

## Zaib On Fire at TT Matchplay

This week's table tennis matchplay night at Collyer's was boosted by a number of Horsham TTC's National Cadet and Junior League team players visiting to get a match practice night in before they start their campaigns at Brighton on 15th December. Players were split into two eleven player groups and told to go forth and play as many matches as they could get in during the two hours available, on a one game to 21 basis. Over 80 matches were completed on nine tables over the night and on the tenth table a TT robot was in use to offer a training diversion, so balls were literally everywhere.

In Group B the diminutive Zaib Rehman-Furs was the star player winning all 10 of his encounters but a number of others impressed too. Zaib's dad Bilal didn't have his best night however losing all eight of his encounters to finish at the other end of the finishing spectrum.

Allyson Morris made a very promising first appearance by winning four and youngsters Leon Lukose and Harry Lawrence also achieved this feat on their debuts to go home happy. Brenda Taylor also won four to evidence her continuing progress.

Left-hander Harry Llewellyn won 80% of his matches to finish in second spot, only falling to the Mighty Zaib and Adam Cort. Cort finished only two percent behind Llewellyn so will be pleased with his work also. Steve Ledger was one of two players to cramp Cort's style and the Greenway youngster will be pleased to have achieved a 60% win record.

Charlie P continued to strut his stuff and despite losing to Cort will have been delighted to have gone so close to an upset, that match finishing 22-20. Charlie ended up with three wins. Adrika Shibu won one of her 10 matches but she's the youngest player in the field, keeps on smiling regardless and make no mistake this girl's time will come.

In the upper tier Tat On Man again stamped his authority on proceedings to win seven from seven. As usual Chris Goodier was in hot pursuit winning against all except the leading man himself, this time 21-12. Rahil Rehman-Furs will be happy with third spot winning five from eight, although he'll be rueing not ending up with better after losing heavily to lower half finisher Ollie Pepper.

Jude Lane lost all his matches but will be a winner in development terms benefitting from the experience of applying himself with high application against stronger, for now, opponents. Roger Skillin played well on his debut appearance but only won one mainly as a consequence of losing a number of very tight matches. Aalrin Shibu was one of those to nudge past Skillin, 21-19, as one of his three wins that saw him finish in ninth spot.

In the middle region Oskar Crook provided more performances filled with good serving and topspin attacking that bode well for his future in the game. He won three out of four, although his best game came by taking Tat On Man as far as 21-18. Alex Power too looks exciting. He possesses a weapon of a backhand topspin and his forehand is getting better as well. He won three out of eight.

By contrast Alain Shibu got walloped by the Tatmeister 21-5 but that didn't stop him accumulating a 60% win record over his ten match campaign. Wiggert Vermeer's first appearance at the matchplay brought him 60% success as well but over five games only. No wonder the Dutch have a longer life expectancy than the English!

## RESULTS

GROUP A	Alain Shibu	Aalrin Shibu	Alex Power	Tat On Man	Rahil R-Furs	Oskar Crook	Roger Skillin	Wiggert Vermeer	Chris Goodier	Ollie Pepper	Jude Lane	
Alain Shibu		21-8	21-12	5-21	8-21	21-12	22-20	12-21	11-21	21-12	21-10	W6 / L4 = 60% - 4 <sup>th</sup> =
Aalrin Shibu			21-19	-	18-21	14-21	21-19	13-21	12-21	19-21	21-14	W3 / L6 = 33% - 9 <sup>th</sup>
Alex Power				-	15-21	20-22	21-16	-	9-21	21-7	21-16	W3 / L5 = 38% - 8 <sup>th</sup>
Tat On Man					21-16	21-18	-	21-18	21-12	21-6	21-4	W7 / L0 = 100% - 1 <sup>st</sup>
Rahil R-Furs						21-18	-	-	12-21	10-21	21-10	W5 / L3 = 62% - 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Oskar Crook							21-18	-	13-21	-	-	W3 / L4 = 43% - 6 <sup>th</sup> =
Roger Skillin								12-21	14-21	21-16	-	W1 / L6 = 14% - 10 <sup>th</sup>
Wiggert Vermeer									16-21	-	-	W3 / L2 = 60% - 4 <sup>th</sup> =
Chris Goodier										21-9	21-10	W9 / L1 = 90% - 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Ollie Pepper											21-16	W3 / L4 = 43% - 6 <sup>th</sup> =
Jude Lane												W0 / L7 = 0% - 11 <sup>th</sup>

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<b>GROUP B</b>	Bilal R-Furs	Steve Ledger	Zaib R-Furs	Harry Llewellyn	Leon Lukose	Adam Cort	Harry Lawrence	Charlie P	Allyson Morris	Adrika Shibu	Brenda Taylor	
Bilal R-Furs		15-21	18-21	17-21	17-21	-	17-21	-	16-21	18-21	18-21	W0 / L8 = 0% - 11 <sup>th</sup>
Steve Ledger			14-21	17-21	21-8	21-16	17-21	21-12	21-16	21-4	19-21	W6 / L4 = 60% - 4 <sup>th</sup>
Zaib R-Furs				21-19	21-13	21-18	21-8	21-11	21-10	21-6	21-14	W10 / L0 = 100% - 1 <sup>st</sup>
Harry Llewellyn					21-9	13-21	21-8	21-5	21-13	21-1	21-9	W8 / L2 = 80% - 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Leon Lukose						6-21	23-21	22-20	12-21	21-5	11-21	W4 / L6 = 40% - 7 <sup>th</sup> =
Adam Cort							21-2	22-20	21-5	21-2	21-12	W7 / L2 = 78% - 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Harry Lawrence								11-21	21-5	21-10	-	W4 / L5 = 56% - 5 <sup>th</sup>
Charlie P									21-16	21-19	-	W3 / L5 = 38% - 9 <sup>th</sup>
Allyson Morris										21-16	21-14	W4 / L6 = 40% - 7 <sup>th</sup> =
Adrika Shibu											4-21	W1 / L9 = 10% - 10 <sup>th</sup>
Brenda Taylor												W4 / L5 = 44% - 6 <sup>th</sup>