

2009/10 Season Weeks 8 - 16

Match Reports – Division Three

Hollingworth Hopefuls 3 v 7 Glossop Conservative Club D (week 7)

A good night of Table Tennis, although watching the first match between Jim and Ken, the rest of us wondered if there would be time for us to play – long rallies and close games.

[For the Hopefuls : Alan Smith, Jackie Sanderson and Jim Towell, 1 each. For the Conservative Club : Ken Handley 3, Norman Clegg 3, John Poole 0. Alan & Jenny Smith lost the doubles to Ken and Norman

Romiley Cricket Club A 5 v 5 Hollingworth Hopefuls

[David McPherson won his three singles for Romily, with only Jackie Sanderson giving him pause for thought. Jackie took him to five, but lost 6 – 11 in the final game. Sam Astley and Ben Allcock added another point each to the home side's score, both with wins over Jenny Smith. Jim Towell and Jackie won two singles each, and the Hopefuls needed the doubles for a draw. Jim and Jackie duly obliged, winning 14 – 12 in the fourth against David and Ben.]

Glossop Bandies 7 v 3 Hollingworth Veterans

A good, friendly match – a nice team to play against.

[For the Bandies : Peter Roberts 3, Tony Robinson 2, Jack Stone 1. For the Veterans : Graham Oakley 2, Alastair Smith 1, Adie Jones 0. The doubles went to Peter and Jack 11 – 4 in the fifth against Graham and Adie.]

Romiley Cricket Club B 8 v 2 Hyde YMCA 'C'

A good night for the Cricketers, with Barraclough beating Preston 11 – 8, 12 – 10, 12 – 14, 11 – 5, and Slifkin 12 – 10, 11 – 6, 11 – 8. Tom Fowler overcame Preston 7 – 11, 5 – 11, 11 – 3, 11 – 5, 15 – 13, and Slifkin 11 – 3, 13 – 11, 11 – 6. John Jepson gained two wins for the visitors, but could not beat his namesake, Peter Jepson, although he took him to four games. Jepson and Tom Brown put the icing on the cake with an 11 – 3, 11 – 7, 11 – 7 victory over Preston and Slifkin.

Glossop Bandits A 1 v 9 Friendship Inn

[Adam Barton got the solitary point for his team with a win over Norman Wilson. Matthew Thirlwell took a game off Norman, but the rest of the matches went in straight games to Norman, Eddie Seville and David Bridge.]

Stanley Square C 10 v 0 Romiley Cricket Club A

Fantastic young gentlemen! The score did not reflect how they played.

[For Stanley Square : Lilian Peace, Steve Bartlett, and Ian Robinson. For Romiley : Sam Astley, David and James Badrock.]

Hollingworth Hopefuls 5 v 5 Glossop Bandits B

All in all, a good evening's table tennis. Never seen so many edges! The young lads from the Bandits play well, and will probably soon leave us behind as they improve and climb up the divisions.

[For the Hopefuls : Jackie Sanderson 3, Alan Smith 1, Jim Towell 1. For the Bandits : George Richardson 2, Tom Crowdy 1, Richard Peters 1. George and Tom beat Alan and Jenny Smith in the doubles.]

Romiley Cricket Club A 3 v 7 Strines D

[Clive Middleton won two of his singles for Romiley, beating Bert Bretherton and Ted Crosby. David Badrock took games off Bert, and Ted Crosby, but couldn't convert that into match wins. Bert and Ted each won two of their singles, whilst Paul Davies won all three of his. Romiley picked up a third point though when Clive and David beat Paul and Ted in the doubles, 11 – 7 in the fifth.]

Hyde YMCA 'C' 2 v 8 Glossop Bandies

[Cliff Preston and Harvey Slifkin got the home side's two points, both of them beating John Phillips. John didn't make it easy for Cliff though, taking him to five and only losing 11 – 13 in the final game. Bill Finigan

couldn't add to his team's total on this occasion. Both Frank Corlett and Tony Yorke-Robinson won all their singles matches, with John adding an extra point with his win over Bill. The Bandies took the doubles in straight games.]

