

An unfortunate turn of events at Wellow's Tennis Club's finals day

Wellow Tennis Club's finals day on Saturday 2nd September which was attended by a large number of club members had all the makings of a memorable afternoon's tennis with three finals due to be contested - with a further final scheduled for the following day. However events took a dramatic turn in the first event - the men's singles final- when Gordon Taylor unfortunately tore a calf muscle at the beginning of the final set of the match against Mark Patience and had to retire.

The match had been on court for over 90 minutes and was evenly poised with Patience having played very well to win the first set 6-1 before increased attacking play brought Taylor some dividends as he won the second set 6-4. With Patience leading 1-0 in the final set Taylor attempted to reach a wide drop shot and pulled up in some agony. Sadly that was the last point to be played as Taylor was unable to continue and Patience became Wellow's new mens singles champion.

Unfortunately Taylor was also due to be playing in the mixed doubles final and with his partner had to concede with Stuart Martin and Jeanette Worsley taking the new trophy for this event. Taylor was also due to play the mens doubles final on following Sunday but that final has been rescheduled for later once Taylor is fully fit.

One final that was completed was the handicap mixed doubles which saw Adam Johnson and Simone Arnott take on Mike Bevan and Caroline Easton. Both pairs had the same handicap so the match was played with the normal scoring and some energetic net play from Johnson coupled with some very consistent rallying from the experienced Arnott was too much for Bevan and Easton with Johnson and Arnott winning 6-1, 6-2.

The three photos show from left to right the mens singles winner Mark Patience and runner up Gordon Taylor; the mixed doubles winners Stuart Martin and Jeanette Worsley; and the handicap mixed doubles winners Adam Johnson and Simone Arnott.

