

High/Low Tournament held at Cambridge 9th - 10th September 2023

Winners: Sarah Sullivan & Rosie Law
Finalists: Jane Taylor and Philippa Wells



Tournament Report:

If you like Coronation Chicken, you should have been in Cambridge at the High/Low Tournament: piles of the stuff, plus Shortbread, Fidget Pie and Carrot Cake... Familiar faces, familiar food, and familiar enjoyment plus some very welcome new arrivals who gamely mixed in with the old-timers to play some excellent tennis.

We had six pairs taking part at Cambridge University Real Tennis Club, each pair playing every other pair over the weekend, the twist being that the pairs are sorted by handicap: the highest handicap plays with the lowest handicap, the second highest with the second lowest, and so on. This created some 'interesting' manoeuvring to decide who was going to hit the ball: the better player or the one nearer the shot?

Playing six matches over two days is pretty intensive but despite some tired knees, the

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two semis and the Final were tremendously enjoyable to watch (the format means that pairs end up with very similar doubles handicaps).

The winners were Sarah Sullivan (Hatfield) with Rosie Law (Seacourt), beating Jane Taylor (Petworth) with Philippa Wells (Newmarket). The Final (played first to 8 games) was excitingly close with great rests, cunning shots and an unusually large percentage of forces to add spice to the mixture.

After three years at Cambridge, the next High/Low will be held at Hatfield mid-September 2024 - the exact weekend to be decided.

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