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Bentley A climbed to the summit of the Aldershot & District Table Tennis league after conquering Central A 6-4. Andy Mudie kept up his 100% record but it was Steve French who completed the comeback of the night on his way to a double, storming back from two ends down against Dennis Perrett to win 11-5 in the fifth. Hot on their heels are Ash A who, led by a Graham Watts three, beat Frimley A 7-3. Martin Townshend and Clive Asprey both made fine doubles for Ash and Frimley respectively. Tennis A fought hard but were left dumped at the bottom of the table by Broadmoor A, going down 7-3. Barry Morton showed immense steel in winning all his matches in the fifth end, coming from two down against the plucky, but unlucky Shaun Newbould. John Millward and Graham Diplock both registered a couple each to help Barry across the line. Robin Pretty beat Dave Halfpenny in the last game of the night to equal team mate Dave Phelps' three wins leaving Central B 6-4 winners over Ash B. Cody A got their season back on track in crushing Tennis B 8-2, Dave Stenning and Kin Chan both winning all three.

With all players getting their name on the score sheet and half the matches going the distance there was ultimately no splitting the top two in Division 2 as Fleet CC A and Old Woking played out a five all draw. Dave Joyce and Sameer Pathak bagged two's for Fleet as did Bill Matlock for Woking. Things were a lot more straight forward however for Old Woking against Ash C as they streaked home 9-1. Frank Roberts and Bill Matlock were both in unbeatable form. Tennis E kept up their 100% record with a 6-4 win over Broadmoor B, Colin Baggott the top man with three, ably assisted by a Peter Killick duo. Frank Winnard (3) beat John Harvey (2) in the deciding rubber to snatch a five all draw for Ash D at Cody B and in the process move his team up to mid table respectability. A Stuart Stone double helped balance things for the home side.

Tennis F sit proudly atop Division 3 after trouncing Cody C 10-0 dropping only eight ends in the process, Colin Baggott, Eliot Tilley and Paul Jarvis the men in form. Ash F however are propping up Cody C and the rest at the foot of the table following a 9-1 reverse at Frimley D who move in to second place. Also riding high are Tennis G, Graham Marshall (3) leading them to an 8-2 win over Cody's D team. Yet another hat trick from Gordon Courtney wasn't enough to save Tennis H from a 6-4 defeat at Bentley B for whom Bob Walker and Simon Goodall bagged a couple each. Frimley C ran out comfortable 9-1 winners against their E team, Paul Phelan punched above his weight, claiming a win, but it was Anthony Connelly and Barry Baxter whose heavyweight performances warranted a treble apiece. Two wins each for Nick Green and Ken Thompson helped Farnham Cohesion A squeak past Ash E 6-4, three of the Ash four emanating from the bat of the gallant Les Knight.

Ash G drew five all with Frimley F but stayed top of Division 4. Michael Fox was Frimley's star with three good wins. A solid team performance saw Tennis J beat Farnham Cohesion B 7-3, Graham Dorey, John Davis and Michael Bly all won two but none could get the better of Gary Willingale who trumped them all. Nigel Roberts, Kim Phillips and Vic King emulated Tennis, each registering two wins, as Cody F beat Fleet CC C 6-4 to stay in touch with the leaders. It was an early night at Ash as no matches went to five as the H and J teams drew five all, Dave Phillips raced to three for H. Fleet CC B may be second in the table but that didn't stop Code E springing a surprise in winning 6-4, Bob Fenner leading the way with three good wins, his coup de grace being a five set victory over Jeremy Fox (2) in the final game of the evening. See you next week for the thrills and spills of the cup...

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