

Chelmsford & District TTL Report

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Minda's hat-trick seals draw for Maldon A

If this week's results are anything to go by, the battle to avoid relegation from the first division of the Chelmsford & District Table Tennis League could well be one of the closest on record. All three matches this week ended in 5-5 draws.

Minda Sinkus's hat-trick of wins wasn't enough to enable last year's Champions Maldon A to beat Bocking. Maldon's Dave Bassett impressed by beating Paul Davison 3-1. ECC A and Writtle A couldn't be separated in their match whilst Chelmsford A drew with OCs A. The formbook counted for little as Chelmsford's Peter Barrett succumbed to Scott Dowsett 3-1 and then hit back by defeating Peter Hayden and Terry Dowsett.

The leaders Hatfield Peverel B continue to impress in Division Two. Andrew Halling won his three singles as they beat ECC C 8-2. Steve Buer won twice and this included a last gasp 11-7, 6-11, 11-8, 7-11, 16-14 win over Colin Blore.

ECC B's Simon Webber, Gary Brignall and Ken James all won twice as they beat Liberal 6-4. Six games were decided in the fifth end and ECC won four of them. Simon Webber got the better of Barry Pritchard 11-4, 13-11, 8-11, 5-11, 13-11 to seal his side's victory in the last game of the evening. ECC B also drew 5-5 with Elmtree Excalibur C. Debby Auvache impressed for her new club (ECC B) by beating both Richard Hiskey and Bill Smith.

Elsewhere, second-placed Elmtree Excalibur B (Gary Cattermole, Mark Smith and Peter Mynard) turned in a very strong performance as they hammered Chelmsford C 10-0.

Danbury C did well to beat ECC D 6-4 in Division Three as ECC's Richard Storey won his three singles. Ken Sheard and Mo Hardy also both won twice for Danbury C. ECC D missed out 6-4 against Danbury F. Dave Marsh's three singles victories tipped the game in Danbury's favour.

League stalwart Norman Hayes led Danbury H to an 8-2 win over EPHQ in Division Four. Hayes completed an excellent evening's work by getting the better of Ian Hockley 11-7, 11-6, 4-11, 11-6 in the last game of the evening. Danbury G shaded the match 6-4 against ECC F. Brian Ellis, Jean Chasmer and Dave Powell all won twice to counter Peter Sun's full-house.

The leaders Chelmsford F were the big winners in Division Five. Richard Upson (three wins), Richard Baxter (three wins) and Mike Pitt (two wins) all played their part as they beat OCs E 9-1.

Chelmsford H had Daniel Thomas and Jacqui Smith undefeated as they overcame OCs H 6-4. Jacqui Smith turned in a five-star performance to overcome Charlie Mariner by the unusual score-line of 11-13, 11-9, 11-9, 10-12, 11-1.

Felsted Royal British Legion picked up their first two wins of the Season in the CLICK League. Nicholas Butler was unbeaten as they defeated Chelmsford M 4-1 whilst Ashley Butler, Nicholas Butler and Alex Pinto all played their part in their 4-1 win over Chelmsford L. The Felsted team found ECC G to be a tougher proposition and they lost this one 4-1. Ben Clifford beat both Ashley Butler and Matthew Laws and Nathan Blore and Ben Clifford won a very close doubles encounter by beating Butler and Laws 6-11, 11-7, 8-11, 11-8, 14-12.

ECC G also beat Chelmsford L 5-0 and it was again the Doubles that caused the most excitement. This time Ben Clifford and Nathan Blore beat Callum Day and Luke Jones 7-11, 11-3, 9-11, 11-7, 14-12.

Basildon are the hosts to the Senior Six Nations event over the weekend of Friday 11 November 2011 to Sunday 13 November 2011 when top class players from England, Ireland, Wales, Scotland, Guernsey and the Isle of Man will be battling it out to be crowned Six Nations Champions.

England Men will be represented by England no. three Darius Knight (London) and England no. five Chris Doran

(Northants) whilst the England Ladies team will be England no. four Hannah Hicks (Hampshire) and England no. one Junior Girl Emily Bates

(Lincolnshire). Admission is free.

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