

TOLLEMACHE QR, KETTERING: STATISTICAL REPORT

Oxfordshire were drawn as usual into the strongest of four groups. A further handicap was that John Slater and Nelson Stephens were not available to play until Sunday, by which time all our stern tests were past. We performed creditably throughout, though London, Gloucester and Kent all played as well against us as we know they can, and found a few brilliancies we were unable to match. The slightly disappointing results were against Northants and Worcestershire, counties we are well capable of beating, where a few unforced errors cost us important points. Sunday was a different proposition entirely – as we knew it would be – and though we dropped points to beat Somerset only 12-8, the team was excellent otherwise.

	<i>Hayes Landy</i>	<i>Procter Robinson</i>	<i>Pike A Wilson</i>	<i>Nicholas Roberts</i>	<i>Williams C Wilson</i>	<i>Slater Stephens</i>	<i>Total IMPs</i>
Saturday							
<i>V Northants</i>							
(8-12)	-0.5	-7.5	-15	+7	X	X	-16
<i>V Lincs</i>							
(16-4)	+17.5	X	+4.5	+20.5	+7.5	X	+50
<i>V London</i>							
(3-17)	-13	-8	-19.5	X	-14.5	X	-55
<i>V Glos</i>							
(6-14)	-15.5	-7.5	-8	0	X	X	-31
<i>V Worcs</i>							
(8-12)	-14.5	-10.5	X	+8.5	+4.5	X	-12
<i>V Kent</i>							
(1-19)	X	-25.5	-19	-25.5	-19	X	-89
Sunday							
(*= half-match)							
<i>V Channel Isles</i>							
(17-3)	+5.5*	+6.5	+16*	+2	X	+26	+56
<i>V Somerset</i>							
(12-8)	+9.5	+13.5*	-4	-3*	X	-3	+13
<i>V Beds</i>							
(15-5)	-0.5	+10*	+6.5	+1.5*	X	+18.5	+36
Boards							
Played	75	70	75	70	40	30	90
IMPS per Board	-0.15	-0.41	-0.51	+0.16	-0.54	+1.38	(-0.07)

Don't read too much into the statistics: as we all know, cross-IMPs don't reveal which pairs were responsible for bringing in plusses or losing minuses. Neither do they take account of good or bad luck, or the strength of the opposition at any one time!

A more detailed account will be appended for the OBA Selection Committee. I may also find time to put together a hand or two for the OBA website – but no promises..

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