

**Leicestershire Over 60s** played on Saturday 12th February at St Neots Cambridge.

This was the final day with 2 matches to play to complete the six matches and a great opportunity to win the league and end up with 100% record.

We did have 1 change to the side which was Alex Mason coming in for the injured Chris Brewer.

We were up against **Warwickshire 3** first match, and we had beaten Warwickshire 2 previously, so we fancied our chances.

Bob Whittaker was a familiar face who had played on the 2 previous rounds of matches for Warwickshire 3 however he was also injured so didn't play which we did miss his company on the day.

1st singles and Richard Hayes gets us off to a great start winning 3-0 quite convincingly. On to Alex who was making his county debut and was keen to make a good impression. He certainly didn't disappoint as he came back from 2 games down to level at 2 games all although unfortunately losing the fifth in a hard-fought match.

Tony Smith got us back to a 2-1 lead in the match beaten their number 1. 3 straight, 7, 3 and 4.

Richard and Karen won the mixed 3 straight 6,5 and 2. to put us 3-1 up in the match score.

On to Alex to play their number 2 which after winning the first, game 6 went down 3-1 however the 3rd was unfortunate the wrong side of 15-13 score line.

This took the match score to 3-2 up and we managed to win the last 5 which kept Karen on 100% and a first win for Alex in the mixed Doubles with Karen.

An 8-2 victory now guaranteed us winning the league.

On to the last match and we were in a celebratory mood against **Buckinghamshire 2** as we came out 10-0 winners to maintain our 100% winning record and Leicestershire winning the league by at least 3 points.

2 matches went to 5 first one being Alex singles who came back from losing 12-10 in the first 2 games to win game 8 in the fifth.

The other one was the final mixed doubles of the day with Alex and Karen coming out winning the fifth, game 2 although not all plain sailing as they won the second game 13-11 after losing the first game 5 so they were tested. This match kept Karen on 100% record for the total campaign a very good, concentrated effort and a great performance.

Thanks go to everyone who represented Leicestershire as below and all of you should feel very proud to have won the league so convincingly at the first time of asking and look forward to playing in Division 1 next year also knowing we can strengthen the team if need be and look for further success.

## **INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCES**

Richard Hayes Men's singles 11/12.

Mixed Doubles 3/3. Men's Doubles 5/5.

Tony Smith Men's singles 11/12.

Mixed Doubles 3/3 and Men's Doubles 6/6.

Chris Brewