



Chelmsford & District: Reversal of fortune 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 Phippen 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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