Hollingworth Hopefuls 3 v 7 Glossop Bandits A

This was a rearranged home match for the Hopefuls as the Hollingworth had been unavailable on the scheduled date. History was made at this match as Bandits A had not won a doubles before. Congratulations to them. There were some close scores, with Alan coming back from two down to pip Maria at the post. Jenny played some good points in the middle games of two of her matches, only just losing them 10 – 12, and 12 – 14.

[For the Hopefuls : Alan Smith 2, Jim Towell 1, Jenny Smith 0. For the Bandits : Adam Barton 3, Maria Birnie 2, Matthew Thirlwell 1. Maria and Matthew beat Alan and Jenny Smith in the doubles.]

Glossop Bandits B 0 v 10 Stanley Square C

The experience of Stanley Square shone through on the night, taking the visitors to a 10 – 0 victory. They left the Band Room to the cry of 'We'll get you next time!'

[Dave Richardson came very close to a point for the Bandits, taking Ian Dagnall to five and only just losing 9 - 11 in the final game. Both George Richardson and Tom Crowdy took games off Ian, and Tom went to four with Ian Robinson, whilst George did the same with Steve Bartlett.]

Glossop Conservative Club D 5 v 5 Romiley Cricket Club B

More young players on the scene, which is good news for the sport. Tom Fowler had two five-game matches, losing to Sam Clegg with some great rallies on both sides, and winning against Ken Handley 12 – 10 in the fifth. Peter Jepson won his three singles. Norman and Sam Clegg won two each. Jack Barraclough played the doubles with Peter, and they beat the Cleggs in straight games.

Hollingworth Veterans 1 v 9 Friendship Inn

A comprehensive win for the Friendship featuring a couple of close encounters. Excellent refreshments!

[For the Veterans : Alastair Smith 1, John Hallam 0, Mike Flynn 0. For the Friendship : Alan Fishwick 3, Eddie Seville 3, Norman Wilson 2. Norman and Eddie beat Alastair and John in the doubles, 12 – 10 in the fourth.]

Strines D 6 v 4 Glossop Bandits B

It was nip and tuck all evening until Ted broke the deadlock by beating Tom in a close five-gamer. Pat and Ted won the doubles to make it 6 – 4 to Strines. Bert had a win-less night, but is improving with every match.

[For Strines : Pat Downs 3, Ted Crosby 2, Bert Bretherton 0. For the Bandits : Dave Richardson 2, Tom Crowdy 1, Richard Peters 1.]

Romiley Cricket Club B 6 v 4 Romiley Cricket Club A

This match was played out by under-16 year-olds with the respective captains acting as umpires. Surprisingly, the B team gained the upper hand – edging home with a win in the doubles, Fowler/Barraclough beating the Badrock brothers 11 – 8, 14 – 12, 4 – 11, 8 – 11, 13 – 11. In the singles, Fowler (2), Barraclough (2), and Brown (1) seemed more determined than their older opponents. Although James Badrock won three for the A team, his brother David added the fourth point beating Brown in three straight. Tom Rolph, deputising at No.3 for the A team, tried hard but failed to record a win. A good win for the B team who expect a stronger challenge next time.

Glossop Bandits A 3 v 7 Hollingworth Veterans

[Adam Barton won his two singles in five-game matches against David Jones and Adie Jones, whom he beat 11 – 3, and 11 – 4 respectively in the final games. Maria Birnie scored the Bandits' third point with a win against Adie Jones. For the Veterans, Graham Oakley won 3, David Jones 2, and Adie Jones 1.]

Glossop Bandies 2 v 8 Glossop Conservative Club D

Good night as usual. Conservative D played well. All close matches, with several going to five.

[For the Bandies : Jack Stone 1, Frank Corlett 1, John Phillips 0. For the Conservative Club : Ken Handley 3, David Clegg 3, Sam Clegg 1. David and Ken beat Jack and John in the doubles.]

