

O40's Herts v Essex on 18th Dec 2011

Essex travelled to Hemel Hempstead with a near full strength team. Pam Dallow had been asked to deputise due to Tracy & Allison's unavailability, but Dave Wood made his first appearance of the season.

In a near freezing JFK school hall it was the hosts who were caught coldest. Dave Wood & Simon Gilhooly won in straight sets, and Andrew Bailey & Trevor Rogers won in 3, after enjoying more than their fair share of net cords, against Adam King & Eddie Lintott. The reverse matches were more straightforward, both being straight set wins

The girls decided that going to 3 was the best way of keeping warm, and did so in 3 of their 4 matches, winning 2 and losing 2. Amanda Austin & Lesley Pallett pushed Elaine & Chris very close in 3 hard fought sets, whereas Donna Tubb & Pam Dallow were just annoyed that they lost a match!

Essex went in to the mixed 6-2 up, and the win was secured by Donna & Simon winning comfortably in 2 sets, without their usual drama of giving away the 2nd set. Pam & Dave decided it was definitely too cold and politely lost in 2 sets. Even though the match was won Lesley & Andy and Amanda & Trevor both decided to string the match out by going to 3 sets. Honours were even with Lesley & Andy suffering a narrow defeat and Amanda & Trevor staged another of their comebacks for an improbable win.

4 wins from 4 matches leave the team well placed for the reverse fixtures in the New Year!