

Eastwood continued their impressive start to life in the Masters Premier after promotion last season with a 5-1 victory over Phoenix Flames Seconds. Debbie Moon and John Kindred both won hat-tricks with the former not dropping a set. Sara Thompson and Robert Dunn helped Phoenix to their point.

Phoenix suffered a second successive defeat this week and third in total for the season with a 4-2 loss away at Westcliff. Barbara Childs picked up a hat-trick for Westcliff with Mark King and Andrea Lloyd winning a brace each to seal victory for the home side. Terry Maylin helped Phoenix to their two points.

The newly formed Ladies Second division began with a clash between Hawkwell, back in the Ladies division for the first time in three years, at home against Fitzwimarc. The visitors triumphed 6-0 with Donna Venables, Kay Bailey, Emma Dixon and Liz Cullen making up the winning team for Fitz. Farnaz Siddiq and Caroline Trace did best for the home side.

SLH Rayleigh made it back to back defeats in the Men's First division as they were beaten 9-0 away at Westcliff Seconds. Lewis Barr and David Clark, James Hookway and Russell Blunt and Mark King and Matt Tonge all winning three rubbers each with the former two pairs not dropping a set. Peter Greenslade and Jinu Jacob did best for the visitors.

Finally, the runners-up in the Mixed First division last season, Phoenix Flames, were unable to avoid two defeats at the start of the campaign as they narrowly lost 5-4 away at Fitzwimarc Seconds. Four of the nine rubbers went to three sets as Harris Foster and Kera Lewis and Jay Crewe and Pam Lee both won braces with Matthew Smith and Donna Venables getting the other. Andrew McMahon and Mandie Breed picked up two rubbers with a single win each for Robert Dunn and Sara Thompson and Tracey Carey and Tim Baskett.