

Rahil and Jude Firing On All Cylinders at the Matchplay

It was the last matchplay table tennis night at Collyer's of 2018 and whilst the U11 schools event took up four tables on the far side of the hall another 12 in the community based process put the other six tables to excellent use, being split into two round-robin groups of six by organiser Tat On Man.

In Group 2 Jude Lane was the star performer winning all his five matches and springing a real surprise on older lads Aalrin Shibu and Ollie Pepper although they did get games out the rising star from Weald School youngster. Shibu and Pepper had to be content with second and third places in the group respectively. Steve Ledger took fourth with two wins although things could have been worse for the Tanbridge schoolkid, U11 school event organiser tried to nab him for that event only to be told that Ledge was no longer at primary school. There'll come a time when he'll appreciate being thought of by others as younger than he actually is....but that time is not now. Brenda Taylor squeezed past Leon Lukose 21-19 to decide who would occupy fifth and sixth spots.

Group 1 was also keenly contested. Chris Goodier cleaned up with a full house of victories but Rahil Rehman-Furs was in great form and made sure Good did not turn into Great, managing to gain a set off the winner. After that he went to a deciding set with all his other opponents, managing to win them all to finish runner-up. This was some achievement with self taught but fast developing big-hitters Oskar Crook and Matt McAlpine notched up on his hit list. The former won three of his matches to finish in third, including a straight sets win over his Weald School mate. Not a great night for topspin maestro Alain Shibu although in beating Colin McAlpine he avoided bottom spot in the group.

GROUP 1	Chris Goodier	Matt McAlpine	Oskar Crook	Colin McAlpine	Rahil Rehman-Furs	Alain Shibu	
Chris Goodier		2-0	2-0	2-0	2-1	2-0	W5 / L0 = 100% - 1 st
Matt McAlpine			0-2	11-4, 11-7	1-2	2-0	W2 / L3 = 40% - 4 th
Oskar Crook				2-1	1-2	2-0	W3 / L2 = 60% - 3 rd
Colin McAlpine					1-2	1-2	W0 / L5 = 0% - 6 th
Rahil Rehman-Furs						2-1	W4 / L1 = 80% - 2 nd
Alain Shibu							W1 / L4 = 20% - 5 th

GROUP 2	Leon Lukose	Brenda Taylor	Steve Ledger	Ollie Pepper	Jude Lane	Aalrin Shibu	
Leon Lukose		19-21	0-2	13-21	0-2	0-2	W0 / L5 = 0% - 6 th
Brenda Taylor			0-2	7-11, 6-11	0-3	0-2	W1 / L4 = 20% - 5 th
Steve Ledger				5-11, 4-11	1-2	0-2	W2 / L3 = 40% - 4 th
Ollie Pepper					1-2	0-2	W3 / L2 = 60% - 3 rd
Jude Lane						3-1	W5 / L0 = 100% - 1 st
Aalrin Shibu							W4 / L1 = 80% - 2 nd