



Match Report for LRTA v Queen's 26th March 2022

The LRTA visited Queens where some exceptionally high quality and tight singles matches were played. First on court was Alex Brodie v Astrid Grayson. Most games in the first set went to deuce before Astrid took the set 6-5 with a brilliant retrieval shot into the dedans. Alex managed to claw a lead with some impressive shots herself into the dedans to take the second set 6 – 3. With time having run out a deciding game was played. At 40 – 30 up Alex had to beat chase a yard. No problem, straight into the dedans the ball went. First match to the LRTA.

Georgie Willis then went on court v James Skeggs playing off level. At first James blasted Georgie off court with ferocious shots into the dedans and the grill. However, Georgie stayed calm and managed to hit some tighter serves sufficient to make James hit looser shots and enabling Georgie take the first set 6 – 4. With some lovely deft softer shots into the corners plus super defending of the grill and dedans Georgie took the second set and match 6 – 2.

Sarah Shuckburgh-Vigrass v Tim Drayson was the next match. This stunning match went game for game in the first set, Sarah retrieved brilliantly (she looked very quick about the court) plus she hit a great variety of serves which prevented Tim from getting into a rhythm, so first set with Sarah just sneaking ahead 6 – 4. The lengthy rallies continued in the second set and at 4 – 4 the match had to be abandoned as time ran out. We will say that was another win for the LRTA!

The first of our doubles matches saw Nicola Doble and Georgie Willis v Tim Drayson and James Skeggs. In spite of some good retrieving the girls couldn't settle into a groove and made unforced errors and the first set disappeared 6 – 2. The second set was tighter with some good volleys by Georgie and Nicola but Tim and James's weight of shot helped them take a 5 – 3 lead, when again the match ran out of time.

The final match was Juliette Lambert and Jill Newby v Felix Delaforce and Richard Vallat. With both Richard and Felix serving to such a great length neither Jules or Jill could settle into a rhythm and the first set flew past 6 – 1. Unfortunately, the second set went much the same way; it wasn't for lack of trying but with nothing quite going right for the girls and with Richard and Felix successfully pounding the ball through Jules and Jill, Queens took the set 6 – 2.

I think we can say it was a 3 – 2 win for the LRTA.

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