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The final of this year's Elbow Tankard (the Leicester League's handicap summer league competition) was played at Knighton Park on Tuesday night.

Last year's runners-up, The 3 Musketeers, were playing Fox Flicks (both teams from Knighton Park); both teams had won their respective semi-finals 12-8.

Elly Bajarias beat Hamza Caratela 2-0 to put T3M into the lead.

George McClurkin shared the next two games with Oguz Akyildiz to make it 3-1 (it was very nearly 4-0 but Oguz played very well at the end of game 4).

Dean Jordan lost 2-0 to Ayhan Celik to leave things all square at 3-3.

George then beat Hamza 2-0 to re-establish T3M's lead at 5-3.

FF took the first doubles 2-0 to draw level again at 5-5.

But T3M won the second doubles 2-0 to go back in the lead at 7-5.

Elly and Ayhan shared the next two games to leave the score at 8-6.

Dean and Hamza shared the next two games: 9-7.

Elly and Oguz then shared the next two games: 10-8.

The final match was between George and Ayhan.

George needed to win one game to secure the win and took the first game.

Ayhan took the second and final game to leave the final score at 11-9.

T3M 11: Elly Bajarias 4/6, George McClurkin 4/6, Dean Jordan 1/4; 2/4 doubles

FF 9: Hamza Caratela 1/6, Ayhan Celik 4/6, Oguz Akyildiz 2/4; 2/4 doubles

So a good close final to finish off this year's competition.

Congratulations to The 3 Musketeers and thank you to all who entered/played.

Peter