

Week Seven

Westcliff Seconds went top of the Men's First Division with two wins in a week over Eastwood Seconds and SLH Rayleigh. The first was a 5-4 win over Eastwood as Russel Blunt and Michael Clarke won all three for Westcliff with Mark King and David Clark and Matthew Tonge and Tom Kirby winning one each to secure the win. David Virgo and John Kindred won two for the visitors with Will Muggleton and Lim Loo and Martin Rainbow and Adrian Watling picking up a rubber each.

The same team then went one better and triumphed 6-3 away at SLH Rayleigh. Michael Clarke and Russel Blunt won all three again with Mark King and David Clark winning two and Matthew Tonge and Tom Kirby getting one. Rayleigh could only field two pairs but Gavin Childs and Adam Whiting won two with Peter Hall and Mike Smith getting the other.

Elsewhere in the division, East Thurrock's first competitive game ended in a resounding 8-1 win against Fitzwimarc Seconds. Will Sands and Lawrence Smith and Zak Pryor and Alex Penny both won three rubbers each without dropping a set with Augustine Lam and Callum Malone winning two. Robert Cornish and Neil Raven got the one for Fitz.

In the Ladies Premier, reigning champions Leighway triumphed 6-0. Lynne Swan, June Hammond, Viv Gillard and Catherine Bailey all won three perfect rubbers each for the home side. The same score line was replicated by Fitzwimarc in the division below as they beat their second team. Marie Baker, Alissa Bass, Mandy Holland and Mair Dew all won three perfect rubbers each.

Eastwood Seconds ended SLH Rayleigh's unbeaten start in the other Ladies Division One match with a 5-1 victory. Debbie Moon and Dawn Muggleton both won three rubbers each with the former not dropping a set. Ashleigh Smith and Sarah Hall won the point for Rayleigh.

It was the same winning margin for Greensward Thirds in the Masters Division One as they beat Hawkwell 5-1. Jill Beaver and Jo Howard-Simpson both won three rubbers each for the visitors while Jamie Cole and John Yates grabbed the one for Hawkwell.

Finally, there were two tight matches in the Mixed divisions with the first a narrow 5-4 win for reigning champions Eastwood against Westcliff in the Premier. Matt Allum and Emma Harris won three perfect rubbers and were supported by a brace from Adam Sibley and Charlotte Lane to give Eastwood victory. Robert Perry and Nicola Waller won two for the visitors with James Allpress and Adrienne Munro and Bryn Gillard and Jade Timms winning one each.

The 5-4 win for Greensward in the Mixed First Division against B & BP was even closer as just seven points separated the teams overall and five games went to three sets. Sara Thompson and Robert Dunn and Mandie Breed and Andrew McMahon won two each with Tracey Carey and Tim Baskett getting the other for the win. Emma Clark and Daniel Potter won two and Tamsin Collinge and Adam Cooper and Wendy and Paul Hyde picked up a rubber each.