

IT'S BACK TO DIVISION 1 ...

Surrey Juniors found the going tough in the Premier Division and found themselves relegated as much anticipated this season.

The opening match of the weekend of 7/8 March was against Sussex. Although they were without Helshan Weerasinghe the title race was still between Sussex and Middlesex. Sussex romped home against Surrey with a 9-1 scoreline. Richard Pelc took the consolation set against Dan Pound 11, 9 & 6.

Surrey registered their first (and only) point against Northamptonshire. Two useful wins from Liam Grant in this match against Ben Tombs and Miles Chan. This was offset by two impressive wins from Nicole Bird. Federica Tazartes registered her first win against Sidney Wright to help secure a draw. This result prompted Northamptonshire to bring in Alex Ramsden on the Sunday to avoid the plunge.

There were a lot of close games when Surrey took on Lincolnshire and some surprising results. Shaquille Webb-Dixon and Richard Pelc both managed to beat Nathan Butler. Highlight of the weekend was probably when Shaquille beat Matthew Leete to bring the match to 4-4. Grace Potter then got the better of Isabelle Joubely by score of 5, -7, 11, 10. William Hornsey beat Ovi Eyarhono in 4 to seal Surrey's relegation.

The last match of the weekend was against Cleveland who were spear-headed by Alec Ward and Sophie Barlow. Meanwhile at the top of the division Middlesex beat Sussex to take the title with Tin-Tin Ho again unbeaten. Middlesex also beat Sussex in the Senior Premier Division to take that title, both teams using a number of their Junior players.

A note of thanks to Charles Joubely and Anna-Lisa Tazartes for their support over the weekend. There's also a few new photos on Surrey TTA's Flickr gallery as well as an album in Table Tennis England's gallery –

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