

INTRA-CLUB MATCH UPS!

Linwood 2 show great resolve when taking on their club's number one team...

Linwood 1 may have come out on top in their contest against Linwood 2, however it was some fine performances from the Linwood 2 players that caught the eye. In the second match of the night, Griffin Buchanan showed again why he is the rising star in Canterbury table tennis, as he defeated an already rising star in Josh Kim. Buchanan was decisive in the win, taking it 3 games to nil.

That was not the end of the impressive wins for Linwood 2 though, as captain Anthony Wilson displayed maturity and patience, alongside a flurry of fluent forehand loops, whilst defeating Sang-Yong Park in four games. In doing so, Wilson has announced himself as a player to be weary of.

For Linwood 1, David Walle showed once again that he is the rock of the team, as he won all his matches, including two singles and a doubles. His consistency is a reflection of his fighting nature and great work ethic. Although Kim and Park have had slightly slow starts to the season by their standards, we know from previous experience that they will bounce back, and all in all, Linwood 1 represent a dangerous threat to any team in this competition.

The final result of the 'Battle of the Linwoods' was a 5-3 victory to Linwood 1.

Points Standing: Round 1

| | Team | Points | Matches |
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| 1 | Kirwee_1 | 4 | (14) |
| 2 | Harewood | 4 | (13) |
| 3 | Kirwee_2 | 2 | (9) |
| 4 | Linwood_1 | 2 | (7) |
| 5 | Linwood_2 | 0 | (3) |
| 6 | Lincoln_Uni | 0 | (2) |

Kirwee 1 a dominant force even without their number one player...

Both teams were missing key players in the match up of the two Kirwee teams. Han Jong Eub was absent for Kirwee 1 as was Simon Fenwick for Kirwee 2. However Kirwee 1 players Simon Wallace and John Cordue continued to show why their team is an ominous challenge, as both players continued to win without loosing a game in any singles match.

Jafaar Moussa showed promise in the first match of the night against John Cordue, and was able to use his strong attacks in the longer rallies. However, Cordue's deft service variations meant that there were not enough long rallies, and combined with his fluent movement around the table and impeccable consistency, Cordue won the match comfortable enough.

For Kirwee 2, Lyndon White managed one singles win to keep himself high on the averages, as did Jafaar Moussa.

Gregg Davey made his first Super Club appearance, and combined with Simon Wallace to achieve a good doubles win over Moussa and Jay Zhu.

The final result, 6-2 to Kirwee 1.

Harewood roll on..

Jesse Wilson made his first appearance for Harewood, and led his team to a resounding 7-1 win over Lincoln Uni. Wilson won both of his singles matches as well as appearing in both doubles wins, without losing a game in any match.

Lincoln Uni's only success of the night came at the hands of Zakary McKellar, and it was no ordinary win. McKellar defeated Canterbury and New Zealand representative Yi Sien Lin in straight sets (11-6, 12-10, 11-6). McKellar's return to the training table of late is great to see, and with wins like this, we might be starting to see fulfilment from the talent he so obviously possesses. Yi Sien Lin might also consider a return to the training table soon?

The other notable effort of the contest came from Anni Li, who fought hard to take Vladimir Ivanov to five games. The ever patient Ivanov was too strong in the end, however, as always, Li appeared to savour the contest in her usual competitive manner!

Singles Statistics:

| Name | Club | Played | Won | Percentage | | | | |
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| David Walle | Linwood_1 | 4 | 4 | (100%) | | | | |
| John Cordue | Kirwee_1 | 4 | 4 | (100%) | | | | |
| Simon Wallace | Kirwee_1 | 4 | 4 | (100%) | | | | |
| Jafaar Moussa | Kirwee_2 | 4 | 3 | (75%) | | | | |
| Lyndon White | Kirwee_2 | 4 | 3 | (75%) | | | | |
| Vladimir Ivanov | Harewood | 4 | 3 | (75%) | | | | |
| Han Jong Eub | Kirwee_1 | 2 | 2 | (100%) | | | | |
| Hongi Li | Harewood | 2 | 2 | (100%) | | | | |
| Jesse Wilson | Harewood | 2 | 2 | (100%) | | | | |
| Yi Sien Lin | Harewood | 4 | 2 | (50%) | | | | |
| Zakary McKellar | Lincoln_Uni | 4 | 2 | (50%) | | | | |
| Josh Kim | Linwood_1 | 2 | 1 | (50%) | | | | |
| Anthony Wilson | Linwood_2 | 4 | 1 | (25%) | | | | |
| Griffin Buchanan | Linwood_2 | 4 | 1 | (25%) | | | | |
| Jay Zhu | Kirwee_2 | 4 | 1 | (25%) | | | | |
| Sang-Yong Park | Linwood_1 | 4 | 1 | (25%) | | | | |

Next Week!

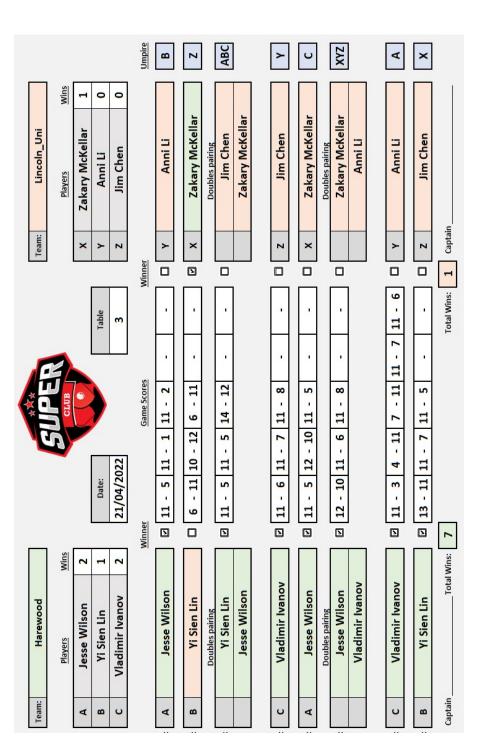
The two most favoured, and only unbeaten, teams in the competition, Harewood and Kirwee 1, go face to face next week. With the anticipated return of their respective speer-heads, Hongi Li and Han Jong Eub, alongside other mouth watering match ups, this should be a terrific spectacle. This contest involves no less than five of the six players yet to lose a singles match.

Kirwee 2 vs Linwood 2 also provides for some intriguing matches. The recent form of Anthony Wilson and Griffin Buchanan suggest they can be a handful for the more experienced Kirwee 2 line up.

Lincoln Uni have the challenge of Linwood 1, who will be looking to assert some dominance in the overall competition.



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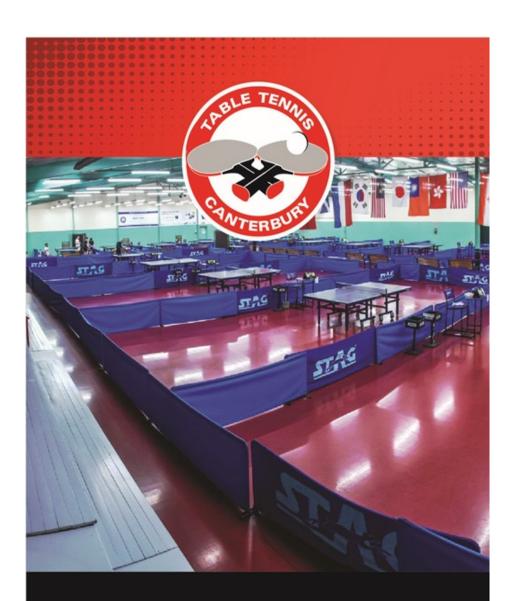


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