

2008/9 Season Weeks 15 - 18

Match Reports – Division Three

Hollingworth D Juniors 8 v 2 Commercial D (week 13)

[Three each for Emil Tangham and Ryan Conway, and a further two for Adam Barton. Ken Handley got the only singles point for the visitors, but he successfully partnered Beryl Halsall to a five-game victory against Emil and Ryan.]

Hollingworth D Juniors 5 v 5 Commercial C (week 9)

[Emil Tangham lost only one game in his three singles matches, and the home team got a fourth point when Ryan Conway beat Mark Lavelle in four. Jason Barton wasn't able to secure a win, leaving the home side needing the doubles for a draw. This they got, winning the doubles in four. Point scorers for Commercial were Fred Lilley (2), Stuart Higginbottom (2), Mike Lavelle (1).]

Hollingworth Veterans 0 v 10 Friendship Inn

Friendship beat the Vets by 10 - 0, but despite the score the evening was enjoyed by all. Excellent refreshments and good entertainment - far better than watching the Liverpool 'v' Everton cup match on TV!

Hollingworth Hopefuls 2 v 8 Commercial C

[Jackie Sanderson beat Steve Draper for the first of the Hopeful's two points, the other being provided by Colin Laxton, who also beat Steve. Fred Lilley and Mark Bennett took no prisoners, despatching all but Colin in straight games. Fred and Mark also combined for a four-game win in the doubles against Alan Smith and Colin.]

Hyde YMCA 'B' 10 v 0 Hyde YMCA 'C'

A good-natured local derby was won comfortably by Hyde YMCA 'B'. All the Hyde YMCA 'C' 'boys' were competitive, but struggled to trouble their neighbours. Harvey Slifkin showed his devious nature by playing in a white shirt, and barracking Hyde YMCA 'B's' players when scoring!

Hollingworth D Juniors 7 v 3 Hollingworth Veterans

[Ryan Conway scored a maximum with wins over Graham Oakley, Alistair Smith and John Hallam. Emil Tangham almost did the same, but at the end of a close-fought match he lost to Graham in the fifth. Adam Barton was successful in his match with John, winning 13 - 11 in the fourth, and he teamed up with Ryan for a five-game win in the doubles against Graham and Alistair.]

Friendship Inn 1 v 9 Hyde YMCA 'B'

Only one match for the home team, Alan Fishwick beating Peter Green in a five-game thriller. Several more good games but, with Martyn Capper and Andy Bickley undefeated, YMCA were worthy winners.

Hyde YMCA 'C' 5 v 5 Hollingworth Hopefuls

The clash of the hopefuls, not the Titans, resulted in an improvement for us - a draw! Roll on next season. We're still hopeful for a win before anno domini removes us from the T.T. world.

[For YM : John Jepson 3, Harvey Slifkin 1, Bill Finigan 1. For the Hopefuls : Alan Smith 2, Colin Laxton 2, Jenny Smith 0. Colin and Alan won the doubles in four against Cliff Preston and Bill.]

Hollingworth Veterans 3 v 7 Commercial D

[Graham Oakley beat Ken Handley and Sam Clegg for two of the home side's points. He teamed up with David Jones in the doubles to get the third with a closely fought five-game win against David Clegg and Ken. David won his three singles, with Ken and Sam winning two each.]

Hyde YMCA 'B' 6 v 4 Hollingworth D Juniors

A very close and hard-fought match, with the Juniors suffering their first defeat of the season to table-topping Hyde YMCA 'B'. Capper was undefeated for Hyde, with Ryan Conway winning two for the Juniors. The doubles provided a one-sided hammering for Hyde YMCA 'B' - Capper and Green shell-shocked from the attack by Conway and Tangham.

Commercial C 9 v 1 Hyde YMCA 'C'

John Jepson arrived without his bat and it showed, he was only able to beat Mike Lavelle - and that was in his third match with Cliff Preston's bat. Cliff came close to beating Steve Draper in a match that went to five. Steve took the fifth 11 - 5 after being 1 - 2 down.

Friendship Inn 0 v 10 Commercial C

Fred Lilley, Stuart Higginbottom and Mark Bennett all remained unbeaten. The home team claimed lack of match practice, but there was only going to be one result on the night.

Hyde YMCA 'C' 4 v 6 Friendship Inn

[John Jepson won each of his singles against Bob Johnson, Norman Wilson and Eddie Seville, whilst Harvey Slifkin contributed a fourth home team point with his win over Bob, 11 - 8 in the fifth. YM needed the doubles for a draw but were beaten in straight games.]

Hollingworth Hopefuls 3 v 7 Commercial D

An improvement from the first half of the season when Hollingworth Hopefuls were beaten 10 - 0. Colin Laxton took two wins, an exciting five-gamer against Ken Handley coming back from 1 - 2 down. Jackie Sanderson took the only other home win. Sam Clegg played well to take his third match 3 - 0. An enjoyable last match of the season. Hollingworth Hopefuls are still hopeful of getting that killer instinct!! Next season maybe?

Commercial C 6 v 4 Hollingworth D Juniors

On a tense night, with three of the matches going to five games, Commercial C were the eventual winners after taking the doubles. Stuart Higginbottom and Fred Lilley each won two matches, as did Ryan Conway and Emil Tangham. Mark Bennett won his only singles against Adam Barton, but only after four games. Mark and Fred paired to take the doubles against Ryan and Emil.

Commercial D 4 v 6 Hyde YMCA 'B'

A close-fought match, with Hyde winning 6 - 4. Martyn Capper was in great form, winning all his three matches. Pete Green and Andy Bickley won one each. David Clegg and Ken Handley won two each. Sam Clegg went to five with Andy who finally won after being 1 - 2 down. YMCA won the doubles in four.