

Morais double not enough for DHS Greenhouse

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BATTS scored their second win of the day by defeating DHS Greenhouse Progress 5-3. They stormed into a 3-0 lead as Wang Zheng beat Daniel Basterfield (3-0), Craig Bryant defeated Ashley Willetts (3-1) and Thomas Bennborn got the better of Sherwin Remata 3-0. Igor Morais hit back with an excellent win over Martin Kubrt (3-1) but it wasn't enough and BATTS secured victory with Wang Zheng and Thomas Bennborn both completing an excellent afternoon's work as BATTS raced into a 5-1 lead.

With nothing to lose England no. one Cadet Igor Morais (a real TTK / Greenhouse success story) who trains 12 hours a week at the West London Academy and at the London Progress Club, battled his way to one of the best wins of the weekend with a superb 13-11, 5-11, 11-8, 11-9 success against experienced England no.18 Craig Bryant. A suitably impressed Sherwin Remata made the score 3-5 by fighting back from 2-0 down to beat Martin Kubrt 8-11, 8-11, 11-6, 12-10, 11-6.

Ormesby and Sycamore produced what was surprisingly the only drawn match of the weekend. Zak Zilesnick won both of his singles for Ormesby with excellent wins over Jason Ramage (3-1) and Sam Perry (again 3-1) but he was never in contention for the Player of the Match Award. That went to Omkar Torgalkar for his two magnificent wins : 11-7, 11-8, 11-9 against Michael Marsden and 13-11, 9-11, 11-9, 11-9 against John Murphy. When he had entered the hall on Saturday morning few people had heard of Omkar Torgalkar – he may well find himself in great demand after this weekend. The Sycamore talisman Jason Ramage secured the draw by beating Nigel Eckersley 12-10, 11-9, 7-11, 11-4 in what was the last game of the weekend.

Fusion felt the full force of Drumchapel Glasgow's bid to capture the title for a third time, and they were beaten 7-1 – their first defeat of the weekend. Gareth Herbert set the tone in the first game with a clinical destruction of Sule Olaleye 11-8, 11-8, 11-8, his best performance of the two days. Gareth also impressed in his second singles beating Adelele Kaseem Adisa 11-9, 11-9, 11-7. Craig Howieson made his mark by beating Adelele Kaseem Adisa 11-5, 11-9, 9-11, 11-7 and he rounded off a very good performance by the two times Champions by beating Tommy Cutler 11-7, 12-10, 11-6. England no. 16 Senior and no. one Veteran Lorestas Trumpauskas was on target for Fusion with a fine four game win over Terry Young (11-7, 6-11, 11-6, 11-7).

Leaders Barrow scored their most comfortable win of the two days – a 7-1 success against a three –player Westfield. Paul Drinkhall and Gavin Rungay both picked up doubles whilst Darius Knight beat Shaun Marples. England no. seven Junior Lewis Gray was on target for Westfield and he scored a fine five game victory over England no. 85 Senior Scott Crawford 12-10, 8-11, 11-8, 10-12, 11-5.

Detailed scores were as follows –

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| Wang Zheng beat Daniel Basterfield | 11-5, 11-9, 11-8 | (1-0) |
| Craig Bryant beat Ashley Willetts | 11-9, 1-19, 9-11, 11-6 | (2-0) |
| Thomas Bennborn beat Sherwin Remata | 11-7, 11-5, 11-9 | (3-0) |
| Martin Kubrt lost to Igor Morais | 6-11, 13-15, 11-7, 9-11 | (3-1) |
| Wang Zheng beat Ashley Willetts | 11-5, 6-11, 10-12, 11-4, 11-6 | (4-1) |
| Thomas Bennborn beat Daniel Basterfield | 11-7, 11-6, 11-6 | (5-1) |
| Craig Bryant lost to Igor Morais | 11-13, 11-5, 8-11, 9-11 | (5-2) |

Martin Kubrt lost to Sherwin Remata 11-8, 11-8, 6-11, 10-12, 6-11 (5-3)

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John Murphy beat Sam Perry 11-1, 11-6, 11-8 (1-0)

Michael Marsden lost to Omkar Torgalkar 7-11, 8-11, 9-11 (1-1)

Zak Zilesnick beat Jason Ramage 11-9, 11-8, 9-11, 11-6 (2-1)

Nigel Eckersley lost to Daniel Lowe 10-12, 11-9, 9-11, 7-11 (2-2)

John Murphy lost to Omkar Torgalkar 11-13, 11-9, 9-11, 9-11 (2-3)

Zak Zilesnick beat Sam Perry 12-10, 8-11, 11-8, 12-10 (3-3)

Michael Marsden beat Daniel Lowe 6-11, 12-10, 9-11, 11-8, 11-7 (4-3)

Nigel Eckersley lost to Jason Ramage 10-12, 9-11, 11-7, 4-11 (4-4)

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Richard Andrews lost to Gavin Rungay > 13-15, 11-13, 7-11 (0-1)

Shaun Marples lost to Paul Drinkhall 2-11, 8-11, 5-11 (0-2)

Lewis Gray beat Scott Crawford 12-10, 8-11, 11-8, 10-12, 11-5 (1-2)

Alim Hirji conceded to Darius Knight (injured) 4-11, 7-11, 5-11 (1-3)

Richard Andrews lost to Paul Drinkhall 6-11, 10-12, 10-12 (1-4)

Lewis Gray lost to Gavin Rungay 7-11, 6-11, 4-11 (1-5)

Shaun Marples lost to Darius Knight 9-11, 3-11, 7-11 (0-6)

Alim Hirji conceded to Scott Crawford (Injured) 7-11, 10-12, 6-11 (1-7)

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