

Chelmsford & District TTL Report

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Steve Northcott's hat-trick leads OCs B to 6-4 victory over Writtle A

OCs B's hard-hitting Steve Northcott produced the top performance of the week (and one of the best of the season so far) in the Chelmsford & District Table Tennis League as his three singles wins enabled OCs to beat Writtle A 6-4.

Northcott battled his way to a five set win over Kevin Worthington, a four ends win over Gary Ward and a 3-2 success against Paul Cuming. Another result that stood out in what was clearly a well-contested match was Paul Cuming's five-set victory over Martin Cole.

OCs B also turned in an impressive performance against OCs A, winning 8-2. Dave Cole led from the front with three singles wins whilst teammates Steve Northcott and Robbie Burton also showed up well.

Robbie scored a superb 3-1 victory over Terry Dowsett whilst Steve Northcott excelled against Chelmsford Junior Champion, Brandon Crouchman and ran out a 3-0 winner.

ECC A recorded their third win of the season, a much needed 7-3 victory over Maldon A. Steve Joslin, in his first appearance of the season made the difference with three singles wins. Meanwhile, Danbury A have jumped clear of relegation and they beat both Chelmsford A and Maldon A 7-3. Antony Greenwood won his six singles in these two matches although he was made to fight hard by Chelmsford's Darren Richardson who only succumbed 10-12, 4-11, 11-9, 16-14, 8-11.

In Division Two, Writtle B edged out Excalibur C 6-4. Hector Rogers led the way with a hat-trick of wins and he sealed his side's success in the last game of the night defeating Ian Rattray 20-18, 13-15, 13-11, 5-11, 11-6 after a marathon battle.

Chelmsford C's fast-improving Robert Shrimpton was on good form against Liberal A and his three wins enabled his side to share the points. He beat all three Liberal players – Steve Pennell, Robin Armstrong and Barry Pritchard in three-straight games. ECC C had James Hicks leading the way as they beat Writtle B 7-3. Hicks received excellent support from Bryn Thomas and Colin Blore who both won twice.

Danbury B continue to set the pace in Division Three and they were the week's big winners. Neil Want and Glen Laing were both undefeated as they beat ECC D 9-1. Danbury D were also clear-cut winners and they beat Danbury E 8-2. Peter Hance (three wins), Herbie Smith (two wins) and Norman Smith (two wins) all contributed handsomely.

Rawreth's Paul Churn was the "Star of the Show" in his side's 7-3 victory over OCs D. Churn had to dig deep to get the better of Nat Ravlic 8-11, 11-6, 6-11, 11-8, 16-14.

The match between Chelmsford D and ECC D finished all square. Gordon Fairchild and Keith Martin won twice for Chelmsford whilst Peter Layzell picked up two singles for the County Council team.

Bottom side Hatfield Peverel D scored a very welcome win in Division Four, and a very convincing 9-1 success it was as well. Gareth Davies and Keith Cullen were both undefeated as they beat Hatfield Peverel E. Gareth Davies impressed by defeating the usually impregnable Dave Carter 14-12, 11-4, 11-4. Davies also won his three singles as Hatfield Peverel D drew with EPHQ. He had to fight hard to beat Ian Hockley 4-11, 11-8, 14-12, 11-9 in his first game of the night.

EPHQ fared worse against third-placed Danbury J and they succumbed 7-3. Danbury's Chris Hancox led the way with three wins and Adam Morrison who won twice supported him well.

OCs F were the big winners in Division Five defeating OCs G 9-1. Frank Hodge and Tom Barker were both

unbeaten. OCs E notched up their sixth win of the season, a 7-3 success against OCs H. Farooq Ahmed and George Mastin both scored hat-tricks.

OCs J picked up two wins in the CLICK League. Harvey Russell and Stephen Turner were both undefeated in their 5-0 win over Black Notley and they both won once in the 3-2 success against Chelmsford L. Neither player was able to get the better of Luke Jones. Chelmsford L were in turn 5-0 winners against Chelmsford M after Luke Jones and Thomas Nguyen both stayed undefeated.

Top class Table Tennis comes to Essex next weekend (17/18 December 2011) when the BATTs Club, The Norman Booth Centre, Elderfield, Mulberry Green, Old Harlow, CM17 0EY hosts the second weekend of British League Premier Division action.

Admission is free and the action kicks off at 11.00 am on the Saturday and at 10.00 am on the Sunday.

Among the top players likely to be taking part are Welsh International Ryan Jenkins (Drumchapel Galsgow), Scottish no. one Gavin Rumgay (Barrow), English International Chris Doran (Drumchapel Glasgow), former M&G Investments Chelmsford Mens' Singles Singles Champion Lorestas Trumpauskas (Fusion) and two-times Nigerian Olympian Sule Olaleye (Fusion).

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