

LRTA V Newmarket

Played at Newmarket on 23rd April 2022

Results:

Felicity Riddall Bell	bt	Philippa Wells. 6/5 6/3
Mary Joyner & Linda Fairbrother	bt	Logan Crawford & Jon Fistein 6/4 6/2
Mary Joyner	bt	Jon Fistein. 6/1. 6/3
Vix Harvey	bt	Charles Pittaway. 6/1 4/6 6/5
Vix Harvey and Bella Harvey	bt	Charles Pittaway and Philippa Wells 6/2. 6/2
Bella Harvey	bt.	Rachel Pittaway. 6/0 6/1

Report:

Five players took the bit and arrived at Newmarket, giving way, as usual at Newmarket, to the thoroughbred horses skittering their way across the main road on their very own traffic lights.

Those LRTA members who know Hazel Dunn will know that our expectations of lunch were much raised by her appearance with the food - it was great to see her back at an LRTA event, even if not yet on court.

But meantime we had to play some tennis. We started well and ended even better, with 6 matches played and 6 matches won! The two young teenagers, Felicity and Bella, showed their potential by cool and aggressive tennis (both thump the ball somewhat terrifyingly) in their Singles matches, while Vix Harvey showed not so much her potential as her proclivity to only play one-set tennis.

She faced a Newmarket young man able to run, dive and serve. He has recently become a father (and baby was there to watch) so was a bit rusty (and probably sleep-deprived) so the first set went easily to Vix. However, Charles found his rhythm in the second to take it 6/4. The deciding third set was a nail-biting affair - Vix was obviously tiring fast as she chased down the balls flying into corners, so those in the dedans were unsure of whether she'd manage to keep it up. But at 5/5, Vix was serving at 40/owe 15. Surely she couldn't lose now? Up crept the score as Charles hunkered down....till at last, at 40/30 to Vix, she made the winning shot.

The other matches, two doubles and one singles were less close affairs, with clear victories for Mary Joyner & Linda Fairbrother, Vix and daughter Bella, and Mary against Jon Fistein.

So a clean slate for LRTA, and a delicious lunch too!

Linda Fairbrother