

The Masters Premier runners-up from last season, Phoenix Flames, made a strong start to the season with back to back victories. The first was a 6-0 win over their Seconds with Mandie Breed, Tracey Haylett, Tim Baskett and Peter Lewin making up the winning team for the Flames first team, with Tim not dropping a game. Gary Rose came closest to getting a point for the Seconds.

The same team then backed this up with another 6-0 victory, this time against the newly promoted Hawkwell. Mandie Breed didn't drop a game this time while Chris Gates came closest to getting a point for the Hawks.

In the division below, Westcliff kicked off with a 5-1 win over Phoenix Flames Thirds after relegation last season. Phil Crabtree and John Hall both triumphed in all three rubbers with the former not dropping a game. Tracey Carey and Jill Beaver helped secure the point for the Thirds.

Westcliff Seconds triumphed in their opening Men's First division match with an 8-1 win over Eastwood. Mike Weingarten and Phil Crabtree and John Hall and Russell Blunt each secured three rubbers for the home side while Mark King and Matthew Pearson won two rubbers. John Kindred and Gary Webb picked up the point for Eastwood who have now suffered back to back defeats.

In the division below, Fitzwimarc Thirds beat Hawkwell 6-3. Adam Peters and Craig Walsingham won all three rubbers with John Hobbs-Hurrell and James Williams picking up two wins and one for Mike Vardy and Robert Cornish. Russell Dobson and Matt Smyth grabbed two wins and Mike Smyth and Keith Wood got the other point for the visitors.

It was two defeats on the trot for B & BP in the Mixed Premier as they narrowly lost 5-4 away at Fitzwimarc Seconds. Pam Lee and Ryan Pinnock picked up a hat-trick and were supported by two victories from Kera Lewis and Harris Foster-Carter. Emma and Dan Potter bagged a double for the away side with Tamsin Collinge and Adam Cooper and Karen Wallaker and Paul Hyde winning one each. Six of the nine rubbers went to three though.

Finally, Eastwood Seconds started the Ladies Division One season with a 5-1 victory at Westcliff Seconds. Debbie Moon and Dawn Muggleton both picked up hat-tricks for the away side. Andrea Lloyd and Barbara Childs helped Westcliff to their point. The match was tighter than the scoreline suggests though as three rubbers went to three games.

Player of the Week – Phil Crabtree
Team of the Week – Eastwood Seconds