

At the turnaround of the season, MGS A thrashed their own B team 18-0 to creep up the table & still have their 100% record intact. Suanne Bly was statistically best on the night. Next week (if it's not called off) it's Andrews v MGS A & both teams have yet to lose! David Lloyd A beat their own B team 16-2 to go back on top of the tables; Darren Whitley @ 3<sup>rd</sup> was the best player on the night.

In division 2, the hillbilly's were back at the fort again after last week's heroic victory over leaders Andy's B. It was a different story this week as they lost all the levels games & both games in set 5 to instantly lose the match & go 0-10 down. A mini comeback then took place by Garstang with Steve Walton & Kath Coleman winning the final game to snatch the bonus point in the final 6-12 score line. MGS C crashed at home 5-13 to Carlton B. They must have had a bad night, as the strength & depth of the team was second to none, but the usual team of Carlton powered their way through them to take all 4 points & surge them up into 4<sup>th</sup> spot. The prime kingpin of Carlton did his usual damage on the court to be MOTM on the night; Denzil Wates took all of his 6 games. 😊

In div 3, MGS D beat Clayton Crusaders A, 12-6 to stay in 4<sup>th</sup> spot & keep their hunt for promotion alive. Damian Evans & Toby Watson won 6 to be the best players on the evening & assist their team in the drive for promotion. Rachele sides won 5 of the 6 won for Clayton Clitheroe A took max points when they beat their B team 13-5. Partners Paul Cronshaw & Alison Leaver won all their 6 games to be the best pair on the night & assist the team to stay in 3<sup>rd</sup> spot\*\*\*\* and also helping their quest to retain division 2 status again next season. Good old favourites Derek Hilton & Helen Pickup from Evergreens A managed to battle a draw out of hosts, Hawks D. The current leaders of the division got off to a flying 6-2 start in the levels, but in the mixed, Evergreens fought back hard to leave Derek & Helen pressure in the final set to win both games to force a draw out of the front runners. Derek won 5 to be best on the evening & helped the team climb away from the danger area with the valuable 2 points in the bag. St. Andrews C stayed in the runners up spot with a 18-0 win that appeared to me to be a 5 sided Flight. The title race in this division is hotting up, with 4 teams competing for the silverware and next week could be a crucial match when Andy's host MGS D!

In division 4, St. Andrews D maintained their unbeaten run when they faced Battledore, but did lose their 2<sup>nd</sup> point of the season. Chris Silverwood & Linda Mathews won the final game of the match for the visitors 15-11 to snatch the bonus from under Andy's noses! The 12-6 result keeps Battledore in joint 2<sup>nd</sup> with Hawks E, 7 points behind St. Andrews who play Hawks E next week at Clayton... WOW! As stated above Hawks E went into 2<sup>nd</sup> with a 15-3 win over their own F team & line up next week's title crunch match. Iain McLean & Julie Youngs from Springfields D won the final pair of games 15-11 to win an 8 all classic when they hosted Whittle A. The 3 pts lifts them well away from the danger zone, but leaves their visitors in big trouble! Julie was awarded the LOTM for taking all of her 6 games on the night; as for Whittle they need some pts next week off Hawks F or the curtains will begin to close for them in div 4. 😊

In division 5, the usual solid Pair of Mick & Hazel Bradshaw won the final 2 games in set 9 to earn a draw at home to Penwortham B. Both teams were in joint 3rd before the match kicked off, but with the 2 points & Evergreens not playing this week, they moved into joint 2<sup>nd</sup>. Rory Parkinson from Penwortham was the strongest player on the night; he won 5 games at No3 men's spot. Next week, Penwortham face the runaway leaders, Clayton.... Gulp!..... and College are away at Brindle & Evergreens are at Spring E. Team 2000 C hosted Brindle this week and got off to a flying start, winning the opening 2 levels sets. A mixed bag in the next 2 sets to take the score to 5-3 as T2KC won the opening pair of mixed games in set 5 to ramp the score up to 7-3. Then Brindle won the next 6 games in passionate comeback to go 7-9 up, within a whisker of the winning post. In the final set, David Bird & Miriam Charlesworth won the 1<sup>st</sup> game 15-4 before Nick Fish & Linda Kozera fought back hard in the final game to win it 15-11 & win the match 8-10 for Brindle. Despite being on the losing side, David & Miriam were the best players on the night, but I bet they didn't sleep that night! Whittle B took on bottom team Spring E at home & the score was all square after the levels. Set 5 was split & in set 6 Spring won both games to make the match score 5-7 before another split set in 7 (6-8). Due to a sudden illness, Springs had to concede both games in set 8 lining up an 8 all classic. Gary Richardson & Rachele Haynes won the final pair of games for Whittle, 15-11 & 15-5 to win the match for Whittle to claw the team away from the drop zone. Rachele & Jackie Harnby won 5 each in the 10-8 win to be the best pair on the night

In 6, St. Peters anticipated a tough night ahead of them when they hosted the leaders, Hawks G. At 2-6 down after the levels, things were looking grim, but in the final set of the match Martin Charnock & Shaolin Evans won the remaining 2 games to take the bonus pt away from the visitors & make the final match score 6-12. Darryl Ashton & Sheila Burgess were the best pair on the night winning all 6. Whittle D for the second time this season did the double over their own C team by beating them again; showing them that last time it wasn't a fluke! In the 11-7 win, it was Natalie Kaine who picked up the LOTM award for winning all of her 6 games & helping to put the team into 4<sup>th</sup> spot on the tables..... a place from my memory .... Is a place they have never ever reached before! Well done! 😊

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