

2009/10 Season Weeks 8 - 16

Match Reports – Division Two

Denton West 8 v 2 Hollingworth C (week 3)

A hard-fought match with Kevin proving unbeatable for the home side. David overcame Fran in the battle of the bats, and Ken won two with persistence and judicious hitting. The home side took the doubles.

[For Denton : Kevin Appleton 3, Fran Marsden and Ken Wood 2 each. For Hollingworth : Dave Morris 2, Kurt Leech and Mike Osborn 0.]

Hollingworth Studs B 2 v 8 Old Glossop Cricket Club

This was the playing at Old Glossop of what essentially the Studs B home match – taking advantage of the opportunity to catch up with fixtures. A very snowy evening prevented the Studs' third player being available – called to a rescue on the mountain! Ben took an easy victory over Matthew and the doubles with – guess who – Barry. Barry lost easily to Gary, but had a monumental struggle with Matt in the singles, losing 14 – 16 in the fifth. Studs won the doubles 13 – 11, also in the fifth. Peter won another five 'setter' in a very up and down match. Barry was the busiest player.

Strines C 0 v 10 Denton West Cricket Club

I thought it was closer than the scoreline suggested but, as only 1 match went to five, and 3 went to four, perhaps it wasn't close at all! Denton West are a team of different styles – Kevin's penholder grip, Franny's defensive game, and Ken's stylish technique – and they will be back in the first division next season. It was a very pleasant evening and, with an early finish, there was a bit longer in the pub for a nightcap.

Glossop Conservative Club C 6 v 4 Hollingworth C

The match finished 6 – 4 in favour of Con. Club C but it easily have been reversed as five of the matches went to five. Dave Morris won 3 for Hollingworth, and partnered Lee Chapman to take the doubles. Kurt and Lee were unable to win a singles game, and Stuart, Fred and Mark each won two for the Con. Club.

Hollingworth Studs B 3 v 7 Hyde YMCA 'B'

Some hard-fought matches with some exciting rallies, and a wide range of styles. Everybody played well

[For Studs B : Alan Wynn 2, Barry Fordham 1, Frank Corlett 0. For YMCA B : Martyn Capper 3, Peter Green 2, Andrew Bickley 2. Barry and Alan lost the doubles 10 – 12 in the fifth to Martyn and Pete.]

Old Glossop Cricket Club 1 v 9 Hollingworth Studs A

The unluckiest player of the night was Charlie Manning who lost all three of his matches in five games. He was in with a shout in all of them. He should have taken advantage of being up in his fifth games against Ryan and Emil, and his opponents were forced to raise their levels of concentration significantly to get the better of him. The other contests were relatively uneventful. Ryan did just about enough. The rest were just not consistent enough.

Hyde YMCA 'B' 9 v 1 Glossop Conservative Club C

The battle of the two promoted sides turned into a comfortable win for Hyde due to the signing of Harry Garside who contributed 3 points. Glossop Con. Club deserved more than the one point gained by Fred Lilley who beat Peter Green.

Denton West Cricket Club 10 v 0 Glossop Conservative Club B

A hard-fought match which included an epic between Ken and Tony. The score did not reflect the difference between the sides – it was a lot closer.

Hollingworth C 1 v 9 Hyde Cricket Club

[Lee Chapman got the home side's only point with a five-game win over Alan Darnell. Roger Atherton came closest to getting a second Hollingworth point in his match with Andrew Town, but he finally lost it 8 – 11 in the fifth. Final scores, Roger Atherton and Mike Osborn 0, Lee Chapman 1. And for Hyde, Andrew Town and Ian Barker 3, Alan Darnell 2.]

Rosehill C 5 v 5 Hollingworth Studs B

[Some odd 'arrowy' hieroglyphs on the scorecard make it hard to decipher precisely who beat whom, but it was obviously not just the final score that was close, but a good many of the individual matches as well. None of the matches were settled in straight games, and four of them went to five with close margins of victory. As far as I am able to tell, for Rosehill, Jacek Jarzab won 2, Tomasz Pruszko 1 (might have been the other way round?) and Krystian Kolodziejczyk won 1. For Hollingworth, Alan Wynn and Ben Thancanamootoo won 2 each, whilst Barry Fordham won 1. Tomasz and Krystian won the doubles against Barry and Alan, 11 – 9 in the fourth.]

