

Goodier Gets Revenge

There was a merger of the Horsham District Secondary Schools League with the Horsham TT Matchplay at Collyer's this Friday night with a competition that served both processes. A total of 16 players participated together in a monrad system, 11 for the purpose of the schools league and five for the matchplay. With one more week set to run in the schools league after half term odds-on favourites for the team titles look to be Forest School despite the Weald's Chris Goodier stamping his quality on the second instalment to win and make up for a surprising loss at the first group stage of last week's opener.

Best match of the first round of matches saw last week's schools winner Alain Shibu (Forest) given a scare by Tanbridge's improving Steve Ledger. At 2-1 up in sets and with a fourth set advantage Ledger looked likely to pull off a shock but Shibu's evasive action under pressure got him out of hole and he eventually came through 3-2. The only other matches at this stage to require more than three sets were Alrain Shibu winning the all-Forest battle with Sam Mockett in four and Brighton lad James Brandon bucking a large age gap to beat the Weald's Ollie Pepper in a similar sets fashion.

Two of the upper half Round 2 matches required a fifth set to split the combatants, Brandon getting the better of Alrain Shibu and Storrington's James Anderson needing all his experience two overturn a two-set deficit established by Forest's big and ever sweeter hitting Zak Bull. In the other matches Rahil Rehman-Furs decisively reversed the last ditch loss to Alain Shibu last week in straight sets this one and Goodier showed nine-year old starlet Adrian Randis he's still got much more to learn. Best match of the lower half saw Mockett take out Pepper in a five setter.

So to the semi-final phase. At the top end Goodier laid his Rehman-Furs ghost of the previous week in four sets whilst in the battle of the two Jamesses, Anderson prevailed over Brandon, also in four. in the second tier Bull went part way to allaying the disappointment of the previous round by beating Alrain Shibu in a thriller that went to the wire. in the lower half Jude Lane did well to quell Ledger's fire 3-1.

So to the final round of placings games. Goodier had already secured top points haul for the schools league but was in no mood to stand up the opportunity of full glory despatching Anderson ruthlessly in straight sets in the final. Rehman-Furs similarly could have hung up his boots against Brandon as another matchplay contender in the third place play-off but he preferred to continue his good form and claim a 3-1 win. Alain Shibu tamed the Bull that had stampeded his bother to secure fifth overall whilst Alrain had to dig deep to stave off Randis' challenge for seventh.

Mockett won his Year 7 battle for ninth spot with Lane, 3-1, but expect to see this match up repeated many times in the coming years. Ledger regained his composure to finish with a win over Leon Lukose from Forest to take eleventh and Pepper took a fifth set to see off Benedict for thirteenth. Charlie P engaged and triumphed in his now customary rivalry with fellow 'little un' Adrika Shibu for the privilege of avoiding bottom spot.

The final night of the secondary schools league will run on Friday 1st March, 7.30-9.30pm.

RESULTS

M = Match number

Italics is Matchplay Player

Places 1-16			Places 1-8			Places 1-4			Places 1-2				
M1	<i>Alain Shibu</i>	3	M9	<i>Alain Shibu</i>	0	M17	<i>Rehman-Furs</i>	1	M25	<i>Goodier</i>	3	<i>Goodier</i>	1st Place

	Steve Ledger	2		Rehman-Furs	3		Goodier	3		Anderson	0	<i>Anderson</i>	2nd Place
M2	Rahil Rehman-Furs	3	M10	Goodier	3	M18	Brandon	1					
	Benedict Winter	0		Randis	0		Anderson	3	Places 3-4				
M3	Chris Goodier	3	M11	Alrain Shibu	2	M26			Rehman-Furs	3	Rehman-Furs	3rd Place	
	Jude Lane	0		Brandon	3		Brandon	1	<i>Brandon</i>	4th Place			
M4	<i>Adrian Randis</i>	3	M12	Bull	2								
	<i>Adrika Shibu</i>	0		Anderson	3	Places 5-8		Places 5-6					
M5	Aalrin Shibu	3				M19	Alain Shibu	3	M27	Alain Shibu	3	Alain Shibu	5th Place
	Sam Mockett	1			Randis		0	Bull		1	Bull	6th Place	
M6	Ollie Pepper	1				M20	Alrain Shibu	2					
	<i>James Brandon</i>	3			Bull		3	Places 7-8					
M7	Zak Bull	3						M28	Randis	2	Alrain	7th	

												Shibu	Place
	Leon Lukose	0								Alrain Shibu	3	<i>Randis</i>	8th Place
M8	<i>James Anderson</i>	3											
	<i>Charlie P</i>	0	Places 9-16				Places 9-10						
			M13	Ledger				M29	Lane	1	Mockett	9th Place	
				Winter	Places 9-12				Mockett	3	Lane	10th Place	
			M14	Lane		M21	Ledger	1					
				Adrika Shibu	Lane		3	Places 11-12					
			M15	Mockett		M22	Lukose	0	M30	Ledger	3	Ledger	11th Place
				Pepper	Mockett		3	Lukose		0	Lukose	12th Place	
			M16	Lukose									
				Charlie P	Places 13-14								
								M31	Winter	2	Pepper	13th Place	
				Places 13-16			Pepper		3	Winter	14th		

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							Winter	3					
						M23	Adrika Shibu	0	Places 15-16				
						M24	Pepper	3	M32	Adrika Shibu	1	<i>Charlie P</i>	15th Place
					Charlie P		0	Charlie P		3	<i>Adrika Shibu</i>	16th Place	

SECONDARY SCHOOL LEAGUE PLACINGS

Weald = W, Forest = F, Tanbridge = T

1. Goodier (W)
2. Rehman-Furs (T)
3. Alain Shibu (F)
4. Bull (F)
5. Alrain Shibu (F)
6. Mockett (F)
7. Lane (W)
8. Ledger (T)
9. Lukose (F)
10. Pepper (W)
11. Winter (T)

SECONDARY SCHOOLS TEAM PERFORMANCE STANDINGS

Top two players per school

FIRST	SECOND	THIRD
Brought forward from meet 1 = 24	Brought forward from meet 1 = 19	Brought forward from meet 1 = 17
Forest Alain Shibu 9 points, Zac Bull 8 points = 17	Weald Chris Goodier 11 points, Jude Lane 5 points = 16	Tanbridge Rahil Reh-Furs 10 points, Steve Ledger 4 points = 14
Carry forward = 41	Carry forward = 35	Carry forward = 31

SECONDARY SCHOOLS TEAM PARTICIPATION STANDINGS

All players per school

FIRST	SECOND	THIRD
Brought forward from meet 1 = 42	Brought forward from meet 1 = 30	Brought forward from meet 1 = 19
Forest 5 players = 33 points	Weald 3 players = 18 points	Tanbridge 3 players = 15 points
Carry forward = 75	Carry forward = 48	Carry forward = 34

SECONDARY SCHOOLS INDIVIDUAL STANDINGS

1st Alain Shibu = 22 points
2nd Rahil Rehman-Furs = 22

3rd Chris Goodier = 21

4th Zac Bull = 19

5th Sam Mockett = 12

6th Aalrin Shibu = 11

7th = Oskar Crook = 9

7th = Steve Ledger = 9

9th = Jude Lane = 8

9th = Matt McAlpine = 8

11th Alex Power = 7

12th Leon Lukose = 4

13th Benedict Winter = 3