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September 16th

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The new table tennis season got underway this week with the Guildford League boasting more teams than it has for a few years. As always the standard is going to be high with current holders, Burymead B, at the head of the betting list. In recent years Godalming A has been the strongest challengers and, on paper, they could offer a fight but much depends on availability. I have a sneaking feeling that, of the Merrow teams, the B team will finish highest. At the other end of the table it could be the two promoted teams, College Hill A and Challoner B, who struggle the most.

In the First Division Burymead C, narrowly relegated last season, appear to be the strongest outfit. The other relegated team, Aftermath A, will be in the mix as will Bramley A but I think Woking LTC A might surprise a lot of teams and be strong contenders. Unfortunately, at the other end of the table it may well be Bramley B and Aftermath B, both promoted from the Second Division last season who occupy the bottom slots.

The Second Division looks very open. With a lot of experience at a higher level Woking LTC B will be contenders but I think College Hill C might sweep through the league and gain a second promotion in successive seasons. Allianz might also be dark horses but, again, much depends on availability. Ash B are also strong and are my tip for the divisional title. At the other end I fear that Aftermath D may find the step up a struggle but, yet again, this division looks very tight.

In the Third Division Cranleigh A may make a swift return to the division above and Aftermath E will want to join them. After that it could be a whole host of teams in contention. At the painful end of the table Abinger and Bramley E may well struggle but the quality of the two College Hill teams is hard to assess and either could be involved at both ends.

The Fourth Division has Cody B written all over it. On paper they have a team capable of playing at a higher level but selection policy will be critical. New team, Emmanuel, might prove a handful and the five Godalming teams are always difficult to assess at the early stages of the season. My second pick for promotion, though, is Woking LTC D. Having been in contention in recent seasons this might be the breakthrough year.

In the summer the Rose Bowl team of Sally Cimiotti, Sarah Horsnell came fourth in the national team finals whilst the Junior Boys gained valuable experience in their competition. All teams are reminded that results should come to me by whatever means you wish. Don't forget that entering a scorecard through the website satisfies that requirement.

September 23rd

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Champions Burymead B have started their campaign with an emphatic success against College Hill A. The newcomers to the division suffered a whitewash with Matt Pernet, Richard Tanner and Chris Bush inflicting the suffering. Burymead A also started well, in their case an 8-2 win over Challoner A. Phil Snelson and Gordon Holmes were both unbeaten. Broadmoor



also notched up a creditable win – 7-3 against Merrow B. Clive Banham was a hattrick hero for Broadmoor with Mark Handcock chipping in with a brace, this being matched by Graham Faulkner for the opposition. Merrow A will also be pleased with their 7-3 win over Challoner B. Chris Hazlehurst won his trio of matches with Martin Townshend supplying a duo as did Graham Watts for the promoted team. Godalming B beat Merrow D 6-4 with the unbeaten player being Merrow's Jason Tendler. Keith Falconer and Sarah Horsnell each won twice. In the First Division the two relegated teams demonstrated their intent for the season with emphatic wins. Burymead C whitewashed Cody A with newcomer Clive Green, Ian Farley and Joel Clancy providing the points. Aftermath A got the better of two-man Godalming D 9-1. Steve Pearce and Albert Cheung were unbeaten for Aftermath. Woking LTC A has started with a 7-3 success over Merrow E. In a match where all participants had some success John Koenigsberger picked up the full house and Kevin Bown won twice. Godalming C also won 7-3, their win being against Aftermath B. Alan Hoyle was unbeaten for Godalming with Feifei Pei and Tony Harrild each securing braces. Ash A were also 7-3 victors. Terry Osborne and John Taylor picking up all the points for Ash. The remaining match, Bramley B against College Hill B was drawn, Adrian Sharp recorded a full house for College Hill whilst Geoff Nevitt tasted success twice for Bramley.

After missing out on promotion last season Aftermath C could well be a good bet for the Second Division. They started this campaign with an 8-2 win over Godalming E. Martin Strutt was unbeaten with James Sellen & Dave Wilson supporting him with doubles. New team Ash B look to be very powerful and they started with a resounding 9-1 success over Challoner C. Alan Gess and Martin Gilbey with, fit again, Ian Saxby winning twice. Allianz should have a slightly easier season with new signing Manoz Shah winning twice in the 7-3 defeat of Merrow F. The ever-reliable Clayton Green was unbeaten. Alan Wan picked up two for Merrow. Burymead D managed a 6-4 win over newly promoted College Hill C. Jack Harrington picked up a maximum with Brian Smithers winning twice for College Hill. Aftermath D and Bramley D shared the points with Dave Harden the unbeaten player on show. Richard Tapp notched up the other two Aftermath points. Steve Cheeseman managed a pair for Bramley.

Ash C started the season well in the Third Division with an 8-2 success at College Hill C. Les Knight won thrice with Margaret Thornton and Dave Bentall both just losing out to Harshal Galgale. Ash D completed a full house of wins for the club by edging past Godalming G 6-4. Jackie Rice was the heroine for Ash with a maximum whilst Hugh McKee picked up a brace for Godalming. Aftermath E shared the points with Godalming F. John Setterfield proved to be unbeatable for Aftermath with Danny McGranachan and McKee winning twice for Godalming. Abinger and Cranleigh A also shared the points with Keith Sutton and Brendan Bayley for Abinger and Mark Lockyer and Angela Coventry for Cranleigh all winning twice.

September 29th

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Godalming H, in the Fourth Division, has had a storming start to the season with the latest success 7-3 against Godalming J. David Livingstone was unbeaten with Shula Laws bagging a brace for the H team. Cranleigh B maintained their unbeaten start to the season with a draw against two-man Cody B. Chris Ray was undefeated for Cranleigh with both Norrie Short and Mick Strode winning twice for Cody. Emmanuel TTC, a new club to the league, notched up their first success against another two-man outfit, Godalming L. Clive Mattin was unbeaten for Emmanuel with Rohan Butt and Alan Lewell winning their other singles for Godalming. Godalming K secured a narrow, 6-4, success over Bramley F. Paul Thomas notched a hattrick whilst Den Hall and Pam Wells each bagged braces for Bramley. Godalming M had a slightly easier win, 8-2, over Burymead E. Mick Stanners and Ben Tahouri were undefeated with George Helling winning twice.

In the Premier Division Godalming B will be very content with their start to the season. A second success 6-4 win, this time against their A team, bodes well for the forthcoming season. Reece Placid, Keith Falconer and Steve Davis all won twice but none of them could get the better of Ben Larcombe. Challoner B will be happy with their draw against Burymead A. Phil Snelson was unbeaten for Burymead with Martin Rozario and Steve Collins each winning twice for Challoner. College Hill A will be relieved after their draw against Merrow C. Jordi Dominguez and Phil Harrison each won twice for College Hill as did Andy Mudie for Merrow. This was one of those matches where everybody won and lost in the evening. Challoner A edged past Broadmoor, 6-4. Mark Handcock won thrice for Broadmoor with Rob Lemon and Peter Millard notching duos for Challoner.

At this early stage of the season Burymead C appear to be the team to fear in the First Division. An excellent 8-2 win against Bramley B cements their place at the top of the table. Joel Clancy was unbeaten with Richard Parke and Mark Batt-Rawden only losing out to Geoff Nevitt. Godalming C also has a 100% record after a 7-3 win over their D team. Unfortunately they



only had two players, Alan Hoyle and Feifei Pei, who won all the points available to them. Bramley A inflicted a heavy, 9-1, defeat on a two-man Woking LTC A outfit. Tony Morse and Ron Stracey were unbeaten with Phil Thompson only losing out to Kevin Bown.

Woking LTC B lead the Second Division after a 7-3 win Over Challoner C. Daniel Koenigsberger secured a maximum for Woking whilst Owen Poelijoe managed a brace this being matched by Tom Taylor-Woodward for Challoner. Ash B sit in second spot after a 7-3 win over Aftermath D. Ian Saxby continued his comeback with a full house for Ash with Mike Levey and Martin Gilbey picking up duos with neither getting the better of Gary Adkins. Aftermath C also boast a 100% record after a 7-3 win over College Hill C. College Hill provided the star player of the evening in the shape of Jim Clement, who was unbeaten. James Sellen, Dave Wilson and Martin Strutt picked up the Aftermath points. Allianz also have two wins out of two after an 8-2 trouncing of Bramley C. Clayton Green and Manoj Shah each won trios for Allianz who look very strong this campaign. Merrow F got the better of Burymead D 7-3 with Simon Dickinson unbeaten for Merrow and Paul Farrant and David Lush winning twice. Jack Harrington managed a brace for Burymead. Bramley D and Godalming E fought out a draw with Steve Cheeseman, for Bramley C, winning three times. Danny Mcgranaghan and Julien Rousseau picked up pairs for Godalming.

October 7th

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Ash D maintained their perfect start to the season in Division Three by defeating previously unbeaten Abinger 8-2. David Mackinnon was the star performer with a full house whilst Sheila Pretty and Jackie Rice both lost out to Brendan Bayley. Aftermath E are level with Ash as a result of a 9-1 thrashing of Bramley E. John Setterfield and Alan Sherwin were unbeaten whilst Jim Roberts chipped in with a brace. Godalming F have settled into third with their latest success being 8-2 against College Hill D. Danny Mcgranaghan and Gordon Grover were unbeaten for Godalming with Fred Florance picking up a duo. Cranleigh A maintained their unbeaten record with a draw against Woking LTC C. Cranleigh only had two players with Angela Coventry unbeaten and husband Peter winning twice. Brian Hartles won the only singles point for Woking. College Hill E notched their first win with a 7-3 beating of Godalming G. Derek Hubbard was unbeaten for College Hill with Steve and Lesley Clement each winning twice.

In the Fourth Division Godalming H continued their unbeaten path with an 8-2 success over Their K team, Shula Laws and David Livingstone being unbeaten for The H side. Godalming L notched their first win with a narrow 6-4 success against their J team. Alan Lewell was unbeaten for the L team with John Upham and Tony Laws each winning twice for the J outfit.

Cranleigh B eased past Woking LTC D 6-4. Chris Ray picked up a full house with John Davies managing a pair, this being matched by Malcolm Hollett for Woking.

