

Masters Report for Herts BA AGM 2020

Obviously Corona Virus finished off the season before it was fully complete – and this was a massive disappointment for Joe Rayappans over 70s who won their league and qualified for the seasonal play-offs , they just need to repeat this achievement next year!

Through the Season Herts were represented by 73 players over the 6 age groups which is fantastic to see, from the o45s and 2 teams at o50s level up to the o70s who proved to be the most successful team!

O45s came 4th in their group with a 1 – 5 record, with the best individual performance from Tommy Chan who won 5 of his matches.

Group Winners – Essex

O50s 1s came 2nd in their group with a 2 – 6 record, with the best individual performance from Briony Lacey who won 17 of her matches. Unfortunately the last of these defeats was a concession as 2 of our players contracted Corona virus and had to self isolate.

Group Winners – Essex

O50s 2s came 3rd in the group on points difference to Norfolk with a 3 – 5 record, with the best individual performance from Nicola Dewhurst who won 13 of her matches.

Group Winners – Essex

O55s came 3rd in the group with a 4 – 4 record, with the best individual performance from Linda Riley who won of 13 of her matches.

Group Winners - Essex

O60s came 4th in the group with a 1 - 5 record, with the best individual performance from Kiyoko Pullen who won 10 of her matches.

Group Winners - Kent

O65s came 2nd in the group with a 3 – 3 record, with the best individual performance from Heather Robbins who won 11 of her matches.

Group Winners - Leicestershire

O70s came 1st in their group and would have gone through to the National Playoffs, a fantastic performance from Joe Rayappan and his team – this was the first time that we had an O70s team in the competition

The squad was: Joe Rayappan, Gilly Highley, Jeff Armstrong, Marjorie Jessop, Nadine Armstrong, Steve Gollop, Barrie Saunders, David Lawrence and Renee Lawrence.

The best individual performance came from Joe Rayappan who won 9 of his games

Group Winners - Hertfordshire

As a closing note I want to express my sincere thanks to all the players who represented Herts this season.

As regards next season, at present everything is hoping to be run as normal but obviously it is a rapidly changing word but things happening this week have raised hopes a little higher. We have

changed things round a bit with the following teams entering the season long County Competition and also in the County Challenge, which is a weekend competition held in January on the weekend of 9th and 10th Jan.

O40s – Captain: Paul Kempster

O50s – Captain: Richard Adams

O55s – Captains: Tim Moore and Linda Riley

O60s – Captains: John Ridley

O65s + O70s – Captain: Joe Rayappan

We will hopefully be having trails / Training sessions at Queenswood School ,Shepherds Way, Brookmans Park, Hatfield AL9 6NS on Sunday 23rd August, Sunday 30th August and Sunday 6th September from 10 – 2pm – however this is still provisional at the moment.

If any club members who are qualified to play for Herts and are of a good club standard – ie playing in club 1st teams – who would like to have a go at playing, everyone is welcome to attend these trials. All you need to do is contact me at steve586@msn.com and I will add you to the list.

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