



## Match Report 21/22



**Welcome to my second annual report as the club's Match Secretary.**

This match report will give a quick overview of the winter campaign followed by greater detail on the summer campaign which involves a total of twelve men's, ladies', mixed and veterans' teams.

### **Winter League Tennis:**

#### **Norfolk Winter League Tennis Association (NWLTA) 2021/2022**

Four mixed teams started the season in Divisions 1, 3, 5 & 6. At the end of the season, the A Team were relegated from Div 1, the B team came 2<sup>nd</sup> in Div 3 and were promoted to Div 2 and the C team topped Div 5 and will play in Div 4 next year, the D-team finished in 8<sup>th</sup> in Div 6.

Team Captains: A Team: Fraser MacMillan; B Team: Amanda Bailey; C Team: Robert Atkinson; D Team: Jenny Chambers

### **Summer League Tennis:**

#### **Norfolk LTA mixed and veterans league tennis 2022**

Again, due to a lack of team entries, it was decided that the normal mixed tennis league (known as the Jewson League) would not be played in 2022. There was however a full programme of Vets mixed tennis: Below are brief reports from the respective Team Captains: A Team: Chris Mitchell; B Team: Martina MacMillan

**A-Team:** The Vets A team played four matches, two home and two away with ten club members playing in the four matches. We won two of the four matches drawing the other two- no losses, which is an improvement on last year and as a result finished runner up again in the top division.

**B-Team:** The fixture list was quite short, only four matches needed playing. This year Gorleston came to our courts, with a strong team and won convincingly – our only defeat. We managed a draw against East Anglia in a fixture we should have won, and together with two comfortable victories against Stanmore B and Diss B meant we finished a respectable 3<sup>rd</sup>. Thank you to all those players who represented the team.

At the present time it is unclear whether there will be any Vets tennis in 2023.

**Final Vets tables:**

NORWICH & DISTRICT LEAGUE							
<u>VETERANS LEAGUE 2022</u>							
DIVISION 1							
Team	P	W	D	L	CONCEDED	SETS WON	POINTS
Diss A	4	3	1			26	7
Cringleford A	4	2	2			19	6
Lowestoft A	4	2		2		15	4
Lowestoft B	4	1		3		11	2
Stanmore A	4		1	3		9	1

NORWICH & DISTRICT LEAGUE							
<u>VETERANS LEAGUE 2022</u>							
DIVISION 2							
TEAM	P	W	D	L	CONCEDED	SETS WON	POINTS
East Anglia B	4	2	2			20	6
Gorleston	4	2	1	1		21	5
Cringleford B	4	2	1	1		19	5
Diss B	4	2		2		16	4
Stanmore B	4			4		4	0

**City League 2022**

5 Men's & 2 Ladies teams entered City League tennis in 2022. Both Ladies teams played in Div 2. The Men's A team played in Div 1, while the B- and C- teams had to deal with the added problem of being in the same Division (Div 3), and the D-team were determined to seek promotion from Div 4. Our new E-Team started life in Div 7. Reports from the team captains and the final league positions are given below:

**Ladies A Team** – Div 2 / Joint Team Captains: Amanda Bailey/Holly Setchell  
/ P12 W9 L3 – 1<sup>st</sup> Promoted to Div 1

**Ladies B Team** – Div 2 / Team Captains: Alison Gilmour/Sally Hardwick  
/ P12 W7 L4 F1 – 5<sup>th</sup> remain in Div 2

Team	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pen	Total
<b>1</b> <a href="#">Cringleford Ladies A</a>	<b>12</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>482</b>	<b>286</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>18</b>
2 Alysham Ladies A	12	8	4	0	401	367	0	16
3 David Lloyd Ladies B	12	7	5	0	483	285	0	14
4 Acle Ladies B	12	7	5	0	414	354	0	14
<b>5</b> <a href="#">Cringleford Ladies B</a>	<b>12</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>387</b>	<b>381</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>14</b>
6 Cromer Ladies B	12	2	9	1	255	513	0	5
7 Brooke Ladies B	12	1	10	1	266	502	0	3

### Ladies A Team Match Report - 2022

After relegation last year, summer 2022 was always going to be a more positive season. By the end of the summer, we had played 12 matches, lost 3 and won 9.

Due to the fact that both Cringleford Ladies A and B teams were in the same division, selecting players for matches proved extremely complex at times. It could have been an administrative nightmare had it not been for Holly Setchell's extremely efficient spreadsheet and her understanding of (and sticking to) the rules explaining which players can play up or down and how many times!

There were a few memorable moments. Playing our own B team was especially rewarding and fun on both occasions - Home and Away - these were surprisingly played only within about 5 days of each other! Fielding players for those matches was a little fraught but we got there in the end - with a little juggling! There was a great atmosphere and superb efforts from both sides. Thanks also to Amy Fung, and her great photography skills that captured the moment – see below.



