

## FRIENDLY MATCH v NORTHAMPTON (h) THURSDAY 9 JUNE

It could have been different!

Alan Richardson lost his morning game by 9 hoops playing rather nervously, and on two occasions helped his opponent by playing the wrong ball. However in the afternoon he found a good rhythm, narrowly losing on time to his talented opponent Peter Stansfield by a single hoop.

Tim Leggatt, playing his first competitive game for Kenilworth, was always in contention in the morning game eventually losing by the narrow margin of 4 hoops to Jill Carrick, the only female player in the fixture.

John Handy played, in the morning, the ever-colourful character Owen Bryce and although he was always challenging for the lead he narrowly lost by 4 hoops.

In his second game, Cliff was well placed with only 30 minutes left, for his clips were on 'peg and peg' whilst his opponent Nick Evans had his clips on hoops 4 and 5. However Nick knew he had to take risks, and managed to complete an unlikely victory with 40 seconds remaining, justifying his handicap of 3.

Finally Frank Hibberd, who substituted for John in the afternoon, had a very close encounter with Jill before losing by one hoop on time. To quote Frank himself looking back on his match: 'I took my last bisque with the lawn at my mercy', but then squandered the opportunity!

Yes the final score-line of 0-8 could so easily have been quite different.

However the match was played in an excellent spirit; with lovely weather throughout plus an abundance of lovely sandwiches and cakes available at tea-time, the day had been a very good one!

Cliff Daniel