

Chelmsford & District Table Tennis League: Rawreth & Hullbridge B nearing promotion

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Good performances from Simon Jacob and Paul Churn at just the right time

Rawreth & Hullbridge B are very much in the mix to gain promotion to the first division of the Chelmsford & District Table Tennis League. They are currently placed third in division two, just two points behind OCs B but with a game in hand. Their 8-2 victory over Galleywood B was exactly what was required at this stage of the Season. Paul Churn and Simon Jacob both won their three singles whilst Mike Worship picked up one win. Paul Churn impressed by getting the better of James Hicks 4-11, 11-9, 11-8, 11-9. Danbury D and Danbury C follow next but when the two teams met it was the D side who romped to a 9-1 victory. Steve Whiteley (three wins), Dave Richardson (three wins) and Ian Whiteside (two wins) were all on target for Danbury D. Neil Want picked up his side's sole victory – a five game success against Ian Whiteside.

Runaway leaders Maldon D scored two more victories in division four – to make it 15 wins out of 16. Their top player – Ciaran Whelan (43 wins out of 45 over the Season to date) was undefeated in both their 9-1 victory over Danbury J and their 8-2 success against Chelmsford D whilst Steve Scholz also picked up three wins against Danbury J. OCs F are well placed to finish second and they also picked up two victories. They beat EPHQ 7-3 and OCs E 8-2. Peter Windley (36 wins out of 41) and Tom Barker (37 wins out of 47) were both undefeated in these two matches. Windley had quite a tussle with club-mate Farooq Ahmed (OCs E) and he just prevailed 7-11, 9-11, 11-3, 11-9, 13-11. The match between Danbury J and EPHQ finished tied 5-5. Kevin Willis won his three singles for the Danbury team whilst Philip Digby and Ian Hockley both picked up two wins for EPHQ. The match between Trevor Palmer and Francis Whitbread seemed to be poised for a tight finish but Palmer had other ideas and he raced through the fifth end to win 10-12, 11-9, 9-11, 11-8, 11-3.

Buttsbury A – Nathan Fry (30 wins out off 31) and Matthew Elliot (26 wins out of 31) are quite simply streets ahead of the opposition in the CLICK League and they picked up two more wins with a 5-0 victory over Black Notley A and a hard-fought 3-2 success against Chelmsford G. Most impressively, they have won all 19 of their matches. Chelmsford G's Harrison Matthews came up trumps with a fine 11-9, 11-8, 4-11, 6-11, 11-8 victory over Matthew Elliott. Chelmsford G also beat Buttsbury B 3-2. Harrison Matthews won both of his singles this time beating both Danny Mitchell and Alex Headley. Buttsbury C (James Hughes and Tom Picton) ran out 4-1 winners against Black Notley B. James Hughes was unbeaten on this occasion and he did just enough to get the better of Ewan Phillipson 9-11, 11-4, 8-11, 12-10, 11-9. Black Notley A (George Pennell and Patrick Bugg) also beat Buttsbury B 4-1 in a match where Patrick Bugg won both of his singles. George Pennell defeated Alex Headley in five ends (11-6, 11-4, 4-11, 8-11, 11-8). OCs H were always in control against Black Notley B and duly won 5-0. Tejas Kotwal and Lawrence Bartlett were both undefeated. Buttsbury C emerged as 3-2 winners over OCs H. Tom Picton won twice and Joseph Mendoza once. Picton required five ends to get the better of Harry Rogers but he made no mistake in the deciding leg as he romped home 13-11, 13-15, 5-11, 11-9, 11-2.

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