

KENILWORTH V's HIMLEY – GOLF CROQUET WM LEAGUE

Played 4x4 singles games and two doubles games.

Kenilworth	Himley
Nigel Haslam	Ivan Martin
Philip Wood	Paul Robertshaw
Derek Fairburn	Austin Plant
Peter Kristunas	David Corbett

The singles games finished 8 all. In doubles we won the game between the no. 1 and 2 players, for 1 point, and the second game between the nos 3 and 4 players, played for two points, we lost. So the final result was 10 - 9 to Himley.

Plenty of rain had been forecast, and it was heavy until we eventually started at about 11.30, with singles games, each of us playing each of the opponents. After 1 round the score was 2 games all. After 2 round we were 5-3 down, but the surprise came in round 3 when Derek beat their top player by 7-2, and Peter won 6-5 in a hard fought game against their no 2 player. This put us in the lead by 7 games to 5. In the next round Himley levelled the score at 8-8, so the match depended on the doubles.

The lawns dried out during the 4th round and became considerably faster. In the first of the doubles games, played for 1 point, our nos 1 and 2 raced to a lead of 6-1 and soon won 7-2. In the other game, played for 2 points, time was called when Derek and Peter needed one hoop to reach 6-6, (this requiring them to continue to reach a conclusive result). Unfortunately they didn't quite make the it.

We lost an entertaining match by the narrowest of margins. Curiously, we scored 10 more total hoops than them.