

MEN'S OVER 60 REPORT 2023

Team: Neil Henery, Stuart Brabben, Myles Downey, Paul Henery

Date: Summer 2023

The men's over 60s tennis team played their first match at the weekend at home to Gloucestershire. Unfortunately, the team narrowly lost by 3 rubbers to 2. Paul Henery played a long match against Gloucestershire's number one singles player, eventually losing 10-8 in the deciding championship tie-break. Neil Henery won his singles and Neil and Paul won their doubles match. Stuart Brabben and Myles Downey linked up to play two close doubles games against their opponents, but just losing out on both occasions in two sets. It was a fun and competitive first match with further fixtures against Avon, Cornwall and Berkshire to follow later in the summer.



(photo, left to right – Neil Henery, Stuart Brabben, Myles Downey, Paul Henery)

Match report – away v Berkshire – August 20th 2023

The men's over 60s tennis team played their second match at the weekend away to Berkshire. It was a well fought contest, but Norfolk's opponents had a strong edge in four of the matches, with the only win coming from the Neil Henery's singles match against Gareth Jackson. Myles Downey's contest against the Berkshire captain Mike Elward was much closer than the 6-3 6-1 scoreline and played, like all the matches, in extremely hot conditions at Reading University's indoor courts facility. Although all the doubles matches were won by Berkshire, the Norfolk pairings competed very well,

particularly in light of the fact that the partnerships were newly established ones. The final two fixtures, away against Avon and home against Cornwall, will take place in September.

Match report – away v Avon – Sept 16th 2023

The men's over 60s tennis team played their final match of the season away against Avon at the weekend. For good reason Avon have topped the table in this group, adding a 5-0 win to their impressive list of wins against all the other teams. Although the scoreline was quite one-sided, each match was very competitive and drawn out. Unfortunately, Cornwall had to concede their final match against Norfolk due to player injury, so at least the Norfolk squad can claim one win this season!

The Norfolk over 60s team who played against Avon – Neil Henery, Paul Henery, Stuart Brabben and Myles Downey.