

Week Thirteen

David Lloyd finished 2017 just a point off top spot in the Men's Second division after a 9-0 win over struggling Hawkwell. The score line suggested an easy victory as Andrew McMahon and Graham Goodhall, Rohan Subasinghe and Nishchal Tanna and Alex Cheung and Matthew Smith all won three rubbers each. However, five of the nine rubbers went to three sets with Andrew Strutt and Matt Smyth taking all three of their matches the distance but unable to get over the line in any of them. Hawkwell remain without a win while David Lloyd are yet to taste defeat this season.

In the division above, B & BP had two matches over the festive period. The first was before Christmas as they beat Eastwood Seconds 6-3 to move up to second in the table. Nick Harbott and Paul Hyde won all three for the visitors with Raj Mehta and Thaine Wilson getting two rubbers and one for Martin Birkett and Jordan Rogers. Will Muggleton and Peter Brumwell got two wins for the home side with one for Adrian Watling and John Kindred.

Then just after the holidays they met league leaders Southend in a top of the table clash to finish the calendar year. The match was a closely contested affair, but B & BP edged it 5-4 to draw level with the opposition on points at the top. Nick Harbott and Paul Hyde won all three rubbers and were supported by a brace from Martin Birkett and Jordan Rogers. Fred Menard and Andy Brown won two for the away side with Mike Weingarten and Jon Desmond and Richard Sambridge and Pete Turner getting a rubber each as Southend suffered their first defeat of the season.

Finally, Westcliff Seconds beat their Thirds 8-1 as they made it five wins from five in the Mixed First Division and extended their lead to 13 points. Robert Perry and Barbara Childs and Mark King and Victoria Burley both won three rubbers each with Russell Blunt and Emma Scott getting two.