Congratulations to College Hill A in the Premier Division who picked up an excellent 8-2 win at Godalming A. Jordi Dominguez notched a trio for College Hill and Phil Harrison and Graham Nutting each won twice with both being beaten by Robin Honey. At the top it may already be over as Burymead B whitewashed Challoner A. Matt Pernet, Richard Tanner and Chris Bush getting all the points. Burymead A are trying to stay with them thanks to a 9-1 defeat of Merrow D. Phil Snelson and Gordon Holmes each picked up a full house whilst Ramesh Bhalla only lost out to Chris Hazlehurst.

Burymead C, in the First Division, appear determined to get back into the top flight. A 6-4 success against likely promotion contenders Aftermath A was built on an unbeaten performance from Joel Clancy. Simon Turner picked up a brace for Aftermath. Merrow E won for the first time with a 7-3 win over Bramley B. Scott Ayers was the star performer on the night with a trio whilst Shaun Newbold and Keith Cunningham each managed duos. Godalming D picked up a very creditable win over College Hill B, 6-4. Carsten Horne was a hattick hero for Godalming with Yawei Wang notching a pair as did Andy Clegg for College Hill. Ash A and Godalming C both lost their 100% records after a draw. Terry Osbourne, for Ash, was unbeaten whilst Alan Hoyle and Feifei Pei each won twice for Godalming. Bramley A has eased into second spot after a comprehensive defeat of Cody A, 8-2. Ron Stracey and Nick Gould were unbeaten with Tony Morse winning twice.

The Second Division looks as if it has some very strong outfits. Woking LTC B whitewashed Aftermath D to stay top. John Koenigsberger, Ahmad Matorian and Owen Poelijoe providing the points. Ash B are sitting on their shoulders after a 9-1 win at Bramley D. Ian Saxby and Alan Gess were unbeaten with Mike Levey only losing out to Steve Cheeseman. College Hill C managed their first win with a narrow 6-4 defeat of Godalming E. Jim Clement won all his matches whilst Mike May won twice for Godalming.



October 21st

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Even at this early stage of the season it appears as if the Second Division promotion battle may be the most intense throughout the league. Two of the early pace-setters, Woking LTC B and Ash B, fought out a narrow 6-4 success for Ash. Woking, however, provided the star performer in the shape of John Koenigsberger who was unbeaten. Alan Gess won a pair for Ash. Close on the heels of the top two is Allianz who recorded their third win, 9-1, over Aftermath D. Clayton Green and Manoj Shah picked up trios whilst Steve Simnett only lost out to Gary Adkins. After a very tentative start to the season Bramley C are now at full speed. An 8-2 success against Aftermath C saw them sprinting up the table. Bill Willson won all his matches for Bramley with Joe Melchionno and Linda Makepeace each getting braces. Merrow F beat Godalming E 6-4 with Simon Dickinson winning thrice and Paul Farrant twice. Julien Rousseau won a pair for Godalming.

In the Third Division two of the promotion contenders, Cranleigh A and Aftermath E, battled out a 6-4 win for Cranleigh. Angela Coventry won all her games whilst husband Peter bagged a brace as did Jim Roberts for Aftermath. Godalming F look very strong and a whitewash of College Hill E demonstrated their intent. Danny McGranaghan, Gordon Grover and Fred Florance inflicted the damage on College Hill. Keeping pace with them, though, were Ash D who also managed a whitewash, this against Merrow G. Jackie Rice, David Mackinnon and Sheila Pretty were the Ash players.

In the Fourth Division Emmanuel inflicted the first defeat of the season on Cranleigh B, 7-3. Clive Mattin was unbeaten with John Marrow picking up a duo as did Chris Ray for Cranleigh. Cody B put down their marker with a whitewash of Burymead E. Mick Strode, Norrie Short and Ken Thompson were the victorious trio. Godalming H squeezed through 6-4 against a two-man Godalming L outfit. Alan Lewell was unbeaten for the L team. Two other Godalming sides, the M and K teams, shared the points between them. Unfortunately the K team only had two players but Paul Thomas and Greg Rowe each won twice.

In the Premier Division Merrow B picked up a much needed success, against College Hill A, 7-3. Gary Bonner and Graham Faulkner were unbeaten for Merrow. Challoner A got the better of Merrow C by the same scoreline. Graham Watts was unbeaten for Challoner with Rob Lemon winning twice as did Andy Mudie for Merrow. Another 7-3 win was secured by Burymead A at Godalming B. Phil Snelson won a trio whilst Gordon Holmes notched up two wins. Alex Forshaw won twice for Godalming. Meanwhile Burymead B sail serenely away at the top of the table. Their latest win being 9-1 at Challoner B. Richard Tanner and Chris Bush notching trios whilst Joel Clancy only lost out to Steve Collins.

In the First Division College Hill B broke their winning duck with an emphatic 8-2 defeat of Aftermath A. Martin Sharp was unbeaten for College Hill with Adrian Sharp and Paul Creamer bagging pairs neither getting the better of Albert Cheung. Aftermath B also won for the first time, also 8-2, this being against Cody A. James Sellen was a hattrick hero with Gordon Aplin and Bill Matlock winning twice but neither able to succeed against Paul Shakespeare.

October 28th

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Bramley B, in the First Division, notched their first success of the season with a narrow 6-4 win over Aftermath B. The reliable Geoff Nevitt was unbeaten for Bramley with James Sellen picking up a duo for Aftermath. Godalming C moved to the top of the table with a 9-1 mauling of Cody A, who have started the season very poorly. Tony Harrild and Alan Hoyle were unbeaten with Feifei Pei only losing out to Peter Anthony. Merrow E is determined to not get anywhere near the relegation battle after last season's disastrous end to the season. They eased into the top half of the table with a 6-4 defeat of College Hill B. Martin Sharp, for College Hill, was unbeaten but Scott Ayers and Robin Street each bagged braces.



The two unbeaten teams in the Second Division, Ash B and Allianz shared the points with Alan Gess the star performer with a maximum for Ash. Clayton Green and Manoj Shah both won twice for Allianz. That draw allowed Woking LTC B to reclaim top spot with a 7-3 win over Bramley D. Daniel Koenigsberger, Owen Poelijoe and Ahmad Matorian all won twice for Woking but none could get the better of Steve Cheeseman. Aftermath D and Burymead D shared the points with Gary Adkins the hatrick hero for Aftermath. Jack Harrington won twice for Burymead.

In the Third Division Woking LTC C won their first time at the same time inflicting the initial defeat on Ash D, 6-4. Brian Hartles won all his matches for Woking with Mike Glen bagging a duo as did Bob Murrell for Ash. This opened the way for Godalming F to sweep to the top of the table after a whitewash of Bramley E. Danny McGranaghan, Gordon Grover and Fred Florance were the victorious trio. Cranleigh A moved into a challenging position with a 9-1 win over College Hill D. Peter and Angela Coventry were unbeaten with Chris Ray only being bettered by Peter Caudrey.

The top two in the Fourth Division, Godalming H and M met with the H team securing an 8-2 win. Shula Laws was unbeaten with David Livingstone and Helen Ross both losing out to Mick Stanners. Godalming J could also feature in the battle for promotion with their 6-4 win over Cranleigh B possibly being crucial. Tony Laws with a trio and John Upham with a pair were the Godalming heroes with Chris Ray, playing for his normal side, grabbing a pair. Woking LTC D is moving up the table after a 7-3 defeat of Bramley F. Malcolm Hollett and Mervyn Newell secured full houses for Woking with. Cody B suffered their first defeat, 6-4, against Godalming K. Alan Lewell picked up there for Godalming with Paul Thomas assisting with a pair. Ken Thompson won twice for Cody.

At the top of the Premier Division the two Burymead teams continue to slug it out. Both won 9-1 in their latest matches. The A team entertained Merrow A and Phil Snelson and Gordon Holmes won all their matches with Holmes getting the better of Martin Townshend 23-21 in the fifth. Townshend got Merrow's only point inflicting the sole defeat on Ramesh Bhalla. The B team beat Merrow D with Matt Pernet and Chris Bush unbeaten and Richard Tanner missing out to Jason Tendler. College Hill A beat Challoner A 7-3 with Jorge Vasquez getting a full house and Phil Harrison a duo. Graham Watts won twice for Challoner.

November 4th

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After a start beyond their wildest dreams Burymead A, in the Premier Division, has suffered its first defeat. Godalming A got the better of them 7-3 with Alain Choo-Choy and Andreas Pusch unbeaten to acquire the points. Merrow C continue to climb the table with Challoner B the latest victims, by a convincing 9-1 scoreline. Micky Lang and Steve French were unbeaten with Robin Pretty getting a brace. Merrow B got the better of Challoner A, 6-4, but Challoner had the unbeaten player in the shape of Rob Lemon.

The contenders in the First Division are very clear. Godalming C whitewashed Bramley B with Alan Hoyle, Feifei Pei and Tony Harrild comprising the victorious trio. Burymead C maintained their 100% start to the campaign with a 9-1 mauling of Merrow E. Clive Green and Joel Clancy were unbeaten with Ian Farley only losing out to Keith Cunningham when he had to retire hurt. Ash A kept up the pressure with an 8-2 victory over Cody A. Terry Osborne and John Taylor both picked up maximums with George Earle notching a pair. College Hill B edged up the table with an 8-2 win over Bramley A. Martin Sharp and Andy Clegg were unbeaten for College Hill. At the bottom of the table Woking LTC A will be pleased with their 6-4 defeat of Godalming D. Rory Scott was unbeatable but Carsten Horne and Rob Shearman notched braces for Godalming.

Allianz, in the Second Division, came a cropper for the first time with a defeat against Woking LTC B. No player was unbeaten with all three Woking players, John Koenigsberger, Daniel Koenigsberger and Brian Hartles getting duos as did Manoj Shah for Allianz. Challoner C broke their run of defeats with a draw against Godalming E. Martin Rozario and Tom Taylor-Woodward got braces for Challoner but the star performer of the evening was Julien Rousseau with a full house for Godalming. Aftermath C displayed no mercy to their D team in an 8-2 defeat. Dave Wilson and Martin Strutt each got hattricks whilst James Sellen only got bettered by Dave Harden. Merrow F and Bramley D shared the spoils. Steve Cheeseman, for Bramley D, beat the two Merrow representatives, Simon Dickinson and Paul Farrant, who then won all their other singles.

