

## **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 Three**

#### **Romiley Cricket Club A 4 v 6 Glossop Bandies**

[David McPherson scored 2 of the home team's four points with wins over both Jack and Christine Stone. James and David Badrock added the other two points, each of them beating Christine but losing close five-game matches against Jack – in James' case, 9 – 11 in the final game. Peter Roberts won his three singles, leaving the home side needing the doubles for a draw. But Peter and Jack beat David and James in four to take the match 6 – 4.]

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

[John Jepson won each of his singles against David Jones, John Hallam and Alastair Smith, but his team mates, Harvey Slifkin and Bill Finigan were not able to emulate him. Both of them took John to four, but lost in straight games to David and Alastair. Cliff Preston was YMCA's fourth man on the night, and he partnered John Jepson in the doubles. They were beaten in four by John Hallam and Alastair.]

#### **Glossop Bandits B 6 v 4 Romiley Cricket Club B**

New players, new youth teams, and a new venue saw a night of ten 3 – 0 wins. Bandits B ran out winners by 6 – 4. An encouraging display from the younger members of both teams, no doubt a result of the Saturday afternoon coaching sessions at St. Philip Howard.

[For the Bandits : Dave Richardson 2, George Richardson 2, Tom Crowdy 2. For Romiley : Peter Jepson 3, Thomas Brown 0, Thomas Fowler 0. Jack Barraclough played in the doubles, partnering Peter Jepson for a win against George and Tom.]

#### **Hollingworth Hopefuls 2 v 8 Strines D**

A friendly first game of the season, but disappointing for Hollingworth Hopefuls.

[Colin Laxton won his matches against Pat Downs and Ted Crosby for the home side's only points of the night. For Strines, Paul Davis – returning to the League after a long absence – won each of his three singles against Colin, Jim Towell and Alan Smith. Jenny Smith joined Alan for the doubles. They were beaten by Paul and Ted.]

#### **Glossop Conservative Club D 6 v 4 Friendship Inn**

A welcome return to Norman Clegg who hasn't played table tennis since before the 11-up rule was introduced. He played very well, winning two of his matches. Dave Bridge won two for the Friendship, with Alan Fishwick and Norman Wilson winning one each. David Clegg won three for the Conservative Club and, with Ken Handley, won the doubles.

#### **Stanley Square C 9 v 1 Glossop Bandits A**

Excellent first match. Bandits A are the stars of the future. Congratulations to Dennis for his superb coaching.

[For Stanley Square : Ian Robinson 3, Ian Dagnall 3, Lilian Peace 2. For Bandits A : Maria Birnie 1, Adam Barton 0, Matthew Thirlwell 0. The two Ians took the doubles against Maria and Adam.]

### **Strines D 7 v 3 Stanley Square C**

[Paul Davis won his three singles against Ian Robinson, Steve Bartlett and Lilian Peace. Pat Downs beat Lilian and Steve, losing to Ian in four, and Ted Crosby picked up a sixth point for the home side with a win over Lilian. Pat and Paul had a straight-games win in the doubles against Ian and Steve.]

### **Friendship Inn 4 v 6 Romiley Cricket Club A**

Star player – Dave McPherson, winner of all his matches, with a cliff-hanger win against Eddie Seville, 12 – 10 in the fifth. The Badrock brothers show plenty of promise. James was unlucky to lose his three singles – two of the three could have easily gone his way. David won two out of three convincingly. Fishwick and Johnson struggled.

### **Romiley Cricket Club B 6 v 4 Hollingworth Hopefuls**

The young cricketers enjoyed their first win in the League – Jack Barraclough (2) and Tom Brown (1) supporting Peter Jepson (3) in a friendly & sporting manner. Wins for Tom, 11 – 7, 11 – 3, 9 – 11, 16 – 14, and for Jack 11 – 8, 11 – 5, 11 – 7, against the Hopefuls' No.3 Jenny Smith were followed by the match of the night between young Jack and his senior, Alan Smith – the Romiley boy winning 11 – 6 in the fifth. Pete Jepson and his grandson, Tom Fowler, lost to Alan Smith and Colin Laxton and the doubles, 12 – 10, 7 – 11, 11 – 13, 6 – 11.