Hyde Cricket Club 6 v 4 Hyde YMCA 'B'

What a superb evening of table tennis, and possibly the match of the season so far. This local Derby produced some fantastic games. Three in particular – Andy's two matches against Harry and Peter, both of which went to five, and Alan's match against Martin, again decided in a tense fifth game. Andy has been a great acquisition for the Cricketers, and here he celebrated his home debut with a treble. Alan and Ian supported with crucial victories. Harry has strengthened the YMCA team in their promotional season, and both he and Martin took two matches each. Peter lost his first two rather easily, but was a completely different player against Andy, (three of their games were decided 14 – 12) only going down in the fifth when he tired. It's an age thing, Peter! Congratulations to both sides on some great table tennis. Martyn, as usual, entertained the spectator (me) with his full range of John Cleese impersonations.

Strines C 4 v 6 Hollingworth C

In a good close match the visitors came out winning by six to four. Standing in for Gordon Bickley, Graham Bellis won three for Strines C, but was run very close by Dave Morris – who won his other two. He was taken to four by John Ashworth, and to five by Adrian Bellis. Adrian didn't win any despite hitting some forehand shots that nearly left holes in the back wall. John beat Lee Chapman in three, and partnering Graham, went to five in the doubles, losing 7 – 11 in the fifth to Dave, and Mike Osborne. All Adrian's matches went to four games at least, as did John's two defeats.

Glossop Conservative Club C 5 v 5 Hollingworth Studs B

[Stuart Higginbottom won two of the home side's five points with his wins against Barry Fordham and Nathan Kersall. Barry hard to beat, only finally losing 10 – 12 in the fifth. Mike Lavelle and Mark Bennett each won their singles against Nathan but were unable to defeat Barry or Peter Roberts. Peter won each of his singles in straight games. Mark and Stuart needed the doubles for a draw and just managed it with a 12 – 10 win in the fourth against Barry and Peter.]

Hollingworth Studs A 5 v 5 Denton West Cricket Club

[Nadeem Ahmed and Nesta Chambers each won two of their singles by beating Kevin Appleton and Ken Wood – only just in Nadeem's case, winning both 11 – 7 in the fifth. Ryan Conway went to five with Ken, but lost 6 – 11 in the final game. For Denton West Cricket Club, Fran Marsden won each of his singles, with Kevin and Ken picking up one each. Studs needed the doubles for a draw and, after five games, they got it – Nadeem and Nesta beating Fran and Kevin.]

Hollingworth C 4 v 6 Glossop Conservative Club B

[Dave Morris got three of Hollingworth's four points, and shared the fourth with Roger Atherton in a straight-game win over Tony Lawton and Ian Wilson. Tony, Ian, and Mike Stansfield got two each with their wins over Roger Atherton and Mike Osborn.]

Hollingworth Studs B 5 v 5 Hyde Cricket Club

A close match in parts, especially the doubles, played in a great spirit. Nathan continues his trial by fire in the 2nd Division with some really good rallies.

[For Studs B : Peter Roberts 3, Barry Fordham 1, Nathan Kelsall 0. For Hyde : Andrew Town 2, Ian Barker 2, Alan Darnell 1. The doubles went to the home side, 11 – 4 in the fifth.]

Rosehill C 6 v 4 Glossop Conservative Club C

[Jacek Jarzab and Tomasz Pruszko both had wins over Stuart Higginbottom and Mark Bennett, but couldn't manage to defeat Fred Lilley. Fred won each of his singles, his third win being in a very close five-game match against Krystian Kolodziejczyk, which he won 11 – 9 in the final game. Krystian scored a fifth point for Rosehill with his close straight-game win over Mark, and went on to secure the draw when he partnered Jacek in the doubles – beating Fred and Stuart 11 – 6 in the fifth.]

Hyde YMCA 'B' 5 v 5 Strines C

[Two each for Peter Green and Harry Garside, with wins over John Ashworth and Adrian Bellis. Andy Bickley picked up a fifth point by beating Adrian Bellis in four. Graham Bellis won his three singles, and John Ashworth added a fourth point with his win against Andy. Strines needed a double win for the draw and got it, 12 – 10 in the fifth.]

Denton West Cricket Club 9 v 1 Old Glossop Cricket Club

Thanks to the visitors for braving the ice. Unfortunately it did not go well for them, as only Matt managed to out-hit Kevin. The highlight of the night was the hitting game between Ken and Gary, which went to five. The home side took the doubles.

