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Sometimes events happen in sport that simply cannot be explained! Today saw a funny old game played at Odiham, the home of the infamous blue mat. Today the infamy belonged to the green mat though! In front of Odiham's largest crowd of the season, 4 hardy Ravens Fans, the home side slaughtered the Ravens as though they were scarecrows, well they were outstanding in their field!

Dave Wilson returned to Lead, Stan Goddard at Second and Liz Wilson at Skip tried and tried but could not get the mat to work in their favour, whilst the hosts used it to their full advantage. No matter what Hook did, Odiham simply did it better. After 9 ends the home side were 22-0 up, yes 22-0! All 3 Ravens looked shell shocked especially birthday boy Stan. The 10th end saw us take 3 to wild applause and cheering from the crowd. To be fair the crowd did applaud much during the match and the applause recognised skilful shots from both teams. Odiham did not let up and their skip was relentless, picking off every half chance or quarter chance if there is such a thing. A 33-5 victory for the home side and everyone watching was at a complete loss to explain how that happened to such a strong trio from the Ravens.

The Blue mat provided more drama with Marilyn Murphy at Lead, Elaine Bennett at Second and Albert Johnson at Skip taking a 9-0 lead after just 3 ends. That lead included 2 points in the 3rd end after Odiham knocked the jack off the side of the mat. Odiham started to harass the Ravens after this but the Hook players were equal to the pressure for much of the match. The feared blue mat appeared to be as awkward for the home team as much as it was for the visitors. Captain Chris was thinking about how taking 4 points from the fixture would affect Odiham's promotion hopes when suddenly Odiham took 6 off the 15th end and 3 off the 16th to pretty much wrap up the 10 points for the hosts. It was time for the Ravens on this mat to look shell shocked. They tried in vain to claw back the deficit but fell short at a 22-17 loss. A 55-22 defeat overall and Odiham moved up to second in the table and they still have a game in hand.

Alencon 25 secured promotion to the top division after their 6-4 win away at Crondall. All Odiham D need to do is win their game in hand against a resurgent Farnborough Gate otherwise it could all go down to their final match against Alencon 25 whilst 3rd place Crondall will visit Hook in their final league match in 2 weeks time.

Marnell MJ and Cove were relegated from the top flight so will play against the Ravens next season but that news means fantastic congratulations to Hook Hawks for securing their place in Division 1 after their convincing 10-0 win against Cove today, well done to the Hawks.

The Ravens return to cup action next week when we return to Odiham to play their 'X' team. A win of any kind will see the Ravens play Howard Park Greens in the plate semi final. A 10-0 loss would see them knocked out of the cup but a 6-4 loss gets interesting as the Ravens could lose by that score as long as they don't lose by more than 14 points! Excitement right to the end of the cup group stage.

Go Ravens