### **Glossop Bandits A 7 v 3 Hyde YMCA 'C'**

[Adam Barton, Jason Barton and Matthew Thirlwell each won 2 singles for Bandits A, beating Cliff Preston and Bill Finigan. Cliff made Jason work for his victory, only losing 12 – 14 in the fifth. Matthew had a chance against John Jepson to take a third singles win for himself, but John took the match with an 11 - 13 score in the fourth game, and went on to win all three of his matches. Adam and Matthew took the doubles against Cliff and Bill in straight games.]

### **Glossop Bandies 0 v 10 Glossop Bandits B**

[Frank Corlett was the player on the home side who came closest to preventing the Bandits running away with the match. He went to four against Tom Crowdy, losing 11, 10, 3, 10, and also against Richard Peters, losing 10, 11, 8 & 9. Tom, Richard and Dave Richardson had a somewhat easier time against Frank's team mates, John Phillips and Barry Rogers. Frank and John played the doubles, taking a game off Richard and Tom.]

### **Hollingworth Veterans 6 v 4 Glossop Conservative Club D**

[Graham Oakley was unbeaten, winning each of his singles against David and Sam Clegg, and Ken Handley. David Jones and Alistair Smith took a match each, both against Sam, leaving visitors needing the doubles to draw. David C. and Ken put up a good fight, losing eventually in five to Graham and David J.]

### **Glossop Bandits B 3 v 7 Friendship Inn**

A valiant fight by the Bandits, but the experience of the Friendship won the night. The doubles was the closest match, going the full distance of five games.

[For Bandits B : Dave Richardson 3, George Richardson 0, Richard Peters 0. For the Friendship : Bob Johnson, Eddie Seville and Norman Wilson 2 each. Dave and George played the doubles, losing in five to Eddie and Norman.]

### **Romiley Cricket Club A 4 v 6 Hollingworth Veterans**

[Dave McPherson beat David Jones and John Hallam in four, and Adie Jones in three. The home side's fourth point came from Sam Astley's victory over John, 11 – 9 in the fourth. Tom Rolph was Romiley's third player and, on this occasion, he wasn't able to pick up a win. Dave partnered Sam for the doubles, losing in four to David and Adie.]

### **Glossop Conservative Club D 8 v 2 Hyde YMCA 'C'**

An enjoyable evening with no Samba band pounding out latin rhythms in the room above. John Jepson was in good form, winning two. Sam Clegg and Harvey Slifkin had a close fought match, with Sam winning in four. Cliff Preston had some great shots against David Clegg. Ken Handley won two and, with Sam, won the doubles for the Conservative Club.

### **Glossop Bandits A 0 v 10 Strines D**

[The Bandit's Adam Barton took a game off Pat Downs, losing 6 – 11 in the fourth, but that was to be the only match of the evening which wasn't a straight-games win for Strines. Pat, Paul Davis and Ted Crosby were giving nothing else away to Adam, Maria Birnie, and Matthew Thirlwell.]

### **Stanley Square C 7 v 3 Romiley Cricket Club B**

[Ian Dagnall, Ian Robinson and Steve Bartlett were each victorious against Tom Fowler and Jack Barraclough, but couldn't take a game off Romiley's Peter Jepson who scored the away team's only points of the night. Thomas Brown played in the doubles with Peter and only narrowly lost against the two Ians, 6 – 11 in the fifth.]

### **Hollingworth Hopefuls 7 v 3 Glossop Bandies**

A friendly match with some close games and exciting rallies, particularly in the games between Jim Towell and Tony Robinson. The final game in the match between Alan Smith and Tony was unfortunate for Alan as Tony got an edge at 9 – 9 in the fifth. Watch out for the Bandies – they will better as the season progresses.