Mixed fortunes for the Godalming teams, in the Third Division, with the G team notching their first win, 7-3, against merrow G. They were indebted to Peter Cousins with a full house whilst High McKee won twice. Meanwhile the F team lost for the first time, 6-4, against Abinger. Brendan Bayley led the way for Abinger with a trio whilst Keith Sutton won twice as did



Gordon Grover for Godalming who remain top. Ash C whitewashed College Hill D with Sandy Simpson, Les Knight and Dave Bentall inflicting the damage. Aftermath E got the better of Ash D, 6-4. Jackie Rice was unbeaten for Ash with John Setterfield and Dave Thomas bagging braces for Aftermath.

In the Fourth Division Bramley F picked up their initial win, 6-4, against Emmanuel TTC. Mike Smith with a trio and a Pam Wells' double with Wells only losing out to Stephen Schofield. Woking LTC D are moving towards the top of the table after a convincing 8-2 win over Godalming K. Mervyn Newell picked up a trio whilst Malcolm Hollette and Mark Harding won twice apiece. Saj Swamy acquired the two Godalming points. Godalming L and Cranleigh B shared the points with Alan Lewell undefeated for Godalming and Tim Hobbs and Chris Ray notching pairs for Cranleigh.

November 18th

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The holders are out of the Percy Lawes Cup. Burymead B were only able to muster two players against their A team and met an in form Phil Snelson who bettered both Chris Bush and Richard Tanner. In the semi-final Burymead A will play Challoner A who beat their B team 6-3 with Rob Lemon unbeaten, The other semi-final will be between Merrow B who beat Broadmoor with Robin Pretty and Andy Meads unbeaten on the night and Godalming A who beat Merrow A 6-0 with Keith Falconer, Ben Larcombe and Alain Choo-Choy comprising their team.

The Intermediate Cup is proving a bit of a damp squid. Ash A and Cody A will contest a semi-final after their opponents withdrew. Godalming C won their quarter-final against Merrow E 5-4 with no player unbeaten. Alan Hoyle and Tony Harrild for Godalming and Scott Ayers for Merrow each bagged braces. Godalming have subsequently played the semi-final and beaten Aftermath B 7-2 with Hoyle and Harrild undefeated.

Large wins were recorded in the Lewis Cup. Merrow F, Paul Farrant, Alan Wan and Scott Gotham inflicted a whitewash on Challoner C whilst Aftermath C beat their D team 8-1. Dave Wilson and James Sellen won all their matches.

The Last Two Cup provided a couple of close results. Bramley F got the better of Woking LLTC D 5-4 with Bob Holmden the unbeaten star. Sue Holder and Mark Harding won twice apiece for Woking. Ash C also edged past their opponents, Cody B, 5-4. Les Knight notched a trio with Jock Docherty and Stuart Stone bagging braces for Cody. Cranleigh A moved into the next round with a 6-3 success over Godalming G. Mark Lockyer was unbeaten. Merrow G thrashed the other Cranleigh team, the B team, 8-1. Steve Gotham and Ashley Barnes undefeated.

The Handicap Cup has a new organiser, Nick Gould, and he will be pleased with some of the first round results. The Cody A against Godalming Y was a handicapper's dream. Everybody managed a win and the match was decided in the ninth end with Peter Anthony completing a hatrick to get Cody through. Ash A's win over Challoner was a team effort with all three players contributing, Terry Osborne and George Earle each getting duos as did Tom Taylor-Woodward for Challoner. Ash B got the better of Godalming X with Martin Gilbey undefeated. Allianz beat Ash D 5-2 with Steve Simnett winning the two matches he played.

The entry forms for the Handicap Tournament will shortly be available from the website and club secretaries. Once again it is being held on two evenings just after Christmas on January 10th and 11th. It is a very popular tournament so early entries are encouraged to allow the new organiser, Chris Hazlehurst, plenty of time to be prepared.

November 25th

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The last unbeaten record in the Fourth Division was taken when Cranleigh B overcame Godalming H, 8-2. Godalming were not helped by an injury to David Livingstone but Chris Ray was undefeated for Cranleigh with Russell Amer grabbing a brace as did Shula Laws for Godalming. Two teams that I expect to feature at the end of the season, Woking LTC D and Cody B met with Cody securing a 7-3 win. None of the Cody players, Mick Strode, Norrie Short and Bob Fenner could beat Malcolm Hollett who garnered all the Woking points.

In the Third Division Godalming G did themselves a huge favour by defeating fellow relegation strugglers, College Hill D 8-2. Peter Cousins was unbeaten with James Wyncoll and Hugh McKee each being beaten by Paul Tanton. College Hill E kept themselves just ahead of their clubmates by only losing 7-3 against promotion contenders, Aftermath E. Derek Hubbard got all the College Hill points with Alan Sherwin, Jim Roberts and Dave Thomas notching duos for Aftermath. Godalming F continue to justify the favourites tag after a comfortable 7-3 win over Merrow G. Danny McGranaghan and Gordon Grover notched all the Godalming points.

In the Second Division Challoner C may well be regretting their promotion after another heavy defeat, 9-1, against Merrow F. Scott Gotham and Paul Farrant being unbeaten for Merrow with Jason Gee grabbing the consolation point against Simon Dickinson. Aftermath D are also in deep trouble and an 8-2 loss at the hands of College Hill C makes the picture more dire. Gary Adkins won the points for Aftermath but he could not get the better of Jim Clement with Mike Caudrey and Brian Smithers getting the other College Hill points. Bramley C showed little mercy to their D team colleagues running out 7-3 victors. Linda Makepeace was undefeated with Bill Willson notching a brace as did Steve Cheeseman for the D team who will be concerned about their position at the wrong end of the table.

With the bottom of the First Division being so congested Woking LTC A will be grateful for their 7-3 win over Bramley B. John Koenigsberger picked up a full house with Kevin Bown bagging a brace, this being matched by Geoff Nevitt for Bramley. Burymead C continue imperiously at the top. Their latest success being an 8-2 win over Aftermath B. Mark Batt-Rawden and Joel Clancy were undefeated for Burymead.

In the Premier Division there is the unusual sight of Merrow A towards the bottom of the table. Their C team displayed no sympathy in their plight by getting the better of them 9-1. Andy Mudie and Steve French were unbeaten with Micky Lang only losing out to Martin Townshend. Godalming B eased up the table with a 7-3 success over College Hill A. Alex Forshaw notched a maximum for Godalming with Sara Horsnell and Keith Falconer winning twice apiece as did Jorge Dominguez.

All teams are reminded that any outstanding matches from the first half of the season must be played before the commencement of the second half programme.

November 29th

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The First division provided the most significant results this week with the top two, Burymead C and Godalming C clashing. The Burymead outfit came out 6-4 victors taking Godalming's unbeaten record in the process. Richard Parke and Joel Clancy were unbeaten for Burymead. At the other end of the table Cody A are off the bottom of the table after successive wins against fellow relegation contenders. First they got the better of Bramley B, 8-2 with Paul Shakespeare and Peter Anthony unbeaten then overcame Godalming D 7-3 with Kin Chan and Shakespeare again the maximum heroes. College Hill B dented Ash A's promotion aspirations with a battling draw. Martin Sharp proved to be the star of the evening with a full house. Paul Myers and Terry Osborne notched duos for Ash.

After six straight defeats Merrow D, in the Premier Division, have notched up their first success. They edged past Challoner A with Jason Tandler winning all his three and Nigel Care chipping in with a brace as did Rob Lemon for Challoner. Godalming A got the better of Challoner B 7-3 with David Rahbani and Tony Harrild both unbeaten.

In the Second Division Aftermath D and Merrow F shared the points with no player unbeaten. Dave Harden and Gary Adkins for Aftermath and Paul Farrant and Scott Gotham for Merrow were all successful twice. Burymead D got the better of Bramley D 7-3 with Jack Harrington notching a hattrick and Tony Bartlett a pair for Burymead. Steve Cheeseman won twice for Bramley.

In the Third Division Merrow G won a close encounter, 6-4, against Woking LTC C. Ashley Barnes was unbeaten for Merrow with David Lush tasting success twice as did Brian Hartles for Woking. Godalming F demonstrated that they were the team to beat with an 8-2 thrashing of Ash C. Danny McGranaghan and Gordon Grover were unbeaten with Fred Florance only losing out to Dave Bentall. Aftermath E continued their promotion campaign with an emphatic 8-2 win over Abinger. Dave Thomas won all his three with John Setterfield and Alan



Sherwin only losing out to Brendan Bayley. At the bottom of the table there were significant results with Bramley E overcoming Godalming G 8-2. Gary Nicholson notched a trio with Bob Holmden and David Barraclough each winning twice. College Hill E had no mercy for their D team opponents overwhelming them 9-1. Steve Clement and Derek Hubbard both picked up maximums with Lesley Clement only losing out to Paul Tanton.

Godalming H, in the Fourth Division, got back to winning ways with a 6-4 defeat of Woking LTC D. David Livingstone was undefeated with Malcolm Hollett winning twice for Woking. Godalming L maintained their promotion push with a 7-3 win over Godalming K. Alan Lewell, Juri Antamanov and Saj Swamy all won twice as did Ben Tahouri for the K team. Bursting on to the promotion scene are Cody B who whitewashed Emmanuel TTC. David Thomas, Stuart Stone and Ken Thompson bagged the points for Cody. Cranleigh B just got the better of Burymead E, 6-4. Chris Ray was unbeaten with John Davies notching a brace as did Simon Parris for Burymead.

December 6th

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The Guildford League will be represented at next year's Olympics, not from the playing side but from the umpire's chair. Mick Strode who has been playing in both the Guildford and Aldershot leagues for many years will be just one of four British umpires officiating at the event which will be held at the Excel Arena from 28th July until 8th August.

Meanwhile Mick's team, Cody B, swept to the top of the Fourth Division after whitewashing Bramley F. On this occasion Cody was represented by Stuart Stone, Jock Docherty and Ken Thompson, Godalming L eased past Woking LTC D 6-4. Malcolm Hollett was unbeaten for Woking with Alan Lewell and Juri Artamonov notching duos. Godalming M got the better of their J side with both George Helling and Ben Tahouri unbeaten.

In the Second Division Challoner notched up their first win of the season 8-2 with both Martin Rozario and Tom Taylor-Woodward bagging maximums.

In the Third Division Cranleigh A suffered their first defeat 6-4 to Ash D. Jackie Rice won all her three including an epic against Mark Lockyer who picked up a pair as did David Mackinnon for Ash. At the other end of the table Godalming G recorded a very welcome win, 7-3, against Abinger. Brendan Bayley won all his singles for Abinger with James Wyncoll, Peter Cousins and Hugh McKee all winning twice for Godalming.

