

Chelmsford & District: Reversal of furtune for Lucas

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Three weeks ago OCs A's Paul Lucas made the headlines with a top-drawer hat-trick against Maldon A. This week OCs A were in the news again – after suffering a shock 8-2 defeat against an inspired Chelmsford B.

Homegrown 24-year-old Robert Shrimpton and newcomer Simon Jarvis – better known in the Harlow League – were both on inspired form and both scored hat-tricks whilst the vastly experienced Neil Brierley picked up two wins. The really big wins included a 3-1 (11-8, 9-11, 11-8, 11-8) win for Jarvis over Lucas and a stunning 3-0 (12-10, 11-8, 11-8) victory for Shrimpton against Lucas.

Shrimpton also beat Terry Dowsett 3-1 (11-5, 11-3, 11-13, 13-11) and Dan Berry 3-2 (5-11, 11-4, 11-7, 6-11, 11-8). OCs A won 8-2.

Maldon A were merciless in beating Writtle B 10–0 as Alex Abott, Trevor Lloyd and John Poysden gave nothing away, whilst Chelmsford A defeated Danbury B 8–2. Wal Bada was unbeaten for Chelmsford and 14-year-old Daniel Young won twice for the losers. He beat Casey Cross 3–2 (7–11, 7–11, 11–8, 11–7, 11–9) and another newcomer Wudong Liu (better known in Colchester League circles) 3–1 (11–5, 3–11, 16–14, 11–6).

Liberal A beat a two-man Hatfield Peverel A 9-1. Paul Davison and Steve Pennell were both undefeated whilst Robin Armstrong did well to beat Neil Freeman 3-1 (9-11, 12-10, 13-11, 11-9).

OCs B lead the way in division two with 37 points from five matches and Kevin Worthington (11 wins out of 12) was undefeated as they beat Danbury D 8-2. Sam Lowman won twice for Danbury with 3-0 wins over Steve Northcott (11-4, 11-3, 11-7) and Trevor Carter (14-12, 11-6, 11-6) and he wasn't far away against Kevin Worthington just missing out in five (11-6, 9-11, 11-7, 6-11, 8-11).

Maldon B were stretched as they beat Danbury E 6-4. Ciaran Whelan scored a hat-trick for Maldon but it was touch and go against David Gatheral and Whelan finally clinched victory 3-2 (7-11, 11-6, 11-5, 8-11, 12-10).

John Holland (12 wins out of 12) remains undefeated for Maldon C and he was to the fore as they beat OCs C 7-3. Ev Lucas beat Frank Hodge 3-2 (6-11, 11-8, 11-6, 10-12, 13-11) in the closest game of the evening.

Danbury C impressed this week. Tim Cramphorn led the way as they beat Hatfield Peverel B 7-3. Neil Want beat Neil Freeman by the rather odd- looking scoreline of 3-2 (9-11, 10-12, 11-6, 13-11, 11-0).

Chelmsford C ran out 7-3 winners against Writtle C and they were indebted to Keith Martin who turned out as a reserve. Martin scored a superb hat-trick, beating John Parodi 3-0 (11-7, 13-11, 13-11), Gary Ward 3-1 (16-14, 3-11, 11-9, 11-8) and John Gagg 3-0 (11-8, 11-5, 11-3).

Chelmsford D made it five wins out of five in division three and they top the table. Jarek Pietraszuk won his three singles as they defeated Danbury G 7-3. Pietraszuk impressed by beating Peter Hance 3-0 (11-8, 11-4, 14-12) whilst Hance came through in five fluctuating ends to get the better of Keith Martin 9-11, 11-2, 6-11, 11-4, 11-8.

The other four games in this division were even closer. Danbury H, led by a Dave Hancox hat-trick, beat Danbury F 6-4. Hancox completed his trio of wins with a very hard-fought 3-1 (12-14, 12-10, 12-10, 11-9) victory over Dave Marsh.

Writtle D utilised teamwork to get the better of OCs E 6-4. Trevor Collin, Richard Storey and Bob Garson all won twice.

It was honours shared when OCs F played OCs D. Dave Porter was undefeated for the OCs D team and this included well executed 3-1 wins over Ashton Parker (4-11, 11-3, 18-16, 11-3) and Tanishq Kotwal (11-4, 11-9, 9-11, 11-9).

The match between Writtle E and Maldon D also finished tied at 5-5. Malcolm Storey and Steve Siggs won twice for Writtle E whilst Kelly Yuenypongpknan and Thomas Page both picked up two wins for Maldon D. Kelly fought back from 2-0 down to get the better of Storey 3-2 (10-12, 9-11, 11-6, 11-8, 11-6) in the opening game of the night.

Hatfield Peverel C moved into second place in division four after thumping Highwood A 9-1. A strong performance with Peter Mortensen, Paul Mulley and Phil Shippen, winning all nine singles. Mortensen completed an excellent evening's work by beating Nicola Pippen 3-2 (11-4, 9-11, 6-11, 11-7, 11-3).

Chelmsford E ran out 8-2 winners against Danbury K. Martin Hiskey and Jon Dyson both bagged hat-tricks, with Hiskey getting his team off to a winning start by beating Norman Hayes 3-2 (7-11, 11-7, 11-6, 7-11, 11-6).

Danbury J lead the way with 39 points and Dave Goody was in charge as they beat Highwood B 7-3. Martin Goddard defeated Richard Allen 3-2 (11-8, 9-11, 9-11, 11-9, 12-10) in one of those games that could quite easily have been called a draw.

Galleywood B shaded their match against OCs G 6-4. Colin Blore won his three singles and he completed his hat-trick with a 3-2 (11-8, 7-11, 6-11, 11-7, 11-6) victory against David Bishop.

It was 6-4 again as Writtle F beat Chelmsford F. No one player stayed undefeated and Writtle's Ian Hockley and Brian Steward and Chelmsford's Adi Kamma and Jason Clark all won twice.

Galleywood C (Mark Glenister, Aidan Noguchi and Charlie Craig) ran out comfortable 10-0 winners against Chelmsford J in division five. They top the table with 40 points. It was also 10-0 as Chelmsford H beat Hatfield Peverel D. Michael Whelpdale, John Wickens and Luke Richardson carried all before them.

OCs H ran out 9-1 winners against Hatfield Peverel E. Stuart Wintle, Michael Lucey and Steve Pratt won all nine singles although Phil West and John Kuhl did well to beat Wintle and Pratt 3-2 (11-9, 7-11, 11-7, 10-12, 11-3) in the doubles.

Chelmsford G beat Maldon E 6-4 – good going as Denis Crapnell won his three singles for the Maldon side. Crapnell completed his trio of wins with a 3-0 (12-10, 11-1, 13-11) victory over Ian Austin.

There are only two CLICK results this week. West Maldon beat Chelmsford Jaguars 5-0 in division 1A. Noah Sage and Brandon Farmer were both undefeated but they both had their work cut out against Annabel Sweeney. Sage

came through in five ends (5-11, 11-4, 11-5, 6-11, 11-5), whilst Farmer came out on top 3-2 (11-7, 12-10, 9-11, 11-13, 11-2).

Chelmsford Wildcats did well to beat Chelmsford Tigers 3-2 in Division 1B. Georgina Riches beat both Louis Burnett 3-2 (4-11, 11-7, 11-9, 5-11, 11-2) and Nicholas Grice 3-2 (4-11, 11-5, 11-9, 9-11, 11-7).

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