### **Glossop Bandies 4 v 6 Stanley Square C**

[Peter Roberts was taken to four in each of his singles, but Ian Dagnall, Ian Robinson and Lilian Peace weren't able to go a stage further and win one of their matches against him. Jack Stone provided the home side's fourth point by beating Lilian 13 – 11 in the fifth game of a closely fought match. Lilian scored a point for Stanley Square in another five-game battle – this time against Christine Stone. 2 points each for the two Ians, and a further point in their doubles match again Peter and Christine.]

### **Romiley Cricket Club B 4 v 6 Strines D**

Peter Jepson opened for the Cricketers and got them off to a good start with a win over his previous 1st division opponent Paul Davis (11 – 7, 16 – 14, 11 – 5). He was then well supported by his grandson, Tom Fowler, who recorded his first League win by defeating Ted Crosby (11 – 8, 12- 10, 11 – 9). Paul Davis and Pat Downs quickly repaired the earlier setbacks with wins over their young, inexperienced opponents, Tom Fowler and Tom Brown. Jepson chipped in with three wins, and was joined in the doubles by Jack Barraclough. They were hoping to secure a draw but went down 4 – 11, 7 – 11, 4 – 11 to Davis and Downs.

### **Hyde YMCA 'C' 3 v 7 Romiley Cricket Club A**

[Cliff Preston, Harvey Slifkin and Bill Finigan scored the YMCA's three points with wins over Tom Rolph. Sam Astley played two five-game matches and a four-game match and succeeded in winning all of them for Romiley. He partnered Dave Richardson (who also won his three singles) in the doubles, and the two of them beat Harvey and Bill.]

### **Hollingworth Veterans 3 v 7 Glossop Bandits B**

[David Jones and Alistair Smith were the winners of Hollingworth's 3 points – both of them beating the Bandit's Tom Crowdy, and also partnering each other in the doubles which they won 11 – 7 in the fifth against George Richardson and Tom. John Hallam was without a win on this occasion, whilst Dave Richardson and George Richardson had three each.]

### **Glossop Bandits B 7 v 3 Hyde YMCA 'C'**

A nasty left-handed spin secured the three away points for John Jepson. The closest match of the night was between Cliff Preston and George Richardson, going the full distance with some close games. Alas, the Bandits' young guns proved too much, and ran out victors, 7 – 3.

### **Glossop Conservative Club D 8 v 2 Glossop Bandits A**

The future looks good with these three talented players from Bandits A. Maria Birnie and Adam Barton had terrific matches against Sam Clegg, with some great shots from both sides. Maria and Adam both won in the fifth [11 – 8, and 12 – 10 respectively]. Matthew Thirlwell also played well. Norman Clegg and Ken Handley each won three, and also the doubles.

### **Glossop Bandits A 6 v 4 Romiley Cricket Club B**

[Adam Barton, Maria Birnie and Matthew Thirlwell shared the home side's points equally. They all beat Romiley's Jack Barraclough and Tom Brown, but not always without a fight. Jack took Matthew to five, only losing 12 – 14 in the last game; Tom narrowly missed the opportunity of a fifth against Adam, losing the fourth 12 – 14, but he did go the distance with Maria, although he stalled somewhat in the fifth, losing it 2 – 11. Peter Jepson was unbeaten for Romiley and, with partner Tom Fowler, he also took the doubles, 11 – 6 in the fifth.]

### **Hollingworth Hopefuls 4 v 6 Hollingworth Veterans**

[Colin Laxton and Jackie Sanderson each won two of their singles, both of them beating David Jones and Alistair Smith. In Jackie's case it was a close run thing – both her two victories coming via 11 – 9 wins in the fifth. Alan Smith had a close match with David (6 – 11 in the fifth), but couldn't get a win on this occasion. For the Veterans, Graham Oakley 3, David Jones 1 and Alistair Smith 1. Graham and Alistair won the doubles in 4 against Alan and Jenny Smith.]