The only time the heat affected us – and in not a good way - was when we played David Lloyd B Away. Our first match, (had we played outside), would have been on a lovely summer’s evening bathed in pleasant sunshine. However, we were constrained to indoors, the heat of which was stratospheric. In spite of all the dripping, sweating and fanning ourselves to keep cool (as well as taking a breather outside for colder air), we still managed to hold it together and take our first victory.

Our Home match later in the season was one of our few losses, with David Lloyd fielding a much stronger side. With determination and grit, we tried hard but could not produce enough winning shots to successfully beat them this time.

However, the rest was history as we gradually rose to the top of the league table and gained our well-deserved promotion.

We managed a steady flow of successful matches from May through to late August, during one of the hottest summers on record. A big thank to those who played for us, especially during the holiday season, when it became even more difficult to keep to the rules and ensure we had a legitimate team. We had a huge amount of fun and developed some great team partnerships along the way. We are all looking forward to the challenges promotion to division 1 brings!

Amanda Bailey/Holly Setchell

## Ladies B Team Match Report - 2022

The B team enjoyed a marvellous season in Division 2 ending in promotion position with one easy match to play. Unbeaten until halfway through the season, the B team topped the league briefly on several occasions before being overtaken by our own A team. After consultation with A and B team members, it was considered prudent to make the agonising decision to forfeit the final match so that we did not have two teams in the very competitive Division 1. There is also more flexibility between teams if they are in different divisions. This was a hard call to make as we were all delighted to have promotion within our grasp. Congratulations to all our players, old and new, who played fantastically well this season. Special mention must go to Sarah Cooper and Juliet Chambers who beat Acle club coach Ann Nicolls and county player Andi McCombe 13-3 in an incredible match at Acle.

**Men's A Team** – Div 1 / Team Captain: Chris Lambert  
/ P8 W3 D1 L4 – 3<sup>rd</sup> in Div 1

	Team	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pen	Total
1	Taverham A	8	7	0	1	343	169	0	15
2	Cromer A	8	6	1	1	298	214	0	13
<b>3</b>	<b>Cringleford A</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>254</b>	<b>258</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>
4	EAT & SC A	8	1	6	1	211	301	0	3
5	Acle A	8	1	7	0	174	338	0	2
6	David Lloyd A	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	David Lloyd B	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

## A Team Match Report - 2022

This season the A's started back in div 1 with a few new additions to the team. We got off to a flying start winning 2 from 2 against Acle A and David Lloyd B, but then sadly lost the next games against Taverham and Cromer. We then picked up another win but sadly 2 more close losses dropped us down to 4th. We then got news of the 2 David Lloyd teams leaving the league meaning we got bumped up to third which is where we finished. Thanks to all the guys who played and stepped in last minute. Looking forward to another season in div1.

**Chris Lambert A Team Captain**

**Men's B Team** – Div 3 / Team Captain: Adam Fryatt  
/ P10 W3 D1 L6 – 5<sup>th</sup> in Div 3

**Men's C Team** – Div 3 / Team Captain: Rob Atkinson  
/ P10 W4-L6 – 4<sup>th</sup> in Div 3

	Team	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pen	Total
1	David Lloyd D	10	9	1	0	394	246	0	18
2	Alysham A	10	6	4	0	320	320	0	12
3	Acle C	10	4	5	1	314	326	0	9
4	<b>Cringleford C</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>306</b>	<b>334</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>
5	<b>Cringleford B</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>305</b>	<b>335</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>
6	Stanmore B	10	3	7	0	281	359	0	6

A season that could have been so different starting with the first game of the season drawing with Acle ... William more or less playing on his own for the second match as my back had gone ... same happened again against David Lloyd leaving Josh to play alone.

More games were won away than at home with some well fought and enjoyable ones along the way ... especially against the C team...

A few stats for the season:

Adam - W1 - L3

Matt - W-1 - L-5 - D-2

Mark - W-3 - L-3

**Rob - W-6 - L-2 - D-2**

William - W-3 - L-5 - D-2

**Paul - W5 - L-1 - D-1 - Player of the Season with Rob**

Neil - W3 - L-2 - D3

Chris - W3 - L-3 - D-2

Josh - W3 - L-7 - D2

Nathan - W1 - L-3

Mike - W-1 - L1

I would like to thank all the players that I have captained over the years for putting up with my shouting, swearing and inconsistencies on the court but hopefully made amends with the end of season nights out....

I will be stepping down from my role at the end of this season.

**Adam Fryatt B Team Captain**

Another tough season for the C team, P10 W4 L6.

After opening victories against Alysham A and Acle C, we struggled mid-season with 6 losses in some tightly contested matches.

With relegation looming the team pulled out 2 fantastic wins against Stanmore B and Cringleford B to leapfrog and finish in 4<sup>th</sup> position to keep in this strong and competitive division.

