



Chelmsford & District: Liberal lifted by Pitt and Buxton

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Liberal scored their third win of the season in division one of the Chelmsford & District Table Tennis League. They beat Chelmsford B 8-2 after Adrian Pitt and Adam Buxton had both won their three singles.

The 8-2 score doesn't reflect the fact that six games were decided in the fifth end and Liberal won five of them. Steve Pennell prevailed against Rob Shrimpton 5-11, 9-11, 11-6, 11-2, 11-9 after falling behind.

Chelmsford A stay second. They made it six wins out of seven by beating Galleywood A 9-1. Newcomers Ugur Saglik and Casey Cross were both undefeated and Saglik (the highest nationally ranked player in the League) looks to have a few "higher gears" at his disposal if he is called upon to use them. James Hicks excelled and he scored a superb win over 2017 M&G Investments Chelmsford Veterans' Singles champion Wal Bada (4-11, 7-11, 12-10, 11-3, 11-9).

Maldon A stay top and they beat Danbury B 9-1. Trevor Lloyd and Alex Abbott were both undefeated whilst Daniel Young impressed for the losers. He beat John Poysden 3-1 (5-11, 16-14, 11-9, 11-9).

Two matches ended as 5-5 draws. Terry Dowsett was in charge as OCs A drew with Writtle A whilst his son Scott won his three singles as Hatfield Peverel A shared the points with Writtle B.

OCs B top the table in division two and they beat third placed Maldon B 6-4 without their leading player, David Cole. Kevin Worthington won his three singles to give OCs the edge, beating Ciaran Whelan 3-2 (9-11, 11-9, 3-11, 11-6, 11-8). Steve Scholz showed up well for the losers with excellent wins over Steve Northcott in three (11-7, 11-5, 11-9) and Trevor Carter in five (13-11, 5-11, 11-8, 6-11, 11-9).

Chelmsford C stay second and they made it seven wins out of seven by beating Danbury C 6-4. Waseem Qureshi won his three singles and this included a very hard fought 3-2 (9-11, 9-11, 14-12, 13-11, 11-8) success against Glenn Laing.

John Holland was unbeaten for Maldon C but it wasn't enough. They missed out against Danbury E 6-4. Ken Sheard and Tim Pulham won twice for Danbury E.

However, Danbury E didn't fare so well against OCs C. They lost 7-3 after Frank Hodge had won his three singles. David Gatheral beat both Charles Yeung and Tom Barker for the losers.

Danbury D produced their best performance of the Season and Sam Lowman was on top form as they beat Writtle C 8-2. Lowman's hat-trick included a fine 3-1 (8-11, 11-8, 11-9, 11-8) win over Gary Ward.

Division three is pretty evenly matched and Chelmsford D (46 points from seven games) lead the way by two points from OCs D. These two sides met and it was honours even. Jarek Pietraszuk was undefeated for Chelmsford and this included his 3-2 (9-11, 11-8, 9-11, 11-9, 13-11) win over David Porter.

OCs D also lost 7-3 to Writtle D. This was a good effort from the Writtle side – Trevor Collin, Bob Garson and Dave Carter – who all won twice. In a "battle of the ages" Carter used all his experience to come back from losing the first two ends to beat Luca Bailey 3-2 (5-11, 7-11, 13-11, 11-9, 11-9).

Maldon D beat Danbury F 6-4 in a match where Thomas Page won his three singles. Page completed his hat-trick with a 3-1 (11-6, 11-8, 9-11, 11-9) win over Terry Hyland.

Danbury G won twice. Peter Hance won his three singles as they beat OCs E 7-3 whilst Mo Hardy bagged a hat-trick when they beat Writtle D 6-4. Hardy defeated Trevor Collin 3-2 (2-11, 11-3, 8-11, 11-9, 11-9) in a well contested opening encounter.