Friendship Inn 8 v 2 Hyde YMCA 'C'

An entertaining evening. Harvey turned up again in his white top, and offered to play in skins (point blank refusal – we would prefer to guess where the ball was!). John played to his usual level – including 3 foul serves per game – and won two. Shots of the night were by Cliff in the doubles.

[For the Friendship : Eddie Seville 3, Alan Fishwick 2, David Bridge 2. For YMCA : John Jepson 2, Harvey Slifkin 0, Bill Finigan 0.]

Romiley Cricket Club B 5 v 5 Glossop Bandits B

The visitors got off to a flying start with George Richardson defeating Tom Fowler 11 – 8, 12 – 10, 11 – 9, and Dave Richardson beating Tom Brown 11 – 3, 11 – 6, 11 – 4. Peter Jepson, returning for the Cricketers, chalked up his usual three wins, and was supported by Tom Fowler who overturned a bad start against Richard Peters, going on to win 12 – 10 in the fourth. He also teamed up with Jepson to defeat George and Richard in the doubles, gaining a well-deserved draw. The Richardsons won 4 between them, with Richard having a good victory over Tom Brown. A match played in the best of spirits.

Strines D 9 v 1 Hollingworth Hopefuls

[Colin Laxton score the visitors only point of the night with a win over Ted Crosby in straight games. Jackie Sanderson took Ted to five but could stop him crossing the finishing line first. Pat Downs and Paul Davis won each of their singles, and combined in the doubles to beat Alan and Jenny Smith.]

Glossop Bandies 5 v 5 Romiley Cricket Club A

A good even match, reflected in the 5 – 5 scoreline. Junior players Sam Astley and Ben Allcock both made good contributions to the final score. The doubles provided the key match, and Dave McPherson used his experience, with Ben, to gain the all-important draw.

[For the Bandies : Tony Yorke-Robinson 3, Jack Stone 2, Barry Rodgers 0. For Romiley : Dave McPherson 2, Sam Astley 1, Ben Allcock 1. Dave and Ben beat Tony and Jack in the doubles, 11 – 7 in the fifth.]

Hollingworth Veterans 6 v 4 Hyde YMCA 'C'

[For the Veterans Graham Oakley and David Jones won two singles each, and Adie Jones contributed a fifth point. YMCA's 4 points came from three singles wins from John Jepson, and Geoff Preston's victory over Adie. The deciding doubles was won by Graham and David in straight games against John and Cliff.]

Glossop Bandits A 5 v 5 Stanley Square C

[Adam Barton beat Lilian Peace and Ian Robinson in straight games, whilst Maria Birnie and Matthew Thirlwell added another point each to the Bandits' total, both of them beating Lilian. With Ian Dagnall unbeaten, and Ian Robinson winning two, the Bandits needed a win in the doubles to secure a draw. Adam and Maria duly obliged in a close five-game match against the two Ians.]

Hollingworth Hopefuls 4 v 6 Romiley Cricket Club B

A friendly evening with a junior team led by Peter Jepson. Almost a draw, the result hinging on the doubles which, sadly, Colin and Alan couldn't pull off.

[For the Hopefuls : Jackie Sanderson 2, Jackie Sanderson 2, Jenny Smith 0. For Romiley : Peter Jepson 3, Tom Fowler 1, Jack Barraclough 1.]

Romiley Cricket Club A 3 v 7 Friendship Inn

[Dave McPherson got Romiley's points with a win in each of his singles matches against David Bridge, Alan Fishwick and Eddie Seville. Sam Astley and Ben Allcock failed to score on this occasion, although Sam had a close match with David, losing 9 – 11 in the fourth. Even closer was the doubles, in which the home side almost gained a fourth point – but Dave and Ben finally lost 6 – 11 in the fifth against David and Eddie.]

