

Week Eleven

Greensward extended their lead at the top of the Ladies First division with a hard fought 4-2 victory away at Westcliff Seconds. Five of the six rubbers went to three sets as Mandie Breed won all three of her rubbers with Carly Horsler and Tracey Haylett winning the other to secure the win overall. Sandy Woolacott helped get the two for Westcliff who are still yet to win so far, this season.

There were three matches in the Men's First division with two of them involving East Thurrock. Their debut season in the Southend league continued strong with an 8-1 and a 9-0 victory. The first was the 8-1 triumph over SLH Rayleigh. Toby Andrews and Will Sands and Win La and Phil Tuffee both won three perfect rubbers each with Zak Pryor and Alex Penny winning two. Adam Whiting and Gavin Childs got the one for Rayleigh who remain bottom and without a win.

The 9-0 win came against another struggling side in Westcliff Seconds. Phil Tuffee and Toby Andrews, Alex Penny and Zak Pryor and Lawrence Smith and Will Sands all won three rubbers each without dropping a set. Mark King and David Clark came closest to getting a point for the home side who sit a point and a place above Rayleigh.

The other game in the division was a much tighter affair as Fitzwimarc Seconds kept up their pursuit of East Thurrock with a 5-4 win against B & BP. Jay Crewe and Neil Raven and Lloyd Sabatini and Sam Cheung both won two rubbers each with Craig Tucker and Cameron Gray getting the other to secure the win. Paul Hyde and Nick Harbott won all three for the visitors with Tope Abulude and Craig Siddons getting the other.

In the Mixed First division, two sides without a win this season met in Eastwood Seconds and Westcliff Thirds. Westcliff fielded an ineligible player meaning they were already three rubbers down and ended up losing 7-2. John Kindred and Lorene Roberts won three perfect rubbers with Laura Whiteman and Will Muggleton and Debbie Moon and Dom Moon winning two each. Sandy Woolacott and Phil Foord won the two for Westcliff, who are now nine points adrift at the bottom.

Finally, Fitzwimarc beat their Second team in the Masters Premier 5-1. The game was closer than the score line suggested though as four of the six rubbers went to three sets. Julie Ingham and James Wilson both won three rubbers each while Donna Venables and Robert Cornish got the one for the Seconds.