Gary Oke only won the games to clinch his [single] win. Stanley Square showed their pedigree, not least of all in the doubles. Jack was the best player on display and was able to defer to his two colleagues for a doubles win.

[For Old Glossop Cricket Club : Peter Woodland 2, Gary Oke 1, John Walker 0. For Stanley Square : Jack Christian 3, Adrian Borrell 2, Keith Fendall 1.]

### **Old Glossop Cricket Club 0 v 10 Strines 'X' Men**

The 'X' Men were again too good! The only glimmer of hope was when Peter Woodland took Tom Roberts to five games. In the doubles, Old Glossop led in the first game but lost it and, although they won the third game, they were too inconsistent, being unable to read their opponents' serves.

[For Old Glossop Cricket Club : Gary Oke, John Walker and Peter Woodland . For Strines : Mike McNulty, Marcus McNulty and Tom Roberts.]

### **Stanley Square C 4 v 6 Commercial B**

[Jack Christian and Adrian Borrell provided the home team's four points with wins over Ian Wilson and Mike Stansfield. Neither Jack nor Adrian was able to contain Adam Wilson who beat them both in straight games – as he also did with Keith Fendall. To add to Adam's three points, Ian and Mike picked up another two by also beating Keith, and Ian and Adam won a closely contested doubles against Jack and Adrian 8, 12, 12, 16.]

### **Hollingworth C 4 v 6 Strines C**

[Dave Morris was the only singles winner for Hollingworth, beating John Ashworth and Gordon Bickley in four, and Adrian Bellis in three. He combined with Lee Chapman to take the doubles against John and Gordon. For the visitors, John, Adrian and Gordon each won their singles matches against Mike Osborn and Lee Chapman.]

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

[Hollingworth C were only able to put out two players for this match, Dave Morris and Roger Atherton. Of the six singles that were played, four went to five and the other two to four. Mark Lambe had the tightest of victories against Dave, winning 13 – 11 in the fifth. He also beat Roger. Teaming up with Steve Reese, he also had a win in the doubles against Dave and Roger to secure the point that gave Strines the match. Steve went to five with both Dave and Roger, and lost to them both 8 – 11 in the fifth, whilst Tommy Hennegan lost 5 – 11 in the fifth to Dave, and 10 – 12 in the fourth to Roger.]

### **Strines 'X' Men 7 v 3 Stanley Square C**

Excellent match between the top two in Division 2. A good double for Tom and an impressive treble for Marcus ensured that the 'X' Men stay top of the pile. Great doubles match with all four games very close, but Marcus and Tom took it 3 – 1. Looking forward to the return leg next week.

[For Strines : Marcus McNulty 3, Tom Roberts 2, Mike McNulty 1. For Stanley Square : Jack Christian 2, Adrian Borrell 1, Keith Fendall 0.]

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

Excellent competition from two closely matched teams. Nesta's lethal backhand smash saw off all three of us, much to the delight of his number one fan – his lovely daughter, who put us all on our best behaviour! Both Alan and Lee went to five with Ben. I lost mine, but Alan was that delighted by his victory that he did his own version of the Riverdance! Ian was sadly off form and lost all three. Alan and Lee took the doubles, which gave the scorecard a more respectable feel.

[For Hyde : Alan Darnell 2, Lee Brown 1, Ian Barker 0. For Hollingworth: Nesta Chambers 3, Ben Thancanamootoo 2, Barry Fordham 1.]

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

A very enjoyable match which finished quite late as only three matches were decided in 3 games. For the home side, John Ashworth won 2, beating Gary Oke in the equivalent of six games – one game going to 20 – 18! For the

away side, Peter Woodland was undefeated, but was taken to five by Gordon Bickley – their matches have never been decided in less than five. John and Gordon combined in the doubles to beat Gary and Peter, having lost the opening game. Refreshments up to the usual standard!

### **Stanley Square B 2 v 8 Commercial B**

[Ian Robinson and Ian Dagnall picked up the home side's two points with wins against Mike Stansfield, 11 – 6 in the fourth for Ian R., and 11 – 7 in the fifth for Ian D. Neither of the Ians, nor Lilian, however could add any further points in their matches against Ian and Adam Wilson. Father and son combined to take the doubles in straight games against Ian D. and Lilian.]