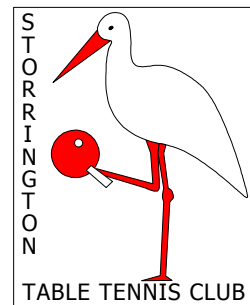


December Horsham Circuit Report

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22 players took part in the event on 3rd December in Forest School. At first there were 2 Bands A & B, but after the initial groups, Band B was split into a Bands B & C. This was not possible at first, as it was not obvious which bands in which to place the players.

Good Result for Goodstone!

Anyway Band A consisted of 7 players, who all played each other. At the top end of Band 1 there was an exciting contest between the top 3, with Sam Dallas beating William Goodstone, William beating Sam Lu & then Sam Lu overcoming Sam Dallas from 2-0 down in a tense 5-setter. This led to a count back situation, with Sam Dallas emerging the group winner & William in 2nd place. Alex Bryant came 4th with 2 wins. Lower down the group there was another tussle between 2 players Dominic Hawkins & Luca Christophersen.

They both won 1 match each, but since Dom beat Luca Dom was 5th & Luca 6th, with Ollie then 7th.

After the initial group, the top 4 went into a group together & played each other again & the lower 3 combined with the band B winner Matthew Davies to form a group of 4. Unfortunately Sam Dallas, who had won the initial group, became ill & struggled to find the energy to play, suffering a reverse at the hands of William & then pulling out of the rest of the event. Goodstone went on to repeat his impressive victory over Sam Lu to take the top spot & Lu took 2nd place & Dallas 3rd. Again lower down there was a count back with Dom, Ollie, Luca & Matthew all winning 2 matches each (taking into account results from both groups). This meant another count back & Dom again won out, having the best sets difference. Next was Luca & then Ollie.

Dandy Day for Davies

Band B started off as 4 groups of 4 (although 1 player didn't turn up so his group became 3). Winners of each initial group went into Band B group 1, runners-up went into Band B Group 2, 3rd placed players went into Band C Group 1 & 4th placed players went into Band C Group 2. The top group in Band B was Matthew Davies, Lauren Pound, Samuel Shoubridge & William Michell & they finished in that order. When the group had ended & Matthew was playing the band A players, the other 3 played each other again & had the same results again. 2nd group in Band B was won by Finley Smithers-Green, with Joe Harris in 2nd place.

Callum Conquers!

The winner of Band C was Callum Robertson. There were only 3 players in that group so they played each other twice. Callum won all 4 of his matches, although was pushed all the way to the 5th vs Max Mildren. Max & Alex Pelling-Fulford beat each other once each, but Alex had a better games difference, so finished above Max. Band C Group 2 involved 4 players all from Itchingfield School & they had some good games with Markus Kullerkupp, emerging the clear winner with 3 wins. Jamie Page was 2nd. After the 2nd round of groups, all Band B Group 2 & all Band C players played one or two play-off matches against players they had not already played. These matches all went according to the placings list below except that Jamie Page had a good win over Alex Pelling-Fulford, who finished 3 places higher than him in the list.

Placings List (unless stated otherwise, players are from the Horsham area)

Band A:

- 1) William Goodstone (Eastbourne)
- 2) Sam Lu (Lancing)
- 3) Sam Dallas
- 4) Alex Bryant (Haywards Heath)
- 5) Dominic Hawkins
- 6) Luca Christophersen (Haywards Heath)
- 7) Ollie Field

Band B:

- 1) Matthew Davies (Haywards Heath)
- 2) Lauren Pound
- 3) Samuel Shoubridge
- 4) William Michell
- 5) Finley Smithers-Green
- 6) Joe Harris
- 7) Sammy Arthur
- 8) Matthew Weller

Band C:

- 1) Callum Robertson
- 2) Alex Pelling-Fulford (Storrington)**
- 3) Max Mildren
- 4) Markus Kullerkupp
- 5) Jamie Page
- 6) Connor Watkins
- 7) Nathan Hartnell