Week Nine

Eastwood will be looking to go one better than last season's runner up position in the Masters Division One and started their campaign with an impressive 4-2 win over Greensward Thirds. Gary Webb, John Kindred, Lorene Roberts and Debbie Moon all won two rubbers each for the home side. Jo Howard-Simpson and Chris Gates won a rubber together and Gary Rose and Jill Beaver won the other for Greensward, as only 9 points separated the teams overall.

There were four matches across the Mixed divisions with two of those being in the Premier division. Westcliff went top of the league with their first win of the season against Fitzwimarc. James Allpress and Adrienne Munro and Toby Moon and Nicola Waller both won three perfect rubbers with Bryn Gillard and Jade Timms grabbing the other two victories for an 8-1 win. Paul Levene and Rebecca Terry got the one for Fitz.

Elsewhere in the division, East Thurrock continued their promising start after promotion last year with a 5-4 win at the home of the reigning champions Eastwood. The home side could only field two pairs and paid the price as Phil Tuffee and Natalie Smith and Lucy Downey and Toby Andrews both won two each with Vicki Russell and Zak Pryor winning one. Kirsty Binstead and Adam Sibley won three perfect rubbers for Eastwood with Adrian Watling and Emma Harris getting one.

In the division below, Greensward won a tight match away at Fitzwimarc Seconds 5-4. Five of the nine rubbers went to three sets as Tim Baskett and Tracey Haylett and Andrew McMahon and Mandie Breed both won two rubbers each for the visitors with Robert Dunn and Sara Thompson getting the other to secure the win. Mair Dew and Lloyd Sabatini triumphed in all three with Daniel Wigthman and Julie Ingham getting the other.

Fitzwimarc Thirds made it two from two in the Mixed Second Division with a 6-3 win at Greensward Seconds. Kay Bailey and Harris Foster won all three rubbers for the visitors with Michael Blee and Wendy Entwistle winning two and Peter Lewin and Liz Cullen grabbing one. Tracey Carey and Ben Bradford, Chris Gates and Jo Howard-Simpson and Vikki Walker and Conor Atay all won one each for the home side.

Eastwood Seconds won 4-2 away at Westcliff Seconds in the Ladies First Division. Dawn Muggleton won all three of her rubbers for the away side with Laura Whiteman and Nicole Goodale grabbing the other. Barbara Childs helped get Westcliff their two points in a third straight defeat.

Finally, B & BP beat Eastwood Seconds 6-3 in the Men's First Division. Paul Hyde and Nick Harbott, Wayne Fogg and Daniel Potter and Martin Birkett and Tope Abulude all won two rubbers each to secure the win. Peter Brumwell and David Virgo won all three of their rubbers for Eastwood.