

Men's o60's, Team for week end 31<sup>st</sup> Oct/1st Nov against Suffolk, Hampshire[Hants] and Kent

Wyn Edwards  
Brain Clay  
Paul Newbury  
John Smith  
Roger Hilson  
Geoff went

The Starter Match was against Kent, as they were Hosts. Saturday Morning, the Essex O60 boys got off to a good start. First on was the #3 strings John Smith playing Glen from Kent a very tricky left Hander. After a slow start John managed to get the better of him by consistently playing it tight down the wall with the odd drop shot. John was the winner 3-0. Second were the #1 strings Brian playing Keith. This was a difficult game for Brian as the person kept playing the person rather than the ball and tried to intimidate the marker/referee and he was having none of it. Eventually after much frustration with his opponent the game Brian won through 3-1. So far so good Essex now 2-0 up against our old rivals Kent. Paul now has to wrap it up with a 3-0 win unfortunately Paul was totally out classed and was very convincingly beaten 3-0.

Saturday afternoon. New team for this game against Hants. Geoff was first on at #3 and was completely outclassed, combination of clean wall so depth perception was not there and the affect of a considerably much warmer court than he was used to. Also the fact that his opponent had a lot more ability – lost 3-0. Much the same as Paul in the morning. Wyn #1 went on next and started off well but appear to be suffering the same issue as Geoff with the depth perception as he kept missing balls close to the wall. Wyn being an old war horse manage to claim a game but due to lack of match practice due to his extended holiday in the Southern Hemisphere and succumbed to the next two. Lost 3-1. Roger at #2 had a sterling performance in the first game completely out smarting and out playing his opponent. But faded in the next two as his opponent up his game and took advantage of the many errors on Rogers drop slice that was so convincing and accurate in the first game. Lost 3-1

#### **Match status at end of Saturday**

Suffolk – 21 points  
Essex – 16 points  
Kent – 15 points.  
Hants -15 points

Sunday All to play but the odds were stacked against us as we were playing Suffolk. First on was Roger playing this time at #3. Got off to a good start at 7-4 up but could not keep his opponent at back of the court to play Rogers killer drop slice and was quickly court up and lost 9-7. From there it was all down hill as his opponent had gained in confidence and Rogers spirit was broken and lost the last game 9-0. Lost 3-0.

Second match #1 string was Wyn against Suffolk's star player in Pete Alexander who takes no prisoners needless to say that Wyn was completely outclassed and lost 3-0  
For the Pride of Essex and to try and salvage at least one match from Suffolk, next on was Paul. He started well and had 4 game balls at 8-5 only to lose the game 10-9. However, unfortunately John from Suffolk suffered an old back injury and had to concede the match to Essex giving us a valuable [3] points which meant that we came Third Over all.

#### **Final Match status**

Suffolk – 33 points  
Hants -27 points  
Essex – 20 points  
Kent – 19 points.

*Many thanks*  
*Geoff Went*