As per tradition we look forward to a well-earned end of season curry and beers to relive those framed winners!

**Rob Atkinson C Team Captain**

**Men's D Team – Div 4 / Team Captain: Stuart Malone**  
/ P12-W6-D3-L3 – 2<sup>nd</sup> in Div 4

	<b>Team</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>Pen</b>	<b>Total</b>
1	North Elmham A	12	11	1	0	525	243	0	22
<b>2</b>	<b>Cringleford D</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>424</b>	<b>344</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>15</b>
3	EAT & SC C	12	7	4	1	421	347	0	15
4	Acle D	12	5	4	3	352	416	0	13
5	Brooke A	12	3	5	4	365	403	0	10
6	Taverham C	12	3	9	0	321	447	0	6
7	Cromer C	12	1	10	1	280	488	0	3

### **D Team Match Report - 2022**

The D team started the new season having previously gained three successive promotions under the leadership of their departing team captain David Stephenson, Cringleford's "Pop Guardiola!" I was persuaded to captain the D Team with the challenge and real possibility of a securing a fourth successive promotion!

The season started well with 3 successive wins and then a very close defeat to North Elmham A, a very tidy foursome who've gone on to comfortably win the league.

One consolation was that Chris Hardwick & Daniel Moye beat both pairs, one pair having been unbeaten for 5 years in City League tennis.

Our middle 4 matches saw us accumulate only 4 points through a somewhat frustrating D-W-D-L sequence needing us to finish strongly to secure second spot behind North Elmham.

Again, frustration in the last 4 matches, we started with a win and then a third draw in a closely contested match against East Anglia C. Fielding the season's strongest team we travelled to unbeaten North Elmham realistically hopeful of a tight win. Unfortunately, we suffered our heaviest defeat 46-18! Alex G sustained an injury after only 3 games which resulted in us forfeiting 26 uncontested games.

We finished our last game in style recording a 49-15 win over Acle. We then had to wait for a series of results to see where we finished. Incoming results both helped and hindered us but after a lengthy wait we fortunately gained second spot equal on 15 points with East Anglia C but just ahead on games difference.

It's great to have obtained a 4<sup>th</sup> successive promotion in what was a very competitive division. This promotion was greatly helped by the occasional support of B/C team players who willingly helped when asked! A big thank you goes to all who have played.

A special thanks must go to Alex Watson-Lazowski who played the most matches (8) at a very high standard. Alex's playing contribution and great company, over several seasons, has been greatly enjoyed within the team and we all wish him the best when he soon moves to new employment in Staffordshire – Cheers Alex.

**Stuart Malone D Team Captain**

**Men's E Team – Div 7 / Team captain: David Stephenson / Malcolm Clarke**  
/ P10 W2 L8 – 6<sup>th</sup> in Div 7

	<b>Team</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>Pen</b>	<b>Total</b>
1	North Elmham B	10	10	0	0	500	140	0	20
2	EAT & SC D	10	6	4	0	327	313	0	12
3	Easton Col B	10	5	4	1	343	297	0	9
4	Stanmore D	10	4	6	0	284	356	0	8
5	Alysham C	10	2	7	1	246	394	0	5
<b>6</b>	<b>Cringleford E</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>420</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>

### **Cringleford men's E team Report 2022**

This is the inaugural season for the newly formed men's E team. The purpose of this team is to give players who are league standard but are not playing at the level required for our high-flying teams, the opportunity to compete against other clubs in the area. The aims were for everyone in the squad to play enjoyable tennis and to play all matches with members of our squad. Winning was a bonus, not a priority...

Given these aims, the season has been a real success. After selection and trial sessions, a large squad of 14 was formed ranging in age from twenties to seventies. Everyone played at least twice (except for Mike H who was injured and played once) and no-one more than five times. Division 7 is a tricky division to play in as it comprises a very wide range of standards; for example, the eventual champions (North Elmham) were exceptionally strong and were only in this division as they were introducing a B team to the league. It was very pleasing that the majority of our pairs experienced close competitive play and we had two victories!

It was a delight to be captain of this squad. All members were unfailingly polite and supportive of each other, volunteering to be reserves at the last minute, being match captains and very willing to play with any other squad member. The absence of egos was a real pleasure! It is, therefore, very hard to single out individuals for particular praise. However, I must thank vice-captain Malcolm who provided invaluable moral and practical support in the selection process – it was important to be fair and this is complex with such a large squad. Thanks to Alex from the C/D team for helping inspire at a practice session.

I would like to thank the committee for supporting this new venture and to Fraser in particular for his support and for finding solutions to a couple of clashes with club events.

**David Stephenson, team captain**

The squad: Malcolm C (vice-captain); David M, Graham G, Mark D, Leon, Mike H, Mike D, Johann, Thomas, Andrew, Rob, Kevin, Alex M

Fraser MacMillan, CTC Match Secretary  
November 2022