



## Home Matches during June

Please come and support our teams playing at home during June:

Sat 18 10:30 Mixed 3 vs. Tunbridge Wells 3  
Sat 18 10:30 Ladies 1 vs. Margate 1  
Sun 19 10:30 Mens 3 vs. David Lloyd Beckenham 1  
Sun 19 10:30 Ladies 3 vs. Sydenham 3  
Sat 25 10:30 Ladies 4 LA Fitness 2  
Sat 25 10:30 Mens 4 vs. Shooters Hill 1  
Sun 26 10:30 Mens 1 vs. Tunbridge Wells 1  
Sun 26 10:30 Mixed 3 vs. Sevenoaks 2

## Match Reports - Ladies 5<sup>th</sup> Team

### Match Report (Alex Marlow) vs. Bearsted Ladies 5

Ladies 5 had their first away match of the season in the twee village of Bearsted. Liz (and her self-confessed 'lack of spatial awareness') very kindly drove us there with her human SatNavs in the back of the car. A lovely little club situated at the back of a complex of allotments - that lovely smell of cow dung hit us in the face as we stepped out of the car, but I guess there must be some benefits to living in the countryside.

Liz was fit and ready, Carole looked fantastic in her new gear purchased from Decathlon, Wendy hadn't played for 18 months and threatened to shoot me on two occasions before the match and I had an achilles strain and hadn't played for three weeks. I was quietly confident.

Carole and Wendy whizzed through their first match 6-0 6-0; winning in some style whilst Liz and I were just getting to a first set tie break. Alas, Liz and I lost the tie break and the second set. Nevertheless, we were gaining in confidence. As I looked across the court and saw Carole and Wendy walking off court as they had a bit of a wait for Liz and I to finish, I thought a little stretching, some isotonic drink and a few of bites of a banana would have been in order. It was only after the matches did I find out that their break consisted entirely of Peroni.

Carole and Wendy won their second match with ease and Liz and I comfortably won our second match. So it was Team 5's first win of the season! Had anyone seen our celebrations as we got into Liz's car, they'd have thought we'd won the Euromillions lottery- it's the little things in life... We then headed back to Beckenham for a well-earned Pimms.

Big thanks to Carole and Wendy playing and giving Team 5 the confidence we needed. Thanks to my doubles partner, Liz. I now have to go and get my foot fixed.

Over and out.

### Match Report (Alex Marlow) vs. Tonbridge Ladies 2

So it was Ladies 5's third match of the season. Even though Carole and I weren't happy with Wendy's choice of reading matter, the car journey was a very pleasant one. Note to Wendy and Carole: "Rice cakes don't look or taste like ceiling tiles - and they smell lovely".

We arrived at Tonbridge 45 minutes early armed with the secret code that had been texted to me en route. The Fort Knox style gates weren't particularly welcoming. It was all about to get much worse. Reception was closed, the toilets were locked, there was no water, nowhere to get changed and I'm sure I heard Wendy say she had no energy. Also, the club house was like one of those mobile classrooms we had at school circa 1982. Alas, Tonbridge was no Bearsted. Tonbridge Tennis Club felt like a very soulless place.

Three of their players turned up in plenty of time, but we were still waiting for their fourth player. We were secretly hoping we could throw the rulebook at them, but alas, she turned up only 15 minutes late.

Carole and Wendy looked to be playing well and took the second set from their first pair, but they assure me they lost their first match 4-6, 6-3, 0-1. Again, I looked over to the next court every so often and our first team looked to be confident and playing solidly - they say they lost their

second match 1-6, 4-6, but I'm not sure I believe them. I can't trust my eyesight anymore.

Liz and I lost the first match 6-3 6-4 and despite the score line, it was actually a very tight match with a lot of games going to deuce. Our second match was tougher which saw the home side race to a 5-1 lead and we ended up losing the match 6-1, 6-1. Despite that, we played well and weren't too despondent.

Thanks again to Carole and Wendy for playing for Ladies 5 - I hope this isn't the last time as they bring so much experience and fun.

I fear the problem this week was the lack of alcohol between matches, so Liz and I promised to bring a cool box full of San Miguel when/if Carole and Wendy play next. Thanks to my doubles partner, Liz.

So once again, we headed back to Beckenham, but not too downhearted. We were however rueing the fact that their player was only 15 minutes late - an hour late, and things could have been oh so different. Sigh...

I really am going to get my foot fixed now as there's a three week gap until our next match. Crystal Palace Sports Injuries Clinic, here I come, with a stop off at Specsavers.

Over and out.

A note from Wendy - Thanks to Alex and Liz for being the most enthusiastic Captains/Team Players in the Club.

## Clive Best Coaching

Please contact Clive (Mobile 07977 900383) for all your coaching requirements.

## Beckenham Cricket Club Information

### Rob Key Benefit Q & A

On Sunday 26 June Rob Key and his Kent colleagues will be joining us in the Long Room at Foxgrove at 8.00p.m. for a Q&A session with Paul Box-Grainger as MC. Spaces are limited to 100. Tickets £10 and food will be available separately. Tickets from the Club.

20-20 Finals Lunch

### Beckenham Cricket Club Website

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