Hollingworth Studs B 7 v 3 Strines C

A very good match, with six brave souls fighting against the elements to get to the Band Room, then fighting one another. Even braver were Peter and Gordon, both trying new bats. Graham and Gordon commended the Band Room as a good venue.

[More mysterious pointy arrows on the score card, so I would suggest that, for Studs B : Peter Roberts 3, Ben Thancanamootoo 2, Barry Fordham 1. For Strines : Graham Bellis 2, Gordon Bickley 1, Adrian Bellis 0. Peter and Barry won the doubles 11 – 9 in the fourth against Graham and Gordon.]

Hollingworth C 1 v 9 Hollingworth Studs A

[Kurt Leech won Hollingworth's single point with a five-game win over Nadeem Ahmed, 11 – 9 in the final game. No wins for Lee Chapman and Mike Osborn on this occasion. Nesta Chambers and Ryan Conway scored maximums, 2 for Nadeem, and a straight-game doubles win for the visitors.]

Rosehill C 4 v 6 Denton West Cricket Club

[Two 11 – 6 wins for Jacek Jarzab, one in the third against Dave McPherson, and one in the fifth against Ken Wood. Krystian Kolodziejczyk also beat Dave, as did Tomasz Pruszko. The visitors' winning 6 points came from Fran Marsden 3, and Ken 2, and Fran and Dave beating Jacek and Krystian in the doubles.]

Glossop Conservative Club C 4 v 6 Hyde Cricket Club

A good win for Hyde C. C. and a good start to the second half of the season. Andrew Town starred, winning all his singles. He was well backed up by Alan Darnell who won two. Fred played well to win two out of three. Stuart Higginbottom won one, and combined with Fred to win the doubles.

Hyde Cricket Club 4 v 6 Rosehill C

'Cracking T.T. Gromit!' Yes, it really was a super night's table tennis and, as usual, I witter on about 'we could've won', and 'we definitely should've drawn', but we didn't. And the reason? Well, I recently banned WAGS from pre-match nights, and now I've banned ... Pies! We all ran out of steam at crucial times, and one of my team, who shall remain nameless, pleaded not to go on first as he felt somewhat bloated, having eaten later than usual. One pie less and we would've secured the draw. Seriously, the match hinged on two matches, mine (Lee) with Tomasz, and the doubles. With Tomasz, I really should have seen him off when 10 – 7 up in the fifth, but he fought back tenaciously to level, and took the game 14 – 12. In the doubles, Ian and Alan had a great chance, coming back in the fourth from 6 – 10 to take it 12 – 10, but too many unforced errors saw it slip away in the fifth. Jacek was at his best for Rosehill, and Ian is at last finding his form for the Cricketers. Podziękowanie bo a dobrej nocy.

Glossop Conservative Club B 4 v 6 Hollingworth Studs B

[Mike Stansfield couldn't manage a win against Peter Roberts, Barry Fordham or Ben Thancanamootoo, but Ian Wilson and Tony Lawton won two each, only succumbing to Peter, who beat them comfortably in straight games. To add to Peter's three points, Barry and Ben's wins over Mike left the home side needing to win the doubles for a draw. It was not to be. Tony and Ian lost to Barry and Peter in straight games.]

Old Glossop Cricket Club 6 v 4 Hollingworth C

Dave Morris was the best performer on the night, dropping only one game. That was to Gary Oke, who later performed badly in the encounter with Roger Atherton. Peter lost in straight games to Dave Morris in the last singles, although he easily beat his other two opponents. Old Glossop won the doubles, which was the deciding match. Matt Greenhalgh made hard work of his two wins, but is playing himself back to form.

Strines C 2 v 8 Glossop Conservative Club C

Star of the show for Glossop Con. Club was Stuart Higginbottom who went through three singles and a doubles without dropping a game. Fred Lilley and Mike Lavelle both won two. Mike, having pulled a muscle in the first game of the first match, then had to endure two four-game matches and a five-game one! Glossop are progressing very well after promotion, but for Strines, relegation is, yet again, a strong possibility.

