

SLH Rayleigh picked up their first victory of the season in the Mixed First division as they beat third placed Fitzwimarc Seconds 5-4. Ashleigh Smith and Adam Whiting won a perfect three rubbers and were supported by a brace from Jan Watt and Peter Hall. Jay Crewe and Julie Ingham won two rubbers for Fitz while Matthew Smith and Donna Venables and Harris Foster and Kera Lewis picked up a win each.

Three days later, SLH Rayleigh gained another vital three points in their hopes for survival as they lost 6-3 away at Phoenix Flames. Tim Baskett and Tracey Haylett, Andy McMahon and Mandie Breed and Rob Dunn and Carly Horsler all won braces for the home side as they closed the gap at the top to just three points. Adam Whiting and Sarah Hall picked up two wins for Rayleigh with Peter Hall and Jan Watt getting a single victory. They move to within ten points of B & BP.

In the division above, Fitzwimarc inflicted a second successive defeat on league leaders Westcliff. Rebecca Terry and Alan Adkins and Angela McDaniel and Spencer Collins both won braces and secured a 5-4 win thanks to a single rubber from Pam Lee and Sam Cheung. Adrienne Munro and Lee Scott were victorious in all three of their rubbers while Philippa Pearson and Matthew Tonge won one rubber.

Westcliff did secure a first win of the season in the Ladies Premier though as they beat Chelmsford Casuals 5-1 away. Adrienne Munro and Vicki Russell both won three perfect rubbers for the visitors. Lesley Pallett and Amanda Austin helped Chelmsford to their point but they slip behind Westcliff in the league table.

Down in the Ladies Second division, Phoenix Flames Seconds made it back to back wins with a 4-2 victory over Westcliff Thirds at home. Anne Wallis won three perfect rubbers for the Flames as Vikki Walker and Annette Lovell got the other to secure the win. Barbara Childs won the two rubbers for the away side.

Fitzwimarc Thirds dealt a blow to Eastwood Seconds title hopes in the Masters First division as they beat them 6-0. Emma Dixon, Jane Moring, Chi Shing Cheung and Ian Moorcroft made up the winning team for Fitz. However, five of the six rubbers went to three games with Nicole and Graham Goodale closest to getting a rubber for Eastwood.

Finally, Southend tightened their hold on top spot in the Men's First division with a 7-2 triumph away against closest challengers Westcliff Seconds. Tom Grafton and Tom Pennington and Alan Gibbens and Andy Brown both secured hat-tricks for Southend with Mike Weingarten and Phil Crabtree winning one. Russell Blunt and James Hookway and Mark King and David Clark got the points for the home side.

Team of the Week - SLH Rayleigh
Player of the Week - Adrienne Munro