

High/Low Tournament held at Cambridge September 10th-11th 2022

Winners: Ros Emrys-Roberts and Bella Harvey
Finalists: Gabrielle Smart-Fourquet and Ciara Sullivan



High it was, Low it wasn't: the first tournament of the LRTA year had fourteen players eating their hearts out playing doubles on court, and eating cakes the rest of the time. The esoteric formula places the best player with the worst player, the second best with the second worst, etc, which levels out the various talents, so everyone has to adapt their game, no shirking allowed.

Our lowest handicap was 49.1, our highest was 82.7; but most of the time, it was hard to tell which member of a pair was the higher or lower once they got stuck into the business at hand.

Every pair played every other pair so there was a lot of tennis, with resultant conversations about knees, backs, elbows and the passing around of medical appliances. Not all present were able to join in, as the two youngsters taking part are still in the prime of life, but they nobly kept their eyes unrolled and went back to the cake. By Sunday afternoon, everyone had played six matches, so perhaps it wasn't coincidence that after the semi-finals had been played, young Ciara Sullivan faced even younger Bella Harvey across the net, each with an experienced older partner only slightly exhausted. So which Bouncy Bunny had the most energy left in her battery for the Final?

It turned out to be Bella Harvey playing with Ros Emrys-Roberts. They won in fine style against Gabrielle Smart-Fourquet & Ciara Sullivan, with a score of 6-1, that did not reflect the quality of play. So after that, back to the Tosca Toffee Cake waiting upstairs....

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