



Colchester League: Tight race for promotion places

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After last week's excellent Colchester Closed Tournament, focus switched back to the league. With only a few games remaining, teams are trying their hardest to either get promotion to the higher tier or are fighting to stay in their current division.

Division Two looks set to go right down to the wire to see who will join guaranteed winners, Tollgate D, in moving up to the next division. Only two points separate Tollesbury B (second) and Lawford B (third), and Tollesbury probably found themselves to be rather fortuitous when Dedham conceded the game 0-10 earlier in the week due to only being able to field one player.

Lawford are hot on their heels though thanks to a big 9-1 win over St James D. Tom Wilkin was the only player able to win a point for St James.

Pegasus C are still in with a chance of promotion, even after losing 7-3 to Tollgate D. Tom Elder won a maximum for Tollgate, but Pegasus have two games in hand over Tollesbury and Lawford.

Pegasus D lost 2-8 against Rowhedge G. Pawel Szemro won all of his games for Rowhedge.

It's looking likely that Rowhedge H will be the team that joins Lawford C in promotion to Division Two next season. They lie 10 points clear of third-placed St James E with two games in hand. St James beat Pegasus F 9-1. Jill Canning won the only point for Pegasus.

Lawford C continued their dominance by beating Dedham D 10-0. All but two of the games were won in three sets. Gilbert A beat Dedham C 6-4, with Roger Springett and George Buckle winning maximums for Dedham.

Rowhedge I beat Lawford D 8-2. Cameron Simpson and Jared Chelski won all of their games for Rowhedge.

In **Division Four**, Pegasus H beat their sister team, Pegasus G, 6-4. Derek Agent won a maximum for the 'G' side.

Tollesbury C beat Lawford E by the same scoreline, whilst Gilbert B beat Tollgate E 7-3. Olly Fifield continued his impressive record by recording another maximum for Gilbert.

Only five points separate the top three teams in the **Premier Division**. Tollgate A are top after beating Pegasus A 7-3. Colin Stallwood achieved a maximum for Tollgate.

St James B had a good 7-3 victory over Tollgate B. Recent Junior Boy's Singles winner, Sam Hume, finished the night unbeaten for St James.

Rowhedge A beat Rowhedge C 8-2. Matthew Horrocks and Jermaine Fearon both won all their games.

In **Division One**, Pegasus B are four points ahead of third-placed Walton B thanks to a 6-4 victory against Rowhedge D. St James C boosted their chances of staying up after beating Tollesbury A 7-3. Andy Vincent continued his formidable form for St James. Gt Horkesley B had an 8-2 win over Tollgate C. Both Ken Lewis and Matt Rogers remained unbeaten for Gt Horkesley at the end of the evening.

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