

Week Fifteen

Greensward went top of the Masters Premier division courtesy of back to back victories in the league this week. The first came against Westcliff away from home. Mandie Breed won all three of her rubbers for the away side with Tim Baskett and Dave Kitchens getting the other one for a 4-2 victory. Sandy Woolacott helped get the two for the home side.

Three days later they were back at home and punished a struggling Fitzwimarc Seconds side with a 6-0 win. Tim Baskett, Dave Kitchens, Mandie Breed and Tracey Haylett made up the winning home team with Tracey the star this time as she didn't drop a set all evening.

In the division below, Fitzwimarc Thirds picked up their first win of the season with a 4-2 triumph over Hawkwell. Carole and Adam Reader and Mike Vardy and Jane Moring all won two rubbers each for the home side while Jamie Cole and John Yates and Sue Mills and Caroline Trace won one each for the away team.

Another team that enjoyed double delight this week was East Thurrock as they won two matches in four days to retake first place in the Men's First Division. The first win was a 9-0 thumping of Eastwood Seconds. Phil Tuffee and Toby Andrews and Callum Malone and Zak Pryor both won three perfect rubbers with Will Sands and Lawrence Smith also getting a hat-trick.

The second was a much tighter affair as they just edged out then bottom SLH Rayleigh 5-4. Lawrence Smith and Will Sands won three perfect rubbers for the home side with Toby Andrews and Zak Pryor getting the other two to secure the win which made it six straight in the league. Gavin Childs and Adam Whiting won two for Rayleigh with Peter Hall and Mike Smith and Timmy Taylor and Joseph Garnett getting a rubber each which lifts them off the bottom of the division.

The Men's Premier match between Fitzwimarc and Leighway didn't happen as the visitors were unable to field a team meaning a valuable and easy nine points picked up for Fitz.

Hawkwell finally picked up their first win of the season in the Men's Second division. Matt Smyth and Andrew Strutt recorded a hat-trick and were backed up with a brace from Keith Wood and Jon Marlow and Mike Smyth and Jamie Cole. Alex Cheung and Matthew Smith got the two points for the visitors.

The two matches in the Ladies First Division both finished 4-2. Eastwood Seconds stayed third after they beat Fitzwimarc Seconds and SLH Rayleigh remain a place and ten points behind them after they triumphed over B & BP.

Finally, Greensward beat Highlands 5-4 at home in the Mixed Second division as the visitors failed to put out an eligible player in their third pair meaning they started 3-0 down. Conor Atay and Vikki Walker and Gary Rose and Jo Howard-Simpson won the two rubbers to seal victory overall.