

AC MATCH v STOURBRIDGE

Kenilworth began the season's fixture in the West Midlands League with an emphatic win 5-1 against Stourbridge on Wednesday 15 July.

The result was particularly pleasing since the opponents lawns are particularly difficult to master for, apart from the fact they are undersized, there are several hoops that contained awkward dips and each lawn had two hazardous boundaries with severe slopes! Add the interest shown by a number of park-loving spectators and one stray dog who seemed to find the brown croquet ball more interesting than its badly worn tennis ball (!) it was clear that deep concentration was needed by the players.

Pleasingly the handicaps in the 6 games were quite similar so few bisques were conceded.

The only game lost was by the narrow margin of 1 hoop – by John Handy, who decisively won his second game by 13 hoops. Cliff Daniel found both his games to be quite tight but won them both +5 and +7. However Phil Wood was the star of the day winning both his games decisively +12 and +13.