

Hawkwell returned to the top of the Masters First division as they made it three wins from three to start the season. Chris Gates and Brenda Emptage both won hat-tricks with Brenda not dropping a game as they recorded a 5-1 victory away at Phoenix Flames Thirds. Jill Beaver and Gary Rose got the point for the home side.

There were mixed fortunes for Eastwood Seconds in the Ladies First division. They were beaten 4-2 at home by Westcliff Seconds. Andrea Lloyd won all three of her rubbers for the visitors with Victoria Burley and Barbara Childs getting the other for victory. Lorene Roberts helped Eastwood to their two points.

Then just two days later, they recorded their second win of the season to move up to third with a 5-1 triumph away at SLH Rayleigh. Debbie Moon and Dawn Muggleton both picked up hat-tricks with the latter not dropping a game. Sarah Hall and Jan Watt won the single rubber for Rayleigh who remain winless and rooted to the bottom.

In the Men's Premier, Eastwood's first match of the campaign ended in a 6-3 victory away at Fitzwimarc. Luke Hill and Daniel Hopper and Adam Sibley and Matt Allum both won all three rubbers with Luke and Daniel winning a perfect hat-trick. Oliver Escott and Ryan Pinnock, Daniel Wighthman and Paul Chaplin and Alex Cheung and Kesh Naidoo all won a rubber each for the home team.

Down in the division below, Southend made it two wins from two with a 6-3 victory over early league leaders Westcliff Seconds. Tom Pennington and Tom Grafton won a perfect three rubbers and were supported by a hat-trick from Andy Brown and Fred Menard. James Hookway and Russell Blunt, Tom Kirby and Matt Tonge and David Clark and Lewis Barr all won one each for Westcliff.

Finally, Fitzwimarc Thirds moved up to second in the Mixed Second division with a 6-3 victory at home to Phoenix Flames Thirds. Despite the scoreline, it was a tight affair as five of the nine rubbers went to three sets but Adam Peters and Kay Bailey, Mike Vardy and Emma Dixon and Adam and Carole Reader all won a brace each for Fitz. Nobody could stop Russell Dobson and Jo Howard-Simpson though, as they won all three of their rubbers for the away side.

Team of the Week – Hawkwell

Player of the Week – Russell Dobson