

2015 MASTER HOME INTERNATIONAL ENGLAND

Event Dates:	Friday 8 th - Saturday 9 th May 2015		
Address:	Nottingham Squash Rackets Club, Tattershall Drive, Nottingham		
England Teams:	Men's O50	Men's O70	Women's O50
	Colin Payne (Captain) Raymond Burke David Gray Mark Hildred John Parkes Darren Withey	Adrian Wright (Captain) Andrew Beeston Steve Burgess Mike Clemson Graham Fisher Brian Hardcastle	Pippa Green(Captain) Mandy Akin Julia Dolman Sarah Howlett Fran Wallis Shelley Walsh

MENS OVER 50 RESULTS SUMMARY

Team					Total	Position
		15	20	20	55	1
	7		8	9	24	3
	1	14		8	23	4
	2	15	15		32	2

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Colin Payne (Captain)

MENS OVER 70 RESULTS SUMMARY

Team					Total	Position
		20	17	20	57	1
	6		18	17	41	2
	7	7		18	32	3
	2	8	5		15	4

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The Nottingham weekend, apart from playing, I also assisted Dave Hardern in the organisation, making life more difficult.

Fortunately Jane Belle was at hand and did a superb job updating the results. Nigel also did a superb job marking most of our games along with Andrew Beeston who had to withdraw from playing due to an ankle problem. I was able to give Nigel a game on Saturday morning, unfortunately he was the only one to lose, though there were several close 3/2's over the weekend. Thanks to the Park and Lisa who prepared the food which had favourable feed backs. The only drawback, and a lesson to be learnt for the future, was that those who have not specifically requested Vegetarian for the Hotel, should not be requesting it at the Squash club, where limited portions had been prepared for those that had, causing concern for those players and guests when there was none left for them.

To the matches:

Looking at the teams it looked that Ireland our first opponents might well present the toughest opposition. This turned out to be right as they finished second. Unusually Wales finishing last.

Steve Burgess started the proceedings at 5 against a spirited Myron Evans but ran out a 3-1 winner on his England debut. Graham Fisher came up an inspired Ciaran Roach who took Graham to 5 before losing out. Irishman Tom Cantwell started off well against Mike Clemson but could not sustain it against our human dynamo and lost in 3. With the tie won Brian Hardcastle managed to overcome Noel Murphy 3-1, 2 of the games going into extra time. Captain Wright last on, faced Frank Fahey who he had previously beaten. But for the second time in his England career against Ireland, the captain went 2-0 down before buckling down to take the match and secure a 5-0 whitewash.

On Saturday morning away to a prompt 1000 start Nigel Belle struggled to match Alfie Thomson's short game and mobility and went down 3-0. When Graham Fisher succumbed to the brave 75 year old Scot, Vincent Taylor imported from Canada in the 4th, the captain in particular started to get anxious, but Graham eventually came through with his second 3-2 victory. The captain was also worried when Ken Reid, who he has to play in the 2nd round of the Open next week, took the first game against No 1 Mike Clemson. But despite sustained pressure Mike managed the next 3 games to win 3-1. We needed Brian Hardcastle to beat the Scot Mike Gibson to take the pressure off the captain next on and secure victory for the side, which duly he did despite losing the 3rd. As it

happened an improved display from the captain, with only our second 3-0 win, against Dave Brown, meant we could register another session win.



On Saturday Wales lost their Number 1, but despite this they had managed to secure victories at 4 & 5 so it did cross my mind that they could possibly push us to a battle of the 2's. In the event Brian Hardcastle and Steve Burgess recorded comfortable 3-0 victories. Again Graham Fisher caused concern in the camp going 2-1 down against Eric Robinson before recording his 3rd 3-2. Graham does like his money's worth. Again the Captain had his 3rd game where there was nothing at stake only his reputation, after Mike Clemson had no sympathy disposing of Garry Williams, who was carrying a groin injury. But a much improved display from Wright, having heard Frank Fahey comment on his game with Harry Barnard, the latter supplying some trickery making life difficult, the Captain took no chances destroying the Welshman for 3 points.

Not the most convincing of victories of the 15 Home Internationals in which I have played, but never the less comfortable winners in the end.

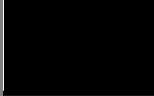
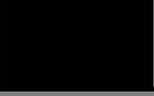
Thanks to the team for their support and in particular Nigel and Jane Belle who made life much easier for Dave and myself. To the Park and Lisa for their hospitality and food and others including Alison Goy, Carl Murray, Sue Pynegar, Sue Smith and Tamsin who assisted with the marking and brought ties for those players due one – in our case Steve Burgess. Also to Andy Murray who had to trail to Nottingham with the gift bags after his suppliers let him down on Friday.

The Saturday evening meal was also superb and the hotel service and care excellent so thanks to them.

Mike Clemson agreed to be custodian of the O70's trophy and to get it engraved for next season.

Adrian Wright (Captain)

WOMENS OVER 50 RESULTS SUMMARY

Team					Total	Position
		20	20	20	60	1
	0		3	2	5	4
	0	18		18	36	2
	0	20	6		26	3

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Pippa Green (Captain)