

MEN'S OVER 55 REPORT 2023

Team: Stu Hunter, Andrew Devaney, Ian Quinton, Mark Nicholls

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After the disappointment of their opponents conceding the first match without a ball being hit - albeit the points for the 'win' were welcome - the Men's over 55's got their campaign underway with a hard fought win away to Oxfordshire. The 5-0 scoreline belied the intensity and closeness of the matches, with Andrew Devaney's singles being clinched on a championship tie-break 3-6, 6-1, 1-0 and Stuart Hunter & Mark Nicholls edging their second doubles match in a similar fashion, 7-6, 3-6, 1-0. Ian Quinton required a normal tie-break to win his singles in straight sets, 6-2, 7-6 as did Hunter & Nicholls in their first doubles match, 6-4, 7-6. In the final doubles Devaney & Quinton won 6-3, 6-1, but again the match was much closer than the score suggested. The victorious team is pictured below.



Norfolk went into their remaining match, home to Sussex, knowing that a win would secure promotion and duly delivered. Yet again the singles were hard fought affairs, with Andrew Devaney this time losing on a champions tie break, 6-4, 4-6, 0-1 and Gary Keens coming through 6-2, 4-6, 1-0, winning the champions tiebreak 13-11. The doubles matches were a bit more straightforward with Stuart Hunter & Mark Nicholls retaining their unbeaten record by winning 6-2, 6-2 and 6-2, 6-3 respectively and Devaney and Keens winning 6-2, 7-5.

As result of these emphatic wins Norfolk comfortably topped the table and have rightly earned promotion to division 2. Roll on 2024!"