Glossop Conservative Club C 3 v 7 Glossop Conservative Club B

Star man – Stuart Higginbottom, with a new hair style. All contestants had a hacking cough, particularly Mike Stansfield [*at least, that's what I think it said – Ed.*]

Hollingworth C 2 v 8 Denton West Cricket Club

[Dave Morris and Kurt Leech picked up Hollingworth's only two points of the night, Dave beating Kevin Appleton, and Kurt winning a five-game match against Ken Wood 11 – 8 in the final game. Fran Marsden went unbeaten, also sharing the doubles win with Kevin. Kevin and Ken won two singles each.]

Hyde Cricket Club 6 v 4 Strines C

Another evenly matched night, with Alan and Andy performing well, and Ian having a bad night, but still having two wins.

[For Hyde : Alan Darnell, Ian Barker and Andy Town 2 each. For Strines : Graham Bellis 3, John Ashworth 0, Adrian Bellis 0. Adrian and Graham took the doubles in four, beating Alan and Ian.]

Hollingworth Studs B 3 v 7 Hollingworth Studs A

A great match, with both teams firing on all cylinders. Nesta and Nadeem were undefeated in close matches.

[For Studs B : Barry Fordham, Ben Thancanamootoo and Peter Roberts 1 each. For Studs A : Nesta Chambers 3, Nadeem Ahmed 3, Ryan Conway 0. Nesta and Nadeem played Peter and Barry in the doubles, and beat them 11 – 7 in the fourth.]

Hyde YMCA 'B' 6 v 4 Old Glossop Cricket Club

[Harry Garside and Pete Green each won two of their singles, both beating Gary Oke and John Walker. However, despite taking Peter Woodland to five, neither of them could beat him, and he went on to win all three of his singles matches. Martyn Capper picked up a fifth point for the home team with a straight-game win over John, and narrowly missed a second win against Gary, losing to him 13 – 15 in the fifth. Old Glossop needed the doubles for a draw, but they lost in straight games.]

Glossop Conservative Club B 7 v 3 Hyde Cricket Club

Another entertaining game between these two teams – it's never dull, or quiet! Graham made his first appearance of the season, and played better as the night went on. Best game by far – Graham 'v' Ian Barker. It went straight to the wire, Graham just getting there.

[For Con. Club B : Graham James 3, Ian Wilson 3, Mike Stansfield 1. For Hyde : Alan Darnell 1, Ian Barker 1, Lee Brown 0. The Cricketers took the doubles in four, Ian and Alan beating Ian and Graham.]

Rosehill C 6 v 4 Strines C

[Jacek Jarzab and Tomasz Pruszko won two each, both of them with wins over Gordon Bickley and Adrian Bellis. Adrian put up the stiffest opposition, taking Tomasz to five but losing 6 – 11 in the final game. Krystian Kolodziejczyk score a fifth point for Rosehill with his win over Adrian, and nearly a sixth when he took Gordon to five – only losing 11 – 13 in the final game. Graham Bellis for Strines was undefeated. The doubles went to Rosehill in straight games, Jacek and Tomasz beating Adrian and Gordon.]

Hollingworth Studs A 10 v 0 Glossop Conservative Club C

[Stuart Higginbottom came closest to preventing total defeat for the visitors, taking Nesta Chambers to five, and just losing 10 – 12 in the fourth against Ryan Conway. Those results apart, the home side of Nadeem Ahmed, Nesta and Ryan secured a very convincing victory against Stuart, Mike Lavelle and Mark Bennett.]

Hollingworth C 5 v 5 Rosehill C

[Dave Morris and Roger Atherton both beat Tomasz Pruszko and Krystian Kolodziejczyk, but were unable to achieve the same result against Jacek Jarzab, who beat them both in straight games. He also similarly beat Mike Osborn, winning all three of his singles. Mike Osborn was unable, on this occasion to get a singles win, so the home side needed the doubles for a draw, and proceeded to get it, winning 11 – 7, 17 – 15, 3 – 11, 12 - 10 .]

Hollingworth Studs B 2 v 8 Denton West Cricket Club

An enjoyable match, if a little one sided. Peter Roberts played well, although out of practice. Barry Fordham hobbled with a bruised toe – not an excuse for being thrashed. Nathan continues to improve.

[For Studs B : Peter Roberts 2, Barry Fordham 0, Nathan Kelsall 0. For Denton : Fran Marsden 3, Ken Wood 2, Kevin Appleton 2. Denton took the doubles – just - with Fran and Ken beating Barry and Peter 11 – 9 in the fifth.]