In the First Division Godalming C bounced back from the defeat against Burymead C with a whitewash of College Hill B. Alan Hoyle, Tony Harrild and Feifei Pei comprised the winning team. Bramley A confirmed their top half of the table credentials with a 7-3 defeat of Aftermath A. Nick Gould won all his singles with Tony Morse and Geoff Nevitt each winning twice. Godalming F secured their place in the semi-finals of the Last Two Cup with a 6-3 win over Ash C. Gordon Grover was unbeaten for Godalming with Danny McGranaghan winning twice as did Ash's Sandy Simpson.

The quarter-finals of the Handicap Cup have been completed with Premier Division team, Broadmoor, winning a close encounter with Cranleigh B, 5-4. Most starts were 34 for Cranleigh but that did not stop Clive Banham and John Millward winning twice for Broadmoor which was matches with two wins apiece for Chris Ray and John Davies. Cody B overcame Merrow E 5-3. Norrie Short and Mick Strode won twice for Cody as Carole Ingram for Merrow. Bramley E beat Ash C 6-3 with no player unbeaten. Gary Nicholson, Linda Makepeace and Bob Holmden all won twice for Bramley as did Ash's Margaret Thornton. Merrow G completed the quarter-final line-up with a 5-2 success over Bramley B. Bramley had been two up but a full house from David Lush proved decisive. The quarter-finals due to be played over the winter break are Cody B v Broadmoor, Bramley E v Merrow G, Ash A v Cody A and Allianz v Ash B.

December 13th

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A major surprise in the Premier Division with Godalming A inflicting the first defeat on Burymead B since October 2008. It was a strange match in that Godalming only had two players and Burymead's Matt Pernet had to retire injured at 2-2 in his first match which was against Ben Larcombe. Larcombe beat Chris Bush but did lose in five games to Richard Tanner. Alain Choo-Choy was undefeated for Godalming and Larcombe and Choo-Choy teamed up to take Burymead's unbeaten doubles record. This allowed Burymead A to close the gap with a 7-3 win over College Hill A. All the Burymead players, Phil Snelson, Ramesh Bhalla and Gordon Holmes notched pairs but none could better Jorge Dominguez. The struggles for Merrow A continue with a defeat to merrow b, 7-3, the most recent setback. Gary Bonner was unbeaten for the B team with Richard Seymour and Graham Faulkner both losing to the A team's Koray Ozcan.

Burymead E, in the Fourth Division, remains the only team in the entire league not to have at least drawn. So they will welcome back Eddie Hounslow after injury who was unbeaten in the 7-3 defeat to leaders Godalming H. Shula Laws, David Livingstone and Helen Ross ensured that Godalming remains firmly on track for promotion. Godalming J and Cody B fought out a draw which keeps both sides in contention. John Upham remained unbeaten for Godalming with Mick Strode bagging a brace for Cody. Perhaps a better bet for promotion is Godalming L who got the better of their M team, 6-4. Juri Artamanov being unbeaten and Alan Lewell winning twice for the L team whilst Ben Tahouri notched a pair for the M team. Bramley F secured a welcome win against Cranleigh B with all their players, Mike Smith, Pam Wells and Mark Wells picking up pairs but none able to defeat Chris Ray who notched yet another full house for Cranleigh.

After Christmas one of the most intriguing areas of the league will be the battle at the foot of the Second Division. Challoner C did their prospects of avoiding the drop a power of good by defeating fellow strugglers Bramley D, 7-3. All the points for Bramley were won by Steve Cheeseman with Jason Gee, Tom Taylor-Woodward and Gareth Warmingham winning twice apiece for Challoner. Bramley C only had two players against Aftermath D but Linda Makepeace and Bill Willson won all their singles to record a 6-4 win.

In the Third Division Abinger beat College Hill D 8-2 with Brendan Bayley unbeaten and Keith Sutton and Jim Faulkner both losing to Peter Caudrey. This defeat leaves College Hill with real relegation problems. Also at the bottom is Bramley E who lost to the other College Hill team, the E side, 7-3. Derek Hubbard and Lesley Clement both recorded maximums for the Brook based team who are now moving away from danger.

All players are reminded about the Handicap tournament being held on Tuesday January 10th and Wednesday January 11th at Christs' College. Also all teams are reminded that the Christmas break should be used to play any outstanding postponed fixtures from the first half of the season.

December 20th

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A surprise packet in the First division has been Aftermath B in the First Division. Widely expected to struggle they have positioned themselves in mid-table with their most recent success a 6-4 victory over Godalming D. Bill Matlock was unbeaten with Gordon Aplin chipping in with a pair, Rob Shearman also won twice for Godalming. Godalming C cemented their place at the top with a whitewash of two-man Bramley A. Tony Harrild, Alan Hoyle and Fei Fei Pei being the victorious trio. Burymead C edged past Woking LTC A 6-4 with Woking's Roray Scott unbeaten. Ian Farley and Joel Clancey both bagged braces for Burymead. Ash A kept up their chase of the top two with a 7-3 victory over merrow E. Paul Myers notched a trio with teammates John Taylor and Terry Osborne winning twice apiece but neither able to get the better of Keith Cunningham.

In the Third Division Godalming F demonstrated their ruthlessness thrashing fellow promotion rivals Ash D, 8-2. Gordon Grover was unbeaten for Godalming with Danny McGranaghan and Fred Florance recording duos. Aftermath E remain the closest challengers with the latest success being a 6-4 defeat of Woking LTC C with Dave Thomas recording a maximum. John Setterfield won twice for Aftermath as did Brian Hartles for Woking. Cranleigh, despite only having two players, got the better of College Hill E, 6-4. Mark Lockyer was unbeaten with Peter Coventry winning twice.

In the Premier Division Broadmoor recorded a welcome success, 7-3, over College Hill A. Yet again Jorge Dominguez was College Hill's saviour with a full house. Mark Handcock, Graham Outrim and John Millward all won twice for Broadmoor. Burymead A remain in second spot after a 7-3 win over Merrow B. Derek Holman was undefeated for Burymead with Phil Snelson grabbing a pair. Merrow A achieved a welcome win, 6-4, against Challoner A. Challoner's Rob Lemon was undefeated with Robin Pretty and Mike Fisher each winning twice



for Merrow. Godalming A showed no mercy to strugglers Merrow D with an 8-2 win. Ben Larcombe won all his matches with David Rahbani and Rob Shearman grabbing pairs each losing out to Dave Halfpenny.

Godalming H, in the Fourth Division, will go into the Christmas break top of the table after an 8-2 win over Emmanuel TTC. David Livingstone and Helen Ross were undefeated with Tony Laws winning twice. Cody B are second after a close 6-4 win over Godalming L. Ken Thompson was unbeaten for Cody with Stuart Stone winning twice as did Juri Artamonov for Godalming. Woking LTC D remain on the edge of the promotion battle after a 7-3 win over Godalming J. Tony Laws won all the points for Godalming who, unfortunately, had just two players. Bramley F beat Burymead E winning the battle between the bottom two teams. Bramley were helped with Burymead only having two players one of whom, Simon Parris, won all his three. Godalming K recorded a very impressive 9-1 win over Cranleigh B. Alan Lewell and Rohan Butt were unbeaten for Godalming with Greg Rowe only losing out to Chris Ray.

January 13th

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At the halfway point of the season the Premier Division looks decided, but is it? Burymead B lead the way but an injury to Matt Pernet must raise concerns in the Burymead camp. However there is no obvious challenger. Burymead A are currently second but they know their best days are behind them and would be surprised to be in this position. Godalming A possess the most talented squad but they still struggle with personnel. Of the Merrow sides the B team is best placed but they will be happy with any finish in the top four. Merrow C have games in hand but they do not have the overall strength for Champions. In mid-table there is College Hill A who will be ecstatic at their success this season. The other teams in a similar position are Challoner A, Broadmoor and Godalming B. Then the current bottom three. Surprisingly one of them is Merrow A who will be desperate to get John Robinson back. This leaves the bottom two – Merrow D and Challenor B. I fear they will remain in those positions for the rest of the season. Predictions – Burymead B Relegated – Challenor B and Merrow D.

The First Division appears clear cut. Godalming C and Burymead C have a clear lead and Godalming C, in particular, appear settled. Burymead C have a few injury issues but They should be strong enough to withstand a challenge. Ash A have settled into third spot and with Bramley A and the two Aftermath teams look safe. College Hill B have games in hand and look quite secure but the other five teams Merrow E, Woking LTC A, Godalming D, Cody A and Bramley B will have relegation worries. Of these Bramley B look the most likely to go down but everything else is very tight. Predictions Champions – Godalming C, Runners-Up – Burymead C Relegated – Bramley B and Godalming D.

The Second Division is also quite clear with both Ash B and Woking LTC B averaging around eight points per match. This is tough on Allianz who must have fancied their chances of promotion at the beginning of the season. Aftermath C, Merrow F, Bramley C and College Hill C look secure in mid-table but the bottom five, Challoner C, Bramley D, Aftermath D, Burymead D and Godalming E have little between them. With games in hand Burymead D look slightly better off than the other four. Predictions Champions – Ash B Runners-Up – Woking LTC B Relegated – Aftermath D & Bramley D

At the moment the Third Division also looks settled at the top with Godalming F steaming away. Second place is currently occupied by Aftermath E and they look fairly secure in that spot. Ash D, Cranleigh A and Ash C look as if they will battle for third spot with Merrow G and Abinger occupying the middle places. That leaves three teams with, currently, virtually identical records. Given the gap that is left to the bottom two College Hill E, Godalming G and Woking LTC C will be fairly confident of finishing the season in the same division. That leaves College Hill D and Bramley E who are somewhat adrift of the rest. Predictions Champions – Godalming F Runners-Up – Aftermath E Relegated – College Hill D and Bramley E

It will be a statistical anomaly if one of the Godalming in the Fourth Division is not promoted. Currently the H team is at the head of the table with the L team possibly joining them in the divisional above. Cody B will be hopeful that they can split the two Godalming teams and Woking LTC D might have a drive in the second half of the season. Godalming J,M and K look destined for mid-table with Cranleigh B joining them at that level. Emmanuel TTC, Bramley F and Burymead E will be hoping to avoid the wooden spoon. Predictions Champions – Godalming H Runners Up – Cody B



January 20th

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The last perfect record has gone with Ash A winning their re-arranged match against Burymead C in the First Division. Ash edged home 6-4 built on the maximum achieved by Terry Osborne. Joel Clancy won twice for Burymead. Aftermath A completed their first half fixtures with a convincing, 9-1, defeat of Woking LTC A. Albert Cheung and Simon Turner were unbeaten against just a two-man opposition. Aftermath B also benefited from a two-man Woking team with Frank Roberts unbeaten in a 7-3 victory.

