

Week Seventeen

SLH Rayleigh went top of the Mixed Second Division with an 8-1 win away at bottom placed Hawkwell. Adam Whiting and Ashleigh Smith and Sarah Hall and Gavin Childs both won three perfect rubbers each and were supported by a brace from Peter Hall and Caroline Fletcher to make it four wins out of four this season. Andrew Strutt and Sophie Pearson picked up the one for the home side who are two points adrift at the bottom.

In the division above, Greensward triumphed by the same score against Fitzwimarc Seconds at home as they also went top. Tim Baskett and Tracey Haylett and Robert Dunn and Sara Thompson both won three rubbers each with Andrew McMahan and Mandie Breed winning a further two. Sam Cheung and Donna Vennables got the one for the visitors as five of the nine rubbers went to three.

There were two matches in the Men's Second Division which both finished 6-3 to the hosts. David Lloyd Seconds beat Fitzwimarc Fourths courtesy of Alex Cheung and John Hodges and Dan Allen and Jon Beaven picking up a hat-trick each but they couldn't field an eligible person in the third pair meaning Fitz picked up three points automatically.

Fitzwimarc Thirds though triumphed by the same score line as Harris Foster and Craig Walsingham, Mike Vardy and Adam Reader and Adam Peters and Ian Moorcroft all won two rubbers each. Andrew Strutt and Matt Smyth won two for the visitors with Mike Smyth and Jamie Cole getting the other one.

The Men's First Division match between Southend and Westcliff Seconds also finished with a 6-3 score line as the former closed the gap on East Thurrock at the top. Andy Brown and Fred Menard won three perfect rubbers with Phil Crabtree and Mike Weingarten getting two and Alan Gibbens and Pete Turner winning one. Michael Clarke and Russell Blunt won two rubbers for Westcliff with one for Mark King and David Clark as they close to within a point of one off bottom SLH Rayleigh.

In the Men's Premier, surprise package Westcliff stayed top with a 9-0 win over Fitzwimarc. James Allpress and Bryn Gillard picked up a perfect three rubbers and were supported by trebles from Matthew Tonge and Lewis Barr and James Hookway and Toby Moon.

Leighway swept past Eastwood in the Ladies Premier with a 6-0 win. Lynne Swan, June Hammond, Viv Gillard and Anna Richardson all won three rubbers in straight sets.

There were two games in the Ladies First Division as Eastwood Seconds beat Westcliff Seconds 4-2 with Lorene Roberts winning all three of her rubbers for the home side and Laura Whiteman and Debbie Moon grabbing the other. While SLH Rayleigh and Fitzwimarc Seconds shared the spoils in a 3-3 draw which leaves both in mid table.

Finally, Fitzwimarc beat title rivals Greensward in the Masters Premier. Neil Raven won all three of his rubbers for the home side with Paul Chaplin and Angela McDaniel getting the other in a 4-2 win. Tim Baskett helped Greensward to their two points.