

Great Debuts for Anderson and Palmer

The Friday TT matchplay welcomed two debutants at Collyer's this week. Brighton league player James Anderson joined Group 1 and did well, and so Andy Palmer in Group 3. Most matches were played best of five.

In Group 3 Steve Ledger was legendary beating all opponents faced and only Harry Llewellyn managing to take a game off him. Andy Palmer made an encouraging start to his TT Matchplay career, winning two and only falling to Leon Lukose who achieved third place with a 60% win ratio. Llewellyn was fourth with two victories but as many losses and the ever plucky Adrika Shibu yet again consigned Bilal Rehman-Furs to bottom spot by winning another basement battle with him.

Ian Ford adopted a hard bat defending approach to coming through Group 2 unbeaten but he was often uncomfortable with Rahil Rehman-Furs, Alrain Shibu and particularly Oliver Crook putting him under considerable pressure, Crook and Shibu both managing to win a game each against him. Shibu came second courtesy of a key 3-1 win versus third placed Crook when the two met. Jude Lane having been promoted to a higher level gave a good showing and will be delighted to have won his match with Rahil Rehman-Furs in the fifth set to settle the split between fourth and fifth.

Tat On Man continued to play with confidence and freedom that makes light of his co-organiser commitment to the process, winning all four of his encounters 3-0 to take top spot in Group 1. Left-hander Anderson only managed to get three matches in, failing to test himself against On Man unfortunately, but thankfully high quality made up for low quantity as all three were well contested affairs. Impressively he saw off consistent performer Chris Goodier 3-1 before prevailing in a five-setter against a good challenge from Alain Shibu. Only joint fourth placed Matt McAlpine could find the answer to him in an exciting deciding-set match. McAlpine junior's fifth set nerve held form against McAlpine senior, dad Colin, coming out the right side of an 11-9 scoreline and consigning pa to wooden spoon duties.

GROUP 1	Tat On Man	Chris Goodier	Alain Shibu	Matt McAlpine	James Anderson	Colin McAlpine	
Tat On Man	-	3-0	3-0	3-0	-	3-0	W4 / L0 = 100% - 1 st
Chris Goodier		-	3-1	3-0	1-3	-	W2 / L2 = 50% - 3 rd
Alain Shibu			-	3-1	2-3	3-0	W2 / L3 = 40% - 4 th =
Matt McAlpine				-	3-2	3-2	W2 / L3 = 40% - 4 th =
James Anderson					-	-	W2 / L1 = 67% - 2 nd
Colin McAlpine						-	W0 / L3 = 0% - 6 th

GROUP 2	Alrain Shibu	Rahil Rehman-Furs	Jude Lane	Oskar Crook	Ian Ford	
Alrain Shibu	-	3-2	3-0	3-1	1-3	W3 / L1 = 75% - 2 nd
Rahil Rehman-Furs		-	2-3	-	0-3	W0 / L3 = 0% - 5 th
Jude Lane			-	0-3	0-3	W1 / L3 = 25% - 4 th
Oskar Crook				-	1-3	W1 / L2 = 33% - 3 rd
Ian Ford					-	W4 / L0 = 100% - 1 st

GROUP 3	Leon Lukose	Steve Ledger	Adrika Shibu	Andy Palmer	Harry Llewellyn	Bilal Reh-Furs	
Leon Lukose	-	0-3	3-0	2-1	0-3	2-0	W3 / L2 = 60% - 3 rd
Steve Ledger		-	3-0	-	3-1	3-0	W4 / L0 = 100% - 1 st
Adrika Shibu			-	0-3	-	3-0	W1 / L3 = 25% - 5 th
Andy Palmer				-	3-0	-	W2 / L1 = 67% - 2 nd
Harry Llewellyn					-	3-0	W2 / L2 = 50% - 4 th
Bilal Rehman-Furs						-	W0 / L4 = % - 6 th