### **Stanley Square C 4 v 6 Friendship Inn**

[Ian Dagnall had two singles wins, against David Bridge (3) and Alan Fishwick (11 – 5 in the fifth. Steve Bartlett also got his two points the same way, beating David in three, and Alan in four. Neither of them was able to do the same to Eddie Seville, who beat each of the Stanley Square team in four. Victory escaped Lilian Peace on this occasion. The home side needed the doubles for a draw, but Ian and Steve couldn't quite manage it, losing to Alan and Eddie in the fifth.]

### **Romiley Cricket Club A 6 v 4 Glossop Conservative Club D**

Clive Middleton, standing in for Dave Machpherson, recorded three wins in straight games, and was well supported by Ben Allcock, making his debut and beating Sam Clegg 11 -8, 11 – 5, 11 – 6, and James Badrock, also defeating the Conservative's No. 3 by 11 – 7, 11 – 9, 11 – 1. Ken Handley and Norman Clegg had too much know-how for their young opponents, and they reached the doubles needing a win to draw the match – but they went down 3 – 11, 4 – 11, 6 – 11 to Middleton and Badrock.

### **Glossop Bandies 5 v 5 Romiley Cricket Club B**

As the score confirms, a very close match, with the two junior players Tom Brown and Jack Barraclough battling well against the experienced Bandies. Peter Jepson was the main man, winning all his games, whilst coaxing the two juniors. The doubles was an excellent match, with Peter and young Jack winning in straight games against Frank Corlett and John Phillips. An excellent match and a fair result.

### **Romiley Cricket Club A 7 v 3 Glossop Bandits A**

The Cricketers extended their winning run, with No.1 Middleton gaining straight game wins over his young opponents. The Badrock twins recorded three wins, David beating Maria Birnie 2, 6 & 5 and Matthew Thirlwell 7, 9 & 8, whilst James beat Matthew 9, 4, 11, & 8. Adam Barton won two for the visitors with his hard-hitting forehands, and Maria gained a point for her win over James, 5, 3, 11 & 7. Clive Middleton and David Badrock had a comfortable win in the doubles over Maria and Matthew.

### **Hyde YMCA 'C' 5 v 5 Hollingworth Hopefuls**

[2 each for Cliff Preston and Harvey Slifkin, both of them beating Alan and Jenny Smith. Alan came close to winning all three of his singles, taking Cliff and Harvey to five and, in Harvey's case, just losing out at 10 -12 in the final game. Bill Finigan took the home side to five points with his win against Jenny, whilst Jim Towell won all his singles, leaving the Hopefuls needing the doubles for a draw. Alan and Jim were able to get it, beating Cliff and Bill in straight games.]

### **Friendship Inn 4 v 6 Strines D**

An excellent night of table tennis. Paul Davis was too good for all three of the Friendship team. Ted Crosby won two of his three, with only Eddie Saville getting the better of him. Unfortunately, the dream team of Seville and Wilson lost the doubles giving Strines the victory on the night. Bert Bretherton, who returned to table tennis after twenty years, looked as if he had only had a short break and will many matches in the future. Dave Bridge struggled with his serve.

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

Excellent games, good humour, and choccie biscuits ...mmmm! *[said Lilian Peace]*

Played in a friendly but competitive manner. Plenty of five 'setters' – match ended at 10.30. Congrats to all concerned. *[said David Jones]*

[David Jones and Alistair Smith picked up two of the Veterans' three points with wins over Lilian Peace, and they went on to win the doubles against Ian Dagnall and Lilian in four. Mike Flynn went to four with Steve Bartlett and Lilian but couldn't get a win on this occasion. Ian and Steve won all three of their singles, and Stanley Square's 7th point came from Lilian's victory over Mike.]

### **Glossop Conservative Club D 6 v 4 Glossop Bandits B**

A hard-fought match with two more young players involved. John Poole playing his first match for a few seasons had a tough match against Richard Peters, with Richard winning in five. Norman Clegg also had a tussle against Dave Richardson. Norman won in five. George Richardson won one, as did Richard Peters, with Dave Richardson winning two for Bandits B. Ken Handley and Norman Clegg won two each, and the doubles. John Poole won one.

