

The Southend and District Badminton Association league season started at Eastwood in the Men's First division as they welcomed Chase. Andrew Chen-Porter and Jack Greenshield and Jinu Jacob and Vini Kunnath both secured hat-tricks for Chase with the former not losing a game. Kevin Edwards and Bryan picked up the other rubber in a 7-2 victory. John Kindred and Graham Goodale and Paul Barber and Adrian Watling won a rubber each for Eastwood.

In the division above, Fitzwimarc started with an 8-1 win over their Seconds. Zak Pryor and Phill Tuffee and Alan Adkins and Robert Cornish both won three perfect rubbers for the Fitz first team and were backed up by a double from Ryan Pinnock and Daniel Wightman. Harris Foster-Carter and Matthew Smith helped the Seconds to their point.

Leighway began their title defence with a 6-0 win over newly promoted Phoenix Flames. Lynne Swann, June Hammond, Viv Gillard and Mia Petchey all won three perfect rubbers each. Tracey Haylett and Vikki Walker did best for Phoenix.

Elsewhere in the division, Eastwood began with a 5-1 victory away at Chelmsford Casuals. Emma Harris and Clare Roberts both won three rubbers each without dropping a game to help secure the win. Lesley Pallet and Susie Olorenshaw helped pick up the point for Chelmsford Casuals.

Down in the Ladies First division, Fitzwimarc were triumphant with a 6-0 away victory over B & BP. Alicia Chu, Jenny Chu, Mandy Holland and Mair Dew made up the winning team for Fitzwimarc. Emma Potter and Tamsin Collinge came closest to grabbing a point for the home side.

There was also defeat for B & BP in the newly structured Mixed Premier as they were beaten 8-1 away at Westcliff. Adrienne Munro and Lee Scott secured a perfect three rubbers and were supported by a hat-trick from Jade Timms and Lewis Barr and a brace from Vicki Russell and Daniel Munro. Karen Wallaker and Paul Hyde got the point for the away side.

The Westcliff Thirds also picked up a victory as well as they edged out Hawkwell 5-4 in the Mixed Second division. John Hall and Barbara Childs and Mike Weingarten and Sandy Woolacott both secured braces with Phil Crabtree and Holly Gillard winning the other rubber for victory. Andrew Strutt and Sophie Pearson and Matt Smyth and Caroline Trace won two rubbers each as six of the nine rubbers went to three games.

Finally, Fitzwimarc Thirds and Eastwood Seconds finished as a 3-3 draw after five of the six rubbers went to three games. Emma Dixon, Jane Moring and Mike Vardy all won two rubbers each for Fitz. Martin Rainbow secured a hat-trick of wins for the visitors.

Player of the Week – Martin Rainbow

Team of the Week - Eastwood