Danbury J (55 points from seven games and seven wins out of seven) have taken command in division four. With Dave Goody and Dave Powell both staying undefeated they ran out 9-1 winners against Chelmsford F. Adi Kamma was on target for Chelmsford and he beat Richard Allen by a last-gasp 3-2 (5-11, 11-8, 10-12, 11-7, 12-10) margin.

Chelmsford E (Jon Dyson / Martin Hiskey / Dusan Doszkoty) ran out 10-0 winners against Highwood B. It just wasn't Highwood's night and they lost three matches at deuce in the fifth. Jon Dyson beat Frank Neill 3-2 (8-11, 11-4, 11-7, 7-11, 12-10) in the last game of the evening.

OCs G beat Danbury K 7-3. David Bishop and newcomer John Newman were both undefeated. It was honours even between second-placed Hatfield Peverel C and third-placed Writtle F. Nick Duce retained his 100% record in his second appearance of the season. He beat Ian Hockley, the best of the Writtle players, 3-1 (11-8, 11-7, 8-11, 11-6).

Galleywood C lead the way in division five with 55 points and Chelmsford G are second on 48 points. With Gary Copsey (14 wins out of 14) retaining his 100% record Galleywood beat Chelmsford F 7-3. Luke Richardson beat Aidan Noguchi 3-2 (11-7, 9-11, 7-11, 11-8, 13-11) in the closest game of the evening.

Chelmsford G ran out 9-1 winners against OCs H after Andy Swales and Sarah Austin had both won their three singles. Suzanne Shaw made her mark for the losers with a quick-draw 3-0 (11-8, 11-5, 11-7) victory over Ian Austin.

Maldon E (with Gary Eames and Denis Crapnell remaining undefeated) were 8-2 winners over Chelmsford J. The battle of the No 3s was well contested and Kim Eames came out on top against Ray Booty 3-2 (9-11, 4-11, 11-4, 11-5, 11-9).

Hatfield Peverel D were narrow 6-4 winners over Hatfield Peverel E – good going as they trailed 3-1 at one stage. Andy Simmonds led the way with a hat-trick. Kath Little did well to beat Gary Simmons 3-2 (11-9, 9-11, 6-11, 11-7, 15-13).

Chelmsford Jaguars were the week's big winners in CLICK division 1A. Melinda Abraham Victor and Nyree Marsh ran out 5-0 winners against Buttsbury Bears. Abraham Victor beat Ben Brown 3-2 (9-11, 12-10, 11-6, 5-11, 11-9) in the closest game of the evening.

Chelmsford Pumas impressed by beating the higher placed West Maldon 4-1. James Donald won twice. He beat

Noah Sage (11-9, 12-10, 11-8) and Oliver Wylie (11-3, 11-4, 11-9).

Danbury Demons were also successful against West Maldon. Ewan Hynd beat both Noah Sage and Oliver Wylie as the Demons won 3-2.

Chelmsford Tigers moved into third spot in CLICK division 1B by beating Buttsbury Badgers 4-1. Josh Bickles won both of his singles 3-0. He beat Harry Hutt (11-8, 11-5, 12-10) and Oscar Hutt (11-6, 11-4, 11-5).

Second-placed Chelmsford Rhinos ran out 3-2 winners against Buttsbury Bulldogs. Daniel Wise led the way with wins over Daven Muldal (11-9, 11-9, 12-10) and George Standish (11-3, 11-6, 11-6).

All players are reminded that the closing date for entry to the M&G Investments Chelmsford & District Table Tennis League Closed Tournament (which will be held over the weekend of 1, 2 & 3 February 2019), is 14 December 2018. Entries should be forwarded to Arthur Clark, 2 Top Road, Woodham Walter, Nr. Maldon, Essex, CM9 6RQ with the payment. Electronic entries to arthurcclark@btinternet.com will also be accepted provided that payment is made to the league's bank account stated at the bottom of the entry form and the box is ticked. The entry form is in the middle of your handbook. Please note that it was agreed at the AGM that entries will only be accepted if payment is made by the closing date. Late entries or entries without payment will not be accepted.

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