### **Romiley Cricket Club B 4 v 6 Friendship Inn**

Experience and patience count for a lot in this Division, and so it proved with visitors Wilson, Fishwick and Bridge who took six matches off the young Cricketers, Barraclough and Fowler. Peter Jepson won three for the hosts and, with Tom Brown, added a fourth point with the doubles, beating Wilson and Fishwick 8, 7, 11, & 8. A match played in good spirit.

### **Glossop Bandits A 3 v 7 Glossop Bandies**

[Maria Birnie, Matthew Thirlwell & Jason Barton were each able to beat Barry Rogers to gain the home side's three points, but were not able to do the same to Frank Corlett or Tony Robinson. Maria and Jason certainly came close to extra points, both of them taking Frank to five, but eventually losing 9 – 11 and 6 – 11 respectively. Tony and Frank beat Maria and Matthew in the doubles.]

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

Paul Davis and Graham Oakley had a very close five games with Paul just coming out on top. Pat Downs had a comfortable three wins on the night, with Ted Crosby winning two. The Vets deserved more, as most games were tight – they may do better on the home return.

### **Glossop Bandits B 6 v 4 Romiley Cricket Club A**

A tight encounter, with all players on both sides being involved in a five-game match. The team captains fought a match of two halves, Dave McPherson coming back from a two game deficit to take the match. Bandits B ran out winners of the doubles and the tie by 6 – 4.

[For Bandits B : Dave Richardson 2, Tom Crowdy 2, Matthew Thirlwell 1. For Romiley : Dave McPherson 3, Ben Allcock 1, Sam Astley 0. Dave M. and Sam took the doubles 11 – 8 in the fifth against Dave R. and Tom.]

### **Stanley Square C 8 v 2 Hyde YMCA 'C'**

[Ian Robinson won his three singles against John Jepson, Harvey Slifkin and Bill Finigan, whilst Ian Dagnall and Steve Bartlett picked up two each – both of them being narrowly beaten by John in the fifth, 12 – 14 and 7 – 11 respectively. Ian R.'s win over John was a similarly close affair, with Ian taking the match 11 – 9, 9 – 11, 9 – 11, 12 – 10, 12 – 10. Cliff Preston played in the doubles with Bill, losing in three to Ian & Ian.]

### **Hollingworth Veterans 6 v 4 Romiley Cricket Club B**

Tom Fowler played particularly well. All three lads were a pleasure to play against.

[For the Veterans : Graham Oakley 2, David Jones 2, John Hallam 1. For Romiley : Peter Jepson 3, Tom Fowler 1, Tom Brown 0.]

### **Friendship Inn 7 v 3 Glossop Bandies**

Star player – Peter Roberts. Why? Simply too good for the Friendship team. Played in a great atmosphere. Jack and Christine put up gutsy performances, and there was an exciting doubles match which ended with Friendship Inn winning 12 – 10 in the fifth.

### **Hyde YMCA 'C' 1 v 9 Strines D**

[John Jepson got the home side's only point of the match with a win against Ted Crosby. He took Pat Downs to five, but suffered in the fifth, losing it 4 – 11. Pat, and Paul Davis scored maximums, Ted got two, and Paul and Ted won a comfortable doubles against Cliff Preston and Bill Finigan.]

### **Glossop Bandits B 9 v 1 Glossop Bandits A**

An all junior encounter which would have made Dennis, Barry and Nesta proud. Five matches went the full distance, and all were closely fought, despite Bandits B running out 9 – 1 winners. You need to see the scorecard to appreciate how close it really was. The match eventually finished at 10.30pm. Well done to all!

[Richard Peters went to five in each of his singles against Adam Barton, Maria Birnie and Matthew Thirlwell, narrowly beating Adam 14 – 12 and Matthew 11 – 8, but losing to Maria 9 – 11. Tom Crowdy and George Richardson each won their three, but Maria provided very stiff opposition against George, the match score being 12 – 10, 9 – 11, 13 – 11, 12 – 14, 17 - 15 in George's favour. Matthew took Richard and Tom to five.]