Stanley Square C 5 v 5 Strines D

[Ian Dagnall and Steve Bartlett both beat Pat Downs and Ted Crosby, but couldn't do the same to Paul Davis, who won all three of his singles. Lilian provided a fifth point for Stanley Square, by beating Ted in straight games. Pat and Paul made sure of the draw with a straight-game victory in the doubles.]

Glossop Bandits B 8 v 2 Glossop Bandies

A great night with some close games. A slightly off-colour Tom Crowdy had to endure three 5-game matches. Other injuries within the Bandits meant that Mark Crowdy, Tom's Dad, had to be coaxed out of retirement.

[For the Bandits : Dave Richardson 3, Tom Crowdy 2, Mark Crowdy 2. For the Bandies : Jack Stone 1, Christine Stone 1, Frank Corlett 0. Dave and Tom beat Jack and Christine in the doubles.]

Glossop Conservative Club D 4 v 6 Hollingworth Veterans

[Three for David Clegg who beat Alastair Smith 11 – 9 in the fifth, David Jones 11 – 6 in the fourth, and John Hallam in straight games. Sam Clegg added the home side's fourth point with a win over John. John Poole failed to score on this occasion. For the Vets., Alastair 2, David 2, and John 1, with Alastair and David securing the match win in the doubles.]

Hyde YMCA 'C' 0 v 10 Glossop Bandits A

[Richard Peters held on in a five-game match against Cliff Preston to take the win 13 – 11 in the final game, depriving the home side of their best chance to break their duck. Adam Barton and Maria Birnie, together with Richard, each won all of their singles, and Adam and Maria went on to take the doubles in straight games against Bill Finigan and Harvey Slifkin.]

Strines D 9 v 1 Glossop Bandits A

Paul got the night wrong, and this left Ted waiting in the rain, and eventually having to cycle to the venue, arriving wet and cold. Consequently he lost his first match to Adam. Paul finally arrived from the pub, having drunk eight pints. Maria played brilliantly and took Paul to five, only losing 14 – 16 in the last. Bandits will be a team to be feared in the future.

Glossop Bandies 4 v 6 Hollingworth Hopefuls

A really good match played in great spirit. Colin played great attacking table tennis to win all three of his singles. Jim defended resolutely, and Alan – despite a badly cut thumb – played important parts in ensuring the 'Hopefuls' achieved their close 6 – 4 win. The doubles was an excellent affair, going the full five games.

[For the Bandies : Frank Corlett 2, Tony Yorke-Robinson 2, John Phillips 0. For the Hopefuls : Colin Laxton 3, Alan Smith 1, Jim Towell 1. Colin and Alan beat Frank and Tony in the doubles, 11 – 5 in the fifth.]

Friendship Inn 5 v 5 Glossop Bandits B

With the Friendship youth policy failing, it meant we went into the match with only two players. Some hard-fought matches, with David Bridge playing 19 games and winning two of his singles. Fishers was back to winning ways and got two. The Bandit boys will only get better, and I fear for the result next year.

Hyde YMCA 'C' 5 v 5 Glossop Conservative Club D

[Hyde played a depleted team from the Conservative Club – only David Clegg and John Poole being available for the match. Cliff Preston and Bill Finigan were not able to beat David and John, and it was left to John Jepson to pick up 2 singles points to add to the automatic three points awarded to them for the missing player. David and John needed the doubles for the draw, and beat John and Cliff to get it.

Romiley Cricket Club B 4 v 6 Stanley Square C

With Christmas round the corner, this match was played in good spirit, with plenty of friendly banter throughout the night. Peter Jepson, with three wins, was well supported by his grandson, Tom Fowler, who showed his improvement by losing out to Ian Dagnall in five, and Steve Bartlett in four. However, he overcame Ian Robinson and his new bat in five, 11 – 8, 11 – 8, 8 – 11, 3 – 11, 11 – 9. The visitors all gained wins over Tom Brown, and Robinson and Dagnall beat Jepson and Brown in the doubles.

