

Bierton Take Second Place

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With the result of the match between Sports A and Haddenham A still to come in, Bierton sneaked a little closer to Aylesbury and District Premier Division leaders, Haddenham A, by beating Bucks CC A 9 – 1, courtesy of a maximum from Alan Cherry and Neil Massa. Tim Wooster claimed a point for Bucks beating Alex Pratt in 4 sets. Quainton A maintain third place with a 7 – 3 win at Stoke Mandeville Stadium over Haddenham B. Chris Walton, James McCafferty and Dave Ralls for Quainton all had doubles but none were able to defeat Oxford player, Jeff Rigby. Sports B climb to fifth spot following their demolition of Sports C, Andrew Eggleton, Tim Cheek and Pete Tillotson all being unbeaten despite Nick Gourley's attempts losing out in 5 sets to Pete.

In Tring's free week, Ridgeway failed to take advantage in Division One against bottom team, Sports D, who took a fine draw. Ridgeway remain one point behind leaders, Tring A, but well ahead of third placed Bucks CC C. Lianne Fisher continued her fine form for Sports beating Bob Croucher and Eric Dutton. Meanwhile Brian Redrup missed a maximum losing 13 – 11 in the fifth set to Pete Edwards who found some form to win a double. Bucks CC C duo Paul O'Connell and Iain Willcocks continued their unbeaten trend with maximums at Haddenham D. Two man Quainton B found Lee Mallick in form for Haddenham C losing 6 – 4.

Rivets lost to Tring B 3 – 7 but cling on to second spot in Division Two. Tring C gained third place with a walkover against Risborough A. In the battle for bottom spot Sports E beat Bucks CC F 6 – 4 thanks to Clive Westbury's maximum and closed to within one point of their rivals.

In Div Three Brill won comfortably at Elmhurst Juniors but Ben Elliott won a creditable two games for the losers. Nathan Ball supported well with one win. Bucks CC G entertained a walking wounded Risborough B and won 10 – 0. Barry Palmer narrowly missed winning a consolation game for Risborough when he lost in the fifth leg to Brian Whitehead. The win took the Bucks team back to top spot but their rivals each have two matches in hand.

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