

2008/9 Season Weeks 8 - 14

Match Reports – Division Three

Commercial C 3 v 7 Friendship Inn

Mr. Fishwick was the star man, winning all his three matches. Mark Bennett was the only player to win any singles for the Commercial, winning two of his three matches. The dream team doubles combination of Norman and Eddie lost to Mark and Mike in three straight games.

Hyde YMCA 'B' 10 v 0 Commercial D

Commercial D put an excellent effort in for no reward. David Clegg was very unlucky against Martyn Capper, and had at least 8 match points against Andy Bickley.

[For Hyde : Martyn Capper, Peter Green and Andrew Bickley. For Commercial : David and Sam Clegg, and John Halsall.]

Friendship Inn 7 v 3 Hyde YMCA 'C'

[The home side of Alan Fishwick, Norman Wilson and Eddie Seville each won 2 of their singles matches, the losers in each case being Harvey Slifkin and Bill Finigan. They couldn't however prevent John Jepson from winning all three of his singles, although Eddie came close, only losing 9 – 11 in the fifth. Alan and Eddie took the doubles against Harvey and Bill.]

Commercial D 10 v 0 Hollingworth Hopefuls

An enjoyable evening with Alan and Jenny Smith, and Jim Towell getting in some good shots. Jim took John Halsall to five in a hard-fought match.

[For Commercial : John Halsall, David Clegg and Ken Handley. For the Hopefuls : Alan Smith, Jenny Smith and Jim Towell.]

Commercial D 2 v 8 Commercial C

[John Halsall and David Clegg were the only two players representing the 'home' side, and it was David that contributed their two points with wins over Mark Bennett and Fred Lilley. Stuart Higginbottom however proved elusive, beating David in straight games. Mark and Stuart ran out winners in the doubles beating John and David 11 – 4 in the fourth.]

Hollingworth Veterans 3 v 7 Hyde YMCA 'B'

A good match with keen competition. Once again Hollingworth excelled with tea, coffee, biscuits and Kit-Kat. It's a shame we seem to be the only team in the League providing refreshments. *[There are indeed teams that don't, and that is regrettable, but I must leap to the defence of those that do – and there are many. Vernon]*

[For the Veterans : David Jones 1, Graham Oakley 1, John Hallam 0. For Hyde : Martyn Capper, Peter Green and Andrew Bickley. David and Graham played the doubles against Martyn and Peter and won 11 – 2 in the fifth.]

Hollingworth D Juniors 10 v 0 Hyde YMCA 'C'

[A convincing victory for the Juniors with Ryan Conway, Emil Tangham and Maria Birnie each winning all three of their singles in straight games against Harvey Slifkin, Cliff Preston and Bill Finigan. The visitors took a game off Hollingworth in the doubles.]

Hyde YMCA 'C' 5 v 5 Commercial D

[John Jepson, Cliff Preston and Bill Finigan had only two opponents for this match, namely David Clegg and Ken Handley. John beat both of them, albeit only just in Ken's case, whilst Cliff and Bill beat neither. The doubles went to the visitors.]

Hollingworth Hopefuls 3 v 7 Hollingworth Veterans

A good contest but not a good result for the start of 2009 for the Hopefuls. It began with a close match between Colin Laxton and David Jones. Colin went on to win against Roy Barton, and lose an exciting match against Graham Oakley in the fifth. Jackie Sanderson and Alan Smith lost to Graham and David, but won

against Roy. Alan lost the first two games against Roy but came back to take the next three. Colin and Alan played the doubles against Graham and David and lost in three.

Friendship Inn 3 v 7 Hollingworth D Juniors

After a long winter break and too many Christmas festivities for the Friendship, the Juniors certainly knocked the (c)rust out of the Friendship. Emile Tangham and Ryan Conway won all three. Tom Crowdy lost his three but took Bob Johnson to five. Tom and Emile beat Fishers and Bob in the doubles. A good evening's entertainment, and I think Bob is pushing himself forward as sportsman of the year.

Hyde YMCA 'B' 9 v 1 Hollingworth Hopefuls

Both captains agreed to play for double points. Hyde YMCA dominated, but Colin Laxton beat Andy Bickley and gave both Martyn Capper and Peter Green trouble in close-fought matches. A good friendly atmosphere and a thoroughly enjoyable match.

Commercial D 4 ½ v 5 ½ Friendship Inn

A tight but enjoyable match. Friendship's Dave Bridge and Eddie Seville won two, Alan Fishwick one. David Clegg won three for Commercial, Ken Handley one. Beryl Halsall played well, not having played since last October. The ½ point was due to the doubles being abandoned, and was agreed by both teams.

Hollingworth Vets 1 v 9 Commercial C

In an enjoyable game Commercial C beat Hollingworth Veterans 9 – 1. The Vets' only winner was David Jones who beat Steve Draper in three. The Vets came close in the doubles with Mike Flynn and David Jones losing narrowly to Mark Bennett and Fred Lilley. John Hallam showed some of the form from the past when he played for Volcrepe.

[For the Vets : David Jones 1, Mike Flynn & John Hallam 0. For Commercial : Mark Bennett 3, Fred Lilley 3, Steve Draper 2.]

Hyde YMCA 'C' 1 v 9 Hollingworth Veterans

[For YMCA : Cliff Preston 1, Harvey Slifkin 0, Bill Finigan 0. For the Veterans : Graham Oakley 3, David Jones 3, Alistair Smith 2.]

Commercial C 9 v 1 Hyde YMCA 'B'

What a night for Commercial C as they pulled off a surprising 9 – 1 victory over League leaders Hyde YMCA 'B'. Stuart Higginbottom and Mark Bennett starred, winning all their matches, with Hyde's only victory coming from Martyn Capper who beat Fred Lilley. Fred and Mark then combined to take the doubles against Peter and Martyn.