Hollingworth Veterans 6 v 4 Romiley Cricket Club A

The Badrock brothers played very well – they'll beat us next season!

For the Veterans : Graham Oakley 3, David Jones 2, Alastair Smith 1. For Romiley : Dave McPherson 2, James Badrock 1, David Badrock 0. Romiley took the doubles in straight games.]

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

[Clive Middleton won his three singles for Romiley, with Ben Allcock providing a further two points, and Sam Astley, one. For YMCA, John Jepson won two, Cliff Preston one, whilst Harvey Slifkin couldn't get a win on this occasion. Romiley won the doubles in four.]

Glossop Bandits B 3 v 7 Hollingworth Veterans

The away team took the win with each of the team taking two matches. They also came back from 2 down to take the doubles. Dave Richardson earned all three home points. Alastair Smith had the hardest job of the night, playing a four, and two five-game matches.

[For the Bandits : Dave Richardson 3, Tom and Mark Crowdy 0. For Hollingworth : Graham Oakley, David Jones and Alastair Smith, 2 each. Graham and David took the doubles 11 – 5 in the fifth against Dave and Tom.]

Glossop Bandits A 3 v 7 Glossop Conservative Club D

[The home team's 3 points came courtesy of the absent player on the Con. Club's team. Adam Barton, Maria Birnie and Matthew Thirlwell found Ken Handley and David Clegg very strong opposition, with only Adam managing to take a game off them. Ken and David won the doubles in straight games against Adam and Maria.]

Hollingworth Hopefuls 3 v 7 Friendship Inn

[The home side's three points were provided by Colin Laxton – who played a lot of games to get them. He beat Dave Bridge 11 – 7 in the fifth, Eddie Seville 11 – 8 in the fifth, and Alan Fishwick 11 – 9 in the fourth. Jim Towell took a game off David, and Jackie Sanderson took a game off Alan, but other than that their singles matches were lost in straight games. Colin was involved in yet another five-game match when he partnered Alan Smith in the doubles. This time, however, he wasn't the winner, he and Alan losing 8 – 11 in the fifth against Alan Fishwick and Eddie.]

Romiley Cricket Club B 7 v 3 Glossop Bandits A

Ignoring Peter Jepson's contribution for his Romiley cricketers, this match between some of the League's youngest players was a joy to watch. The standard of play was, on occasions, excellent, and the results of matches hung in the balance until the final point. Maria Birnie, for the visitors, comfortably beat Jack Barraclough in three, but was taken all the way by Tom Fowler whom she beat 12 – 10 in the final game. Tom also lost to Adam Barton in four, but gained some consolation in defeating Matt Thirlwell in four. Jack Barraclough had a change of fortune against Adam, winning 12 – 10 in the fifth. He also beat Matt in four. The Cricketers fourth player, young Tom Brown, teamed up with Jepson to defeat Adam and Matt in four close games. An enjoyable match played in a friendly and sporting manner.

Hyde YMCA 'C' 0 v 10 Glossop Bandits B

[The home team of Cliff Preston, Harvey Slifkin and Bill Finigan were unable to prevent the visitors running away with this match. The Bandits team, consisting of Dave Richardson, George Richardson and Tom Crowdy, achieved total victory, not losing a single game in the course of the night.]

Friendship Inn 6 v 4 Stanley Square C

Star man was Eddie Seville who won his three matches in great style. Dagnall, carrying an injury, and Robinson both won two. Wilson, following his return from Aussie, scrambled a win. Lilian Peace played well without having the breaks. A good night played in a good atmosphere.

Hollingworth Veterans 7 v 3 Hollingworth Hopefuls

A very enjoyable match. Robert played very well in his first match for several years. Jim played a great, tenacious game to very good effect!

[For the Veterans : Graham Oakley 3, Alastair Smith 2, Robert Webster 2. For the Hopefuls : Jim Towell 2, Alan and Jenny Smith 0. Alan and Jim took the doubles 11 – 8 in the fifth against Graham and Robert.]

