

Week Nineteen

Leighway moved top of the Mixed Premier division with an emphatic 8-1 victory over struggling Fitzwimarc. David Gotts and Marion Neale and Lee Price and Viv Gillard both won three rubbers each with the former not dropping a set. Paul Kirby and June Hammond grabbed a brace to ensure their team went five points clear at the top. Rebecca Terry and Oliver Escott won the one for Fitz who are eight points from safety and without a win this season.

There was joy in the Ladies Premier for Leighway too as they sealed the title with yet another 6-0 win. Lynne Swan, Karina Bye, Catherine Bailey and Anna Richardson all won three perfect rubbers each against bottom placed Eastwood, only East Thurrock have managed to take a point off them so far this season.

They were the other team to play in this division and they boosted their survival hopes with a 5-1 win triumph at home to Westcliff. Courtney Downey and Alison Harle both picked up three wins each as four of the six rubbers went to three sets. Nicola Waller and Jade Timms got the one for Westcliff who remain in trouble.

Greensward had double delight in the Masters Premier as both their first and second team won. The first team beat Fitzwimarc Seconds 4-2 to go eight points clear at the top. Tim Baskett won all three of his rubbers for the visitors with Mandie Breed and Tracey Haylett getting the other. Robert Cornish helped get the two for Fitz who have lost four out of four.

The second team stayed in third after a 4-2 win of their own against Westcliff. Robert Dunn picked up a perfect hat-trick with braces for Tracey Carey and Pete Greenslade. Adrienne Munro won the two for Westcliff with Sandy Woolacott and Mike Weingarten respectively.

Fitzwimarc eased their relegation fears in the Men's Premier with a 7-2 away victory over winless Powerplay Seconds. The home team could only field one eligible pair so were already 6-0 down. Peter Smith and Paul Chesterton won two for Powerplay while Sam Cheung and Oliver Smith were the only pair to beat them and secured a perfect three rubbers.

In the division below, East Thurrock continued their dominance with an 8-1 win against Eastwood Seconds. Phil Tuffee and Alex Penny picked up a perfect hat-trick with Will Sands and Lawrence Smith also winning three. Toby Andrews and Adam Restell won two rubbers as East Thurrock made it nine wins from nine. Peter Brumwell and David Virgo won the one for Eastwood.

Finally, there were two matches in the Men's Second Division where Greensward both won and lost by narrow 5-4 scorelines. The first was a victory against David Lloyd Seconds. Tim Baskett and Tom Cook won three rubbers without dropping a set for Greensward and were supported by a single rubber from Ben Bradford and Gary Rose and George Barton and Connor Atay. John Hodges and Alex Cheung grabbed two rubbers for the home side with Jon Beavan and Dan Allen and Brodie Beavan and Colin Campbell getting a win each.

However they were unable to repeat it against Hawkwell. Chris Green and Mike Smyth and Russell Dobson, returning after a lengthy injury, and John Yates both won two rubbers each with Alan Morriss and Andrew Strutt winning one. Tim Baskett and Tom Cook won three perfect rubbers for the home team with Emeka Agunwamba and Connor Atay getting the other point as Greensward remain third and Hawkwell move into fifth.