

Week Twenty One

Westcliff continued their dominance of the Men's Premier division with an 8-1 victory over Powerplay. Perfect hat-tricks for James Allpress and Michael Clarke and James Hookway and Lewis Barr plus a double for Toby Moon and Robert Perry ensured a fifth win out of six this season. Josh Everett and Andrew Chen-Porter got the one for the visitors who remain in third.

SLH Rayleigh became the second team across all the divisions to win a title after a 9-0 hammering of Hawkwell. Ashleigh Smith and Adam Whiting, Jan Watt and Peter Hall and Sarah Hall and Gavin Childs all secured three rubbers each, with only Jan and Peter dropping a set as they were crowned champions of the Mixed Second Division with a game to spare. Andrew Strutt and Sophie Pearson came closest to grabbing a rubber for Hawkwell.

In the Mixed Premier, Leighway moved ten points clear at the top after a third straight win. Lee Price and Lynne Swann won all three rubbers for Leighway with a brace each from Zac Pallier and Catherine Bailey and David Gotts and June Hammond to secure a 7-2 victory. Toby Moon and Nicola Waller got the two for Westcliff who stay second.

Fitzwimarc Seconds eased their relegation fears in the Mixed First Division after picking up ten points over two matches. The first was a narrow defeat to fellow strugglers Eastwood Seconds as they lost 5-4. Laura Whiteman and Ben Hargreaves won a hat-trick for Eastwood with Clare Roberts and Adrian Watling getting the other two for victory. Harris Foster and Mandy Holland won two rubbers for Fitz with Robert Cornish and Donna Venables and Jay Crewe and Mair Dew winning one each.

Three days later they faced bottom of the table Westcliff Thirds and secured an 6-3 triumph to move fifteen points clear of their opponents. Westcliff had an ineligible player so were three down automatically. Jay Crewe and Mair Dew won two for Fitz on the night with Sam Cheung and Kay Bailey grabbing the other. Michael Clarke and Sandra Bellows won two and Sandy Woolacott and Russell Blunt picked up one in an eighth straight defeat.

There was more misery for Westcliff in the Ladies Premier as their team sank closer to relegation with a 6-0 home defeat against Chelmsford Casuals. Liz Gotts, Lesley Pallett, Pam Lee and Amanda Austin made up the winning team as they only dropped one set all evening and remain in second.

East Thurrock though secured their place in the division next season with a 3-3 draw against Eastwood. Natalie Smith and Justine Miller both won two rubbers each for the home side to guarantee a second year in the Ladies Premier. Emma Harris and Laura Whiteman won a brace each for Eastwood who need one more point to secure safety.

Elsewhere, Eastwood Seconds went top of the Masters Premier with a 4-2 win over Hawkwell, David Lloyd moved into first place in the Men's Second Division after an 8-1 victory against Fitzwimarc Fourths but their Second team dropped to the foot of the same division after they couldn't field a team against Fitzwimarc Thirds.