Quite a few matches completed in the Premier Division with the top two Burymead A and B clashing. The B team extended their lead with a 7-3 success with Richard Tanner unbeaten and Matt Pernet and Chris Bush notching duos. College Hill A completed a very satisfying first half to the season with a 9-1 mauling of Challoner B. Phil Harrison and Jorge Dominguez proved unbeatable with Andy Clegg only losing out to Maria Taylor-Woodward. Broadmoor have caught up most of their fixtures with victories over Godalming A, 6-4, and Merrow D, 7-3, whilst they shared the spoils with Merrow C. Daniel Moses was unbeaten in his two matches whilst Ian Cole managed seven out of nine. Mark Handcock also bagged a full house in his only appearance.

In the Second Division Allianz eased past Aftermath C, 6-4, and trounced Burymead D 9-1. Both Manoj Shah and Clayton Green recorded five wins out of six. In his only appearance Steve Simnett picked up a brace against Burymead D whilst Martin Strutt grabbed a couple for Aftermath C in their defeat. In their other outstanding match Burymead D got the better of a two-man Godalming E outfit. Jack Harrington was unbeaten for Burymead whilst Jason Minoos won two for the relegation strugglers.

In the Third Division Godalming F showed their class with an 8-2 thrashing of Cranleigh A. Danny McGranaghan and Gordon Grover both notched trios. Ash C got the better of Ash D, 6-4 with the D team's Jackie Rice the best player on the night with a full house. Les Knight and Tony Harrison won twice apiece for the C team. Abinger pushed Bramley E further towards relegation with a 9-1 win. Keith Sutton and Brendan Bayley each won three times with Jim Faulkner getting two wins.

In the Fourth Division Godalming H defeated their K team 7-3 but none of the victorious team, Shula Laws, David Livingstone and Helen Ross could better Rohan Butt. The Godalming L team completed their fixtures with an emphatic 9-1 win over Bramley F. Ben tahouri and Juri Artamanov won all their matches with Alan Lewell only losing out to Pam Wells.

As can be seen above the Woking LTC A team are experiencing difficulties and players are needed. In the meantime Brian Hartles has taken over as secretary and he is also acting as captain of the A team. His details can be obtained from the league's website.

April 13th

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The promotion race is at fever pitch in the Fourth Division. Godalming H head the division after a 9-1 success against Burymead e who, unfortunately, only fielded two players. Shula Laws and David Livingstone were unbeaten for the H team. Godalming L eased past their M team 6-4 but none of the L team players could get the better of Mick Stanners who was unbeaten for a two-man M outfit. Cody B, the other promotion contender, were shocked by a 6-4 defeat at the hands of Godalming J for whom John Upham and 13 year-old Anthony Lewis bagged pairs as did Stuart Stone and Ken Thompson for Cody.



As expected, Challoner B and Merrow D are relegated from the Premier Division. They met this week with Merrow D managing a consolation 6-4 win with Jason Tendler notching a maximum and Dave Halfpenny picking up a duo. The last remaining issue in the division is the runners-up spot which is between Burymead A and Merrow B who meet in the final match of the season. Burymead are currently five points clear after a 9-1 win against College Hill A. Phil Snelson and Derek Holman were unbeaten with Ramesh Bhalla picking up a pair. Meanwhile Merrow B got the better of their A team with a 7-3 success. All three B team players, John Callcut, Richard Seymour and Graham Faulkner won twice as did John Robinson for the A team.

Bramley B's relegation from the First Division was confirmed after an 8-2 loss at Godalming D. Yawei Wang and Carsten Horne each bagged maximums for the team who I predicted, at Christmas, would get relegated. That one was wrong. Woking LTC A look certain to follow Bramley after they lost 6-4 at College Hill A. Martin Sharp was unbeaten for College Hill with Kevin Bown winning twice for two-man Woking. Burymead C cemented their promotion credentials with a 7-3 defeat of Ash A. Joel Clancy won all his three for Burymead with Richard Parke getting a pair as did Terry Osborne for Ash.

Allianz, in the Second Division, pushed themselves into promotion favourites with an 8-2 win over Godalming E. Manoj Shah and Clayton Green bagged maximums for Allianz. Meanwhile Woking LTC B edged out College Hill C, 6-4. John Koenigsberger with three and Daniel Koenigsberger with a pair won all Woking's points, including the doubles. John Bounds won twice for College Hill.

The Third Division promotion battle appears to have come down to a fight between Cranleigh A and Aftermath E. Cranleigh whitewashed two-man Godalming G with Peter Coventry, Mark Lockyer and Angela Coventry claiming the points. Aftermath E beat Merrow G 8-2 with John Setterfield and Dave Thomas unbeaten. College Hill E have, guaranteed their current status after a 9-1 thrashing of Bramley E. Derek Hubbard and Harshal Galgale proved unbeatable with Richard Loversidge winning twice. College Hill D seemed doomed to the drop after a 7-3 defeat at the hands of Abinger. Brendan Bayley won all his three with Keith Sutton also of Abinger winning twice. Peter Caudrey bagged a pair for College Hill.

April 20th

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Bramley D, in the Second Division, looked likely to post the amazing statistic of having been unable to secure a victory all season and yet avoid relegation. That changed when they got the better of Challoner C 7-3 with Steve Cheeseman unbeaten and John Diggins grabbing a pair. Jason Gee won twice for Challoner. This result relegates both Challoner C and Aftermath D. It



has been a bitter/sweet week for Ash B at the top of the table. On Tuesday they secured the title with a whitewash of Bramley C, Martin Gilbey, Alan Gess and Mike Levey comprising the winning trio and then, on Wednesday, they lost their unbeaten record to Allianz, 6-4. Clayton Green, for Allianz, was unbeaten with Manoj Shah grabbing a brace as did Levey for Ash. Meanwhile Woking LTC B were overcoming Merrow F 9-1 with John Koenigsberger and Brian Hartles unbeaten and Daniel Koenigsberger winning a duo. For Woking to secure second spot they need 14 more points from their final two games one of which is against Ash B.

An amazing week in the Fourth Division. Godalming L were deducted three points for fielding an ineligible player so that put them back in the promotion race but they shrugged it aside by beating their main rival for promotion, Cody B, 9-1. Saj Swamy and Alan Lewell won three apiece with Mike Kam only losing out to Stuart Stone. That gives Godalming L second spot as Godalming H beat Emmanuel TTC to get the champions position. Clive Mattin was unbeaten for Emmanuel with Anthony Lewis and Helen Ross bagging braces for Godalming H.

In the First Division Godalming C confirmed their championship with a whitewash of Bramley A. The victorious trio of Tony Harrild, Feifei Pei and Alan Hoyle fully deserve the title having lost just once all season. Second spot is effectively Burymead C's as their lead is so massive over the other mathematical contender, Ash A. At the bottom Woking LTC A's relegation was confirmed after Cody A defeated College Hill B, 6-4. Peter Anthony and Paul Shakespeare both won twice for Cody as did Adrian Sharp and Paul Creamer for College Hill.

The runners-up spot in the Premier Division has been grabbed by Burymead A after they drew with the only other contender, Merrow B. Phil Snelson recorded a full house whilst Derek Holman won twice for Burymead. Graham Faulkner got two for Merrow.

In the Third Division College Hill D are relegated as the result of an 8-2 defeat against Merrow G. Trevor Free was unbeaten for Merrow with Mark Francis and Carole Ingram winning twice apiece but neither able to get the better of Paul Tanton. At the other end of the table Aftermath E will be very disappointed with the draw against Woking LTC C. Dave Thomas was unbeaten for Aftermath but duos from Brian Hartles and Mike Glen plus a tight double win meant they shared the points. Meanwhile Cranleigh A was overcoming College Hill E 9-1 with Peter and Angela Coventry unbeaten and Mark Lockyer bagging a brace. This places Cranleigh A as firm favourites to grab second spot.

A couple of dates for the diary. The Presentation Evening will be at the normal venue, the Corporation Club, on Friday 8th June and the Association's AGM on Monday June 11th at Woking LTC.



April 27th

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In recent years the final of the Percy Lawes has tended to be one-sided, not this season. Godalming A were playing Burymead A. Of the many players who have turned out for Godalming this season the playing trio comprised Tony Holmes, Ben Larcombe and Alex Forshaw. Burymead used Phil Snelson, Derek Holman and Gordon Holmes. In the first match Snelson easily got the better of Tony Holmes to give Burymead the lead. The next match between Larcombe and Holman was a total contrast of styles and it went all the way with Larcombe coming through 11-6 in the fifth. Despite some valiant defence from Gordon Holmes 17 year old Forshaw edged Godalming ahead. Snelson then levelled the match with a win over Larcombe. Burymead then went ahead when the Burymead Holmes got the better of his namesake from Godalming. The lead was short-lived as Forshaw beat Holman and then Larcombe overcame Holmes to put Godalming one win away from the cup. The next match on was the two unbeaten players, Snelson and Forshaw and some great table tennis was played with the younger man coming through to give Godalming the cup 5-3. Forshaw was the undoubted star of the evening showing an ability to dictate the speed of a rally with great subtlety.

There were two more cup wins for Godalming. The C team completed the League and Cup double with a 9-0 hammering of Ash A. The match was closer than the score may suggest but Tony Harrild, Alan Hoyle and Fei Fei Pei signed off their career in the second tier in emphatic style.

Almost as convincing was the win in the Last Two Cup by Godalming F. Another double winning team they were too strong for Merrow G and came through 5-1. Danny McGranaghan and Gordon Grover were unbeaten for Godalming with Fred Florance losing out to Ashley Barnes. Trevor Free and Carole Ingram battled hard for Merrow.

In the league Burymead C confirmed second place in the First Division with a whitewash of Woking LTC A. Richard Parke, Mark Batt-Rawden and Joel Clancy getting the points.

In the Second Division Woking LTC B kept their hopes of promotion alive with a 6-4 success over champions Ash B. John Koenigsberger was unbeaten for Woking with Brian Hartles winning twice as did Martin Gilbey for Ash.

In the Third Division Cranleigh A will be taking second place. A whitewash of Bramley E effectively gives Peter Coventry, Mark Lockyer and Angela Coventry a move back into the Second Division.



In the Premier Division Burymead C lost their second match of the season, 7-3 to Merrow C. Andy Mudie was unbeaten for Merrow with Micky Lang winning twice which Richard Tanner matched for the champions.

January 27th

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Burymead E in the Fourth Division went the entire first half of the season losing their matches. Clearly they welcome 2012 as they have notched up their first success, 6-4, against Godalming K. Simon Parris led the way with a full house whilst Greg Rowe and George Helling both notched braces for the losers. Emmanuel TTC will also be pleased with the New Year after a 6-4 beating of Godalming J. Stephen Schofield led the way with a maximum whilst Clive Mattin weighed in with a duo. Tony Laws won twice for Godalming. At the top of the table Godalming H go serenely on after a whitewash of Bramley F. Shula Laws, David Livingstone and Helen Ross appear destined for the higher division. Godalming L will be hoping to join them after a 9-1 success at Woking LTC D. Alan Lewell and Juri Artamanov were unbeaten for Godalming whilst Saj Swamy won twice.

In the Third Division Godalming F are dominating all the other sides. An 8-2 win over second placed Aftermath E the latest success. Gordon Grover picked up a full house whilst Danny McGranaghan and Fred Florance each only lost to Jim Roberts. Ash C edged into third place after an 8-2 victory over College Hill E. Dave bentall and Sandy Simpson were unbeaten for Ash. The Ash D team picked up a 6-4 win over Godalming G. David Mackinnon was unbeaten for Ash with Jackie Rice notching a duo as did Hugh McKee for the losers. Woking LTC C eased their relegation worries with a 6-4 defeat of College Hill D. Brian Hartles won thrice for Woking whilst Mike Glen secured a brace as did Paul Tanton for the losers. Merrow G pushed Bramley E closer to the bottom division after a 9-1 victory. Trevor Free and Ashley Barnes picked up three apiece whilst Mark Francis only lost out to Bob Holmden.

The relegation battle in the Second Division produced another twist with Aftermath D gaining an excellent 6-4 win over Bramley D. David Harden won all his matches with John Diggins and Steve Cheeseman winning twice apiece for Bramley. Challoner C dropped into the bottom two after being whitewashed by leaders Ash B. Mike Levey, Alan Gess and Martin Gilbey formed the victorious trio. Woking LTC B remain firmly on the heels of the leaders after an 8-2 win over Bramley C. Ahmad Matorian was the star turn with a full house whilst John and Daniel Koenigsberger each only lost to Linda Makepeace. Allianz keep trying to bridge the gap but could only manage a 7-3 victory over Merrow F. Clayton Green and Manoj Shah won all the points for Allianz. College Hill C got the better of Burymead D 7-3. Brian Smithers notched a full house for College Hill with Mike Caudrey winning twice as did Jack Harrington for the losers.

All teams are reminded that the final date to register players for this season is Jan 31st.

May 4th

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The final trophy to be decided was the Handicap Cup which was contested by Ash B and Cody B. Mike Levey started for Ash against Norrie Short and the handicapping was superb with Short edging home by a single point. Then Martin Gilbey squared the match with a more emphatic victory over Mick Strode. Alan Gess, for Ash, then put his team ahead with a three point victory over Jock Docherty. Gilbey then annihilated Short and Levey followed up with a narrow, three point success over Docherty. This meant that Cody had to win to remain in the tie and they duly did when Strode got the better of Gess by a couple of points. Up stepped Gilbey to complete his full house and secure the victory for Ash with another clear win, this time against Docherty. The competition has been tight throughout with Nick Gould, Handicap Cup Officer, having a very successful inaugural season in that role.

The final league matter was decided in the Second Division when Woking LTC B snatched second spot after a whitewash of Burymead D. John Koenigsberger, Daniel Koenigsberger and Brian Hartles comprised the winning trio. Congratulations to Woking but commiserations to Allianz who finished just three points off second spot.

This will be the final report of the season so all players are reminded that the Presentation Evening is on June 8th at the Corporation Club with the association's AGM the following Monday, June 11th, at Woking LTC.

February 3rd

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Godalming E, in the Second Division, has, at last recorded their first win. Playing fellow strugglers Bramley D they edged the match 6-4. Bramley did have the star act in Steve Cheeseman who was unbeaten but Mike May and Julien Rousseau both notched braces to take Godalming off the bottom of the table. Aftermath D have now slipped into the bottom two after a 9-1 hammering from Ash B who surely look destined for promotion after breaking the hundred points barrier. On this occasion Martin Gilbey and Mike Levey were undefeated with Alan Gess only losing out to Gary Adkins.

In the Premier Division Godalming B and Godalming A shared the points with Reece Placid, playing for the B team, being unbeaten. His victims included Adam Laws and Andreas Pusch who each won twice for the A team. Merrow A showed no mercy to their D team sweeping to a 10-0 win. This match marked the long awaited return of John Robinson. Martin Townshend and Mike Fisher joined him and now expect the A team to sweep up the table. Challoner A picked up a 7-3 win in a tight match against Broadmoor. Peter Millard won three times with Trevor Spraggs getting a duo as did Ian Cole for the losers. Burymead B continue at the top of the table after a 7-3 win over Merrow B. Both Richard Tanner and Chris Bush were unbeaten for the champions in waiting.

In the First Division the most interesting focus is at the bottom of the table with Cody A edging into the bottom two after a 7-3 defeat from Merrow E. Scott Ayers was a hattick hero for Merrow with Robin Street winning twice. Bramley A got the better of Woking LTC A 6-4 with Ron Stracey and Nick Gould bagging braces for Bramley matched by Kevin Barkham and Ahmad Matorian for the losers. Ash B continue to valiantly chase the top two. An 8-2 win over Aftermath B being the most recent result. Terry Osborne was again unbeaten with Paul



Myers and George Earle each winning twice. In mid-table Aftermath A got the better of College Hill B 6-4. Steve Pearce, Albert Cheung and Simon Turner all won twice for Aftermath with Martin Sharp also victorious twice for College Hill.

In the Third Division College Hill D will be content with their draw against a strong looking Ash D outfit. Derek Hubbard notched two successes for College Hill with David Mackinnon and Jackie Rice also being successful twice for Ash. This has allowed Cranleigh A to narrow the gap to the top three after a whitewash of Merrow G. Peter Coventry, Angela Coventry and Mark Lockyer picked up the points. Aftermath E has settled back into second spot after a 7-3 win over College Hill D. Jim Roberts and Dave Thomas were unbeaten for Aftermath. Godalming G will be content with their 6-4 defeat against leaders Godalming F. Peter Cousins won twice for the G team with Danny McGranaghan, Gordon Grover and Fred Florance all bagging braces for the F team.

February 10th

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The first cup final has been decided with Burymead easily overcoming Merrow B in the Veteran's Cup final 5-0. Phil Snelson, Richard Tanner and Gordon Holmes were the winning team. Cody B took the opportunity to ease towards the leaders in the Fourth Division with an 8-2 success over Burymead E. Norrie Short was unbeaten with Mick Strode and John Asprey only succumbing to Simon Parris.

There is a little sub battle going on in the Premier Division between the Merrow teams for club supremacy. The B and C teams maintained the status quo with a draw in which Andy Mudie excelled for the C team. Andy Meads and Graham Faulkner each bagged braces for the B team. Michael Hill, playing only his second match of the season, notched an impressive full house against Challoner A. Richard Tanner and Chris Bush each recorded two wins but neither could get the better of Rob Lemon in an 8-2 win. It is looking very serious for the bottom two with Challoner B losing 7-3 to Broadmoor for whom Mark Handcock and Clive Banham picked up all the points. Merrow D also lost 7-3, in their case to Burymead A. Gordon Holmes was unbeaten for Burymead with Phil Snelson bagging a brace as did Dave Phelps for the relegation threatened Merrow D.

It appears as if there will be another dogfight at the bottom end of the First Division. Bramley A just eased past Cody A 6-4 but Paul Shakespeare, for Cody, was the star performer with a full house. Nick Gould and Tony Morse each managed duos. Woking LTC A will be disappointed with a 7-3 loss against Aftermath B although Kevin Bown did his part with a trio for Woking. Gordon Aplin, Frank Roberts and Bill Matlock were too strong for the other Woking players.

Each of the leaders in the Second Division whitewashed their relegation threatened opposition. Ash B got the better of Bramley D with Alan Gess, Mike Levey and Martin Gilbey proving too strong for this division. Meanwhile Woking LTC C meted out the same punishment to Aftermath D. Daniel Koenigsberger, Ahmad Matorian and Owen Poelijoe the victorious trio. The transfer of Juri Artamanov reaped instant dividends in the Third Division when Woking LTC C overcame Cranleigh A 7-3. Artamanov won twice but the hattrick hero for Woking was Brian Hartles. Mark Lockyer won twice for Cranleigh. Merrow G notched a very impressive 8-2 win over Ash C. Carole Ingram was undefeated for Merrow with Ashley Barnes and David Lush winning twice as did David Mackinnon for the opposition. Although they lost 7-3 College Hill D will be pleased with the result against the heavy favourites for the division, Godalming F. No player was unbeaten with doubles for all the Godalming players, Fred Florance, Danny McGranaghan and Gordon Grover and also a duo for Peter Tanton for College Hill.

February 17th

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The finalists for the Percy Lawes Cup have been determined in two very different semi-finals. Burymead A annihilated Challoner A 5-1 with Phil Snelson and Derek Holman unbeaten, By contrast the other semi-final between Godalming A and Merrow B went the distance. Godalming swept into a 4-1 lead after couples from Adam Laws and Ben Larcombe but then saw that lead disappear to set up a thrilling finale between Laws and Richard Seymour. Laws made short work of his task and eased Godalming into the final. Graham Faulkner won twice for Merrow.

Ash A convincingly won their Intermediate semi-final against Cody A. Paul Myers and John Taylor being unbeaten.

The semi-finals of the Handicap Cup have been decided with Cody B from the Fourth Division proving too strong for Premier division outfit Broadmoor. Ken Thompson was unbeaten for Cody with Mick Strode and Jock Docherty winning twice apiece. They will meet Bramley E who managed to overcome Merrow G 5-3. David Barraclough was unbeaten for Bramley with Ashley Barnes notching a brace for Merrow. The bottom half of the draw has produced an all Ash semi-final. The B team got the better of Allianz 5-2 with Mike Levey unbeaten. Martin Gilbey also won twice with Clayton Green winning his two matches for Allianz. The tightest match was Ash a's win over Cody A. Paul Myers won the ninth game to win the match. Paul Mission won all his three for Cody with Myers and George Earle recording duos for Ash.

February 24th

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College Hill D, in the Third Division, have endured a difficult season and relegation appears certain but they have managed to get the better of Bramley E 6-4, who are doing even worse and sit bottom. Bramley, unfortunately, only had two players with one of them, Bob Holmden, being unbeaten. At the other end of the table Aftermath E and Cranleigh A shared the spoils. Jim Roberts and Dave Thomas won twice apiece for Aftermath with Angela Coventry and Mark Lockyer also recording duos for Cranleigh. The draw leaves Aftermath the likely runners-up in the division. The top slot must be destined for Godalming F who whitewashed College Hill E with Danny McGranaghan, Gordon Grover and Fred Florance getting the points. The top of the First Division also looks settled with Godalming C wracking up another 10-0, this one against Woking LTC A. Tony Harrild, Alan Hoyle and Fei Fei Pei have played all the matches. Burymead C remain second after a 7-3 success over College Hill B. Richard Parke and Joel Clancy notched all the points for Burymead. Ash A's outside chances disappeared after suffering a 10-0 defeat at Godalming D. At the bottom end of the table Cody A eased away from the relegation slots with a 7-3 win over Aftermath B. Paul Shakespeare picked up a full house with Peter Anthony and Paul Mission each getting braces. Bramley A showed little mercy against their B team with a 7-3 win featuring a hattrick from Peter Palmer in only his second appearance after a long term injury. Tony Morse won twice for the A team as did Geoff Nevitt for the B team.

In the Second Division Allianz are manfully trying to close the gap to the top two who postponed their match last week. Allianz beat Aftermath D 8-2 with Manoj Shah unbeaten. Steve Simnett and Clayton Green both lost to David Harden. The defeat for Aftermath pushes them closer to the bottom of the table. Bramley D shared the points with College Hill C. Steve Cheeseman notched a full house for Bramley with John Diggens contributing a couple of wins which was matched by Brian Smithers for College Hill. Challoner C remain in deep trouble with a loss 7-3 against Burymead D the most recent reverse. Jack Harrington was unbeaten for Burymead with Tony Bartlett bagging a brace. Jason Gee won twice for Challoner.

In the Premier Division Merrow D managed a rare win, 6-4 against Broadmoor. Jason Tandler was the star performer for Merrow with a full house whilst Chris Hazlehurst bagged a pair. Ian Cole managed two for the losers. Merrow B thrashed College Hill A with a 10-0 scoreline. Bipin Majithia, Andy Meads and Richard Seymour made up the winning outfit. Burymead A remain in second spot after a 9-1 thrashing of Godalming B. Gordon Holmes and Derek Holman were unbeaten with Phil Snelson winning twice. Godalming A also won 9-1 against Merrow A. Adam Laws and Alain Choo-Choy won all their matches with Robin Honey winning twice.

In the Fourth Division leaders Godalming H were pushed all the way by their clubmates the L team. Shula Laws, David Livingstone and Helen Ross all won twice for the H team as did Alan Lewell for the L team. Cranleigh B edged past Emmanuel 6-4 with Chris Ray recording yet another maximum. Tim Hobbs weighed in with a pair which was matched by Clive Mattin for Emmanuel.



March 2nd

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The individual performance of the season took place in the Godalming C match against Cody A in the First Division. Godalming, with all their players boasting impressive handicaps, must have expected a whitewash but they did not count on Peter Anthony sweating his way to an incredible full house in a 7-3 win for the title favourites. All three of his wins went the distance with wins at deuce against Alan Hoyle and Tony Harrild. Fei Fei Pei succumbed a little more easily. Little damage was done for the C team as Godalming D secured a very impressive draw against Burymead C the other, near certainties, for promotion. Yawei Wang and Rob Shearman notched duos for Godalming but none of the Godalming squad could get the better of Richard Parke.

With have, in all likelihood temporary, new leaders in the Premier Division. Burymead A moved to the top thanks to a 7-3 win over Merrow A. Phil Snelson and Derek Holman picked up all the Burymead points. Godalming B have no relegation worries this season and an 8-2 success against Broadmoor places them firmly in the top half of the table. Alex Forshaw was unbeaten for Godalming with Tony Holmes and Keith falconer both only losing out to Mark Handcock. Merrow B consolidated their third spot with an 8-2 defeat of two-man Godalming A. Richard Seymour was unbeaten for Merrow with Andy Meads and Graham Faulkner both losing out to Robin Honey.

Woking LTC B moved to the top of the Second Division with a 7-3 victory over Bramley D. Bramley held the trump card in Steve Cheeseman who was unbeaten with John Koenigsberger, Ahmad Matorian and Owen Poelijoe picking up the Woking points. Godalming E edged past Challoner C 6-4 with James Sellen unbeaten for Godalming and Neil Harden bagging a brace as did Jason Gee for Challoner. Burymead D pushed Aftermath D closer to the drop with a 7-3 win featuring a full house from Jack Harrington and a pair from Richard Green for the victors. Dave Harden won a pair for Aftermath who must be anticipating a return to the division below.

With Godalming F well out of sight in the Third Division the promotion interest centres around Aftermath E and Cranleigh A. Aftermath E shared the points with Ash C who are having their own club battle with their D team. No maximums in this match with Dave Bentall and Sandy Simpson for Ash and John Setterfield and Dave Thomas for Aftermath each winning twice. Meanwhile Cranleigh A were whitewashing College Hill D. Peter Coventry, Angela Coventry and Mark Lockyer pushing the Cranleigh outfit to within a point of Aftermath.

Cody B will be pleased with their 9-1 win over Godalming K in the Fourth Division. Stuart Stone and Ken Thompson picked up hattricks whilst Mick Strode only lost out to Saj Swamy. The win puts Cody within sight of Godalming H who were held by their M team. Ben Tahouri was unbeaten for the M team with David Livingstone and Shula Laws each winning twice for the H team. Emmanuel TTC notched a rare win with a 6-4 success over Burymead E. Clive Mattin was unbeaten for Emmanuel with Stephen Schofield winning twice as did Simon Parris for Burymead.

All players are reminded about the Closed tournament on the weekend of March 10th and 11th. Entries to Chris Hazlehurst. Trophies should also be returned as soon as possible to Christ's College.

March 9th

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It took a long time to arrive but Challoner B has recorded their first victory of the season in the Premier Division. A 7-3 win over College Hill A was built on a full house from Maria Taylor-Woodward and braces from Crispian Knight and Steve Collins. Burymead B was teasing me by withholding results. Three 9-1 victories over Godalming B, Challoner B and Merrow D has them sitting on the top of the table. Everything appears settled in the top flight.

In the Fourth Division there was an exceptional performance from Godalming L whitewashing the regular Cranleigh B team. Alan Lewell, Saj Swamy and 12 year-old Anthony Lewis putting the L team into second spot in the table. Burymead E shared the spoils with Godalming J. Simon Parris was unbeaten for Burymead with Tony Laws and John Upham bagging duos



for Godalming. Emmanuel TTC picked up a comfortable 9-1 victory over Bramley F. Clive Mattin and Stephen Schofield were unbeaten with John Marrow only losing out to Pam Wells. Woking LTC A, in the First Division, is spiralling down to the division below with a 9-1 defeat against mid-table Godalming D not helping the cause. Rob Shearman and Yawei Wang were unbeaten for Godalming with Carsten Horne notching a pair. The two Aftermath teams shared the points with Simon Turner unbeaten for the A team. Albert Cheung managed a pair for the A team as did Frank Roberts for the B team who appear to be safe in mid-table. Godalming C cemented their top spot with a 9-1 victory over bottom-placed Bramley B. Alan Hoyle and Fei Fei Pei each won thrice with Matt Craig managing a pair. Fellow promotion favourites, Burymead C, matched this score, their opponents being Merrow E. Richard Parke, Joel Clancy and Mark Batt-Rawden won all their singles. College Hill B are battling for fourth spot and an 8-2 victory over Bramley a will have helped the cause. Martin Sharp was unbeaten for College Hill with both Brian Smithers and Adrian Sharp only losing to Nick Gould.

Normally when a team averages over seven points per match they are certainties for promotion. This is not the case in the Second Division this season where Allianz have shadowed the top two all the campaign but cannot make inroads although a 6-4 defeat of second-placed Woking LTC B gives them an outside chance of promotion. Manoj Shah and Clayton Green picked up all the points for Allianz. This allowed leaders Ash B to extend their advantage with a 9-1 thrashing of Burymead D. Martin Gilbey and Mike Levey both recorded maximums with Alan Gess only succumbing to Jack Harrington. Aftermath C extended no favours to their relegation threatened D teammates. A 7-3 win was built on a full house from James Sellen and duos from Dave Wilson and Martin Strutt. Bramley D notched yet another draw, this one against Merrow F. Yet again Steve Cheeseman was unbeaten for Bramley with Paul Farrant and Simon Dickinson each winning twice for Merrow.

In the Third Division College Hill E has sprinted away from the relegation zone after an 8-2 win over Merrow G. Harshal Galgale picked up a full house whilst Steve Clement and Richard Loversidge each won a pair. Ash C narrowly got the better of College Hill D 6-4. Sandy Simpson and Dave bentall each won twice for Ash but the star performer of the match was Paul Tanton with a maximum for College Hill. Aftermath E strengthened their promotion credentials with a 7-3 win over Ash D. John Setterfield, Jim Roberts and Dave Thomas all won twice but none could get the better of Dave Mackinnon.

March 16th

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The Annual Closed Tournament produced a new winner of the Open Singles in the shape of Chris Bush from Burymead . He managed to get the better of Andy Mudie who plays for Merrow in the final. There was some consolation for Mudie as he partnered Micky Lang to the Open Doubles title defeating Robin Honey and Martin Rozario in the final.

The Ladies Singles title was won, for the first time, by Sarah Horsnell from Godalming with Fei Fei Pei the runner-up. Pei is also from the Challoner club. Not surprisingly Horsnell and Pei teamed up to take the Ladies Doubles title from Carole Ingram and Margaret Thornton. The Mixed Doubles was taken by Pei and Bush with league newcomers Pavlina Sanalla and Manoj Shah taking second spot.

Not content to show his skills with the modern bat Bush won the Hardbat Singles title from previous winner Michael Hill.



The Veterans and Divisional events are played on the Saturday and Matt Pernet retained his Veteran's Singles title beating John Robinson in the Final. The Vet Doubles was won by Lang and Phil Snelson beating Steve Collins and Maria Taylor-Woodward in the final. Taylor-Woodward went home with the Vet Ladies title beating Thornton in the final. The Vet Ladies Doubles was won by Jackie Rice and Sheila Pretty who did well to beat Taylor-Woodward and Thornton in the Final.

The Junior events were a disappointment with several categories not competed for due to a lack of entrants but the Junior Boys winner was Dominic Carpenter with newcomer Anthony Lewis the runner-up. The Under 13 title was taken by George Helling with Juliette Moussare, from the coaching scheme, in the runner-up slot. The U11 Boys title was taken by Adit Gandhi getting the better of Alex Goulden in the final.

Other Winners : Masters Singles – John Robinson, Premier Div Singles – Phil Snelson, Premier Div Doubles – Snelson & Robin Pretty, First Div Singles – Scott Ayers, First Div Doubles – Nick Gould and Peter Palmer, Second Div Singles – Clayton Green, Second Div Doubles – Green and Manoj Shah, Third Div Singles – Danny McGranaghan, Fourth Div Singles – Ben Tahouri, Consolation Singles – Green, Consolation Doubles – Shah & Green, U11/13 Doubles – George Helling & Nikit Swamy

March 23rd

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The second knock-out final has been completed with Allianz easily overcoming Merrow F in the Lewis Cup. Steve Simnett started against Paul Farrant with a win and that placed Allianz firmly in the driving seat. With Manoj Shah beating Scott Gotham and Simon Dickinson succumbing to Clayton Green Allianz had a 3-0 lead. They eventually won 5-1 with Merrow's only success being Dickinson against Simnett. The cup is justly deserved as it appears likely that they will just miss out on promotion.

The semi-finals of the Handicap Cup have been completed with Ash B just getting past their A team 5-4 coming back from 4-2 down. Nobody in the match was undefeated with Martin Gilbey and Mike Levey getting braces for the B team and Paul Myers and George Carder also winning twice apiece, this for the A team. Ash B's opponents in the final will be Cody B who proved too strong for a mixed Bramley team. Cody won 5-2 although Bramley had been 2-1 ahead. Stuart Stone won his two matches for Cody and Jock Docherty also won twice although he lost to Mike Willimott. Ken Thompson won the other point for Cody.



Godalming H, in the Fourth Division, took a massive step to promotion with a 7-3 victory over Cody B. David Livingstone was unbeaten with Shula Laws and Mike Kam each grabbing a brace apiece. To their credit Cody maintained their 100% doubles record. It now looks as if the title is out of reach for Cody. Emmanuel TTC had another good win, 9-1, against Godalming K. Clive Mattin and Stephen Schofield were unbeaten with Keith brown notching a double. Given their recent form Emmanuel could be a force to be reckoned with next season. Similar comments could be made of Woking LTC D who got the better of Godalming M 8-2. Malcolm Hollett was unbeaten with Sue Holder and Mervyn Newell both only succumbing to Ben Tahouri.

In the First Division Cody A have probably banished any lingering relegation worries after a 7-3 win at Woking LTC A. All the Cody players, Peter Anthony, Paul Shakespeare and Paul Mission won twice as did John Koenigsberger for Woking who are manfully trying to complete their fixtures. A lot of interest in this division is the mid-table jostling and College Hill B will be content with their 6-4 victory over Aftermath B. Martin Sharp was unbeaten for College Hill but Frank Roberts and Bill Matlock each won twice for Aftermath.

In the Second Division appear certainties to move up a division. Their dominance of the division demonstrated by a whitewash of fourth placed Aftermath C. Alan Gess, Ian Saxby and Martin Gilbey will be hoping, along with captain Mike Levey, to statistically secure promotion in the next couple of weeks. At the other end of the table Challoner C suffered a 7-3 defeat at the hands of College Hill C which keeps them on the foot of the table. John Bounds was unbeaten for College Hill with Jim Clement notching a brace. Aftermath D are also in dire straits and a 6-4 defeat against Godalming E will not have helped their cause. David Harden won twice for Aftermath as did Jason Minoo and Julien Rousseau for Godalming.

March 30th

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The Premier Division title has been secured, yet again, by Burymead B. By beating Burymead A 9-1 they established their credentials. Richard Tanner and Michael Hill were unbeaten in the match with Chris Bush bagging a pair. Matt Pernet completes the champion's squad. Merrow D's slim hope of survival has been reduced even more by being whitewashed by their B team. John Callcut, making his seasonal debut for the B team, was joined by Richard Seymour and Graham Faulkner in this match. Challoner B also suffered at the hands of their own clubmates losing 6-4. Rob Lemon picked up a full house for the A team with Peter Millard netting a pair. Maria Taylor-Woodward won twice for the B team.



Godalming F will be playing their table tennis in a higher division after securing promotion from the Third Division. An 8-2 win over Cranleigh A pushed them over the line. They have easily been the best team in the division and have a regular side of Danny McGranaghan, Gordon Grover and Fred Florance. They are just a point away from the title which will surely arrive next week. Who is to accompany them is less clear after Aftermath E surprisingly lost to College Hill E, 7-3. Derek Hubbard was unbeaten for College Hill with Steve Clement winning a pair as did Jim Roberts for Aftermath. College Hill D, despite having just two players, got the better of Godalming G. Paul Tanton was unbeaten with Peter Caudrey winning twice. Unfortunately for College Hill is probably too late to stop them falling back into the division below.

Bramley B, in the First Division, has not enjoyed this season and appear to be doomed to relegation but they do have another victory on their record. An 8-2 success against fellow relegation favourites, Woking LTC A, is a welcome boost to their confidence. Geoff Nevitt and Kerry East both recorded trios. Godalming D confirmed their place in the division for next season with a 6-4 defeat of Cody A. Yawei Wang was unbeaten for Godalming with Carsten Horne bagging a brace as did Kin Chan for Cody.

The most interesting promotion battle is in the Fourth Division. Leaders Godalming H remain in top spot after a 6-4 win over two-man Cranleigh B. Chris Ray was unbeaten for Cranleigh. Godalming L beat Bramley F 9-1 to keep just behind. Alan Lewell and Saj Swamy each picked up maximums for Godalming with Mike Kam winning twice. Cody B was helped in their promotion quest by encountering a two player Woking LTC D outfit. Norrie Short and Ken Thompson were unbeaten for Cody in a 7-3 win which saw Cody lose their unbeaten doubles record.

As the season runs down several awards need to be decided including the Sports Person of the Year Award and the John Oakley Trophy which is awarded for outstanding contribution to the Association. Nominations have been sent in this weekend to the Association's secretary for a decision next week. Any outstanding trophies need to be returned to Fred Florance, the Trophy Steward.

April 6th

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Challoner B, in the Premier Division, is clinging on to their top flight position by their fingernails. A 6-4 win, only their second success of the season, over a two-man Godalming A team still gives them a mathematical chance of avoiding the drop. The only player to record two wins in the evening was Tony Holmes for Godalming. Merrow D is the other favourite to drop



down a division. Their most recent match, a 6-4 defeat to Challoner A, featured a maximum from Jason Tandler with braces recorded by all three Challoner players, Rob Lemon, Trevor Spraggs and Maria Taylor-Woodward.

Godalming F, as expected, sealed the Third Division title with a 6-4 win at Ash C. Sandy Simpson, for Ash, was unbeaten with Gordon Grover and Danny McGranaghan notching pairs for the dominant outfit in this division throughout the season. They should do well in the higher tier next campaign. Bramley E, however, had relegation confirmed when they succumbed 7-3 to Godalming G. Hugh McKee was unbeaten for Godalming with James Wyncoll winning twice as did Sasan Bigdeli for Bramley. If Bramley keep this squad together they should do well next season in the lower division. The other promotion slot is being fiercely contested and Aftermath E will not be happy with a 7-3 defeat at the hands of Abinger. Brendan Bayley, for Abinger, was unbeaten with Keith Sutton winning twice for Abinger.

In the First Division the top two met with Godalming C getting the better of Burymead C, 6-4. Alan Hoyle was the star performer of the evening with a full house whilst Richard Parke and Joel Clancy both won twice for Burymead. Both teams look certainties for promotion. At the other end of the table Woking LTC A are still fighting to avoid the drop. A 7-3 success over two-man Aftermath A keeps them still hoping for a minor miracle. Kevin Bown was unbeaten for Woking with Steve Cheek winning twice for Aftermath. The other two relegation contenders, Cody A and Bramley B, met each other and shared the points. No players were unbeaten with Peter Anthony and Paul Shakespeare for Cody and Geoff Nevitt and Linda Makepeace for Bramley all winning twice.

The Second Division promotion battle still rages. Ash B built on their advantage with a whitewash of College Hill C. Alan Gess, Ian Saxby and Martin Gilbey made up the winning outfit which is the clear favourite for the title. Allianz have edged into second spot after an 8-2 win at Aftermath C and a 9-1 success over Burymead D. Clayton Green and Manoj Shah, yet again, were unbeaten in the two matches. Woking LTC B maintained their promotion push with a 9-1 win at two-man Godalming E. John Koenigsberger and Brian Hartles were unbeaten for Woking with Daniel Koenigsberger only losing out to Mike May. At the wrong end of the table Challoner C look doomed after an 8-2 loss at Bramley C. Linda Makepeace was unbeaten for Bramley with Joe Melchionno and Bill Willson both only losing to Tom Taylor-Woodward. Aftermath D fought out a draw against Merrow F which keeps their slim hopes of survival alive. David Harden won twice for Aftermath as did Alan Wan and Scott Gotham for Merrow. Burymead D just beat fellow-strugglers Bramley D 6-4. Jack Harrington was unbeaten for Burymead with John Diggins and Steve Cheeseman winning their other matches for Bramley. Bramley could well survive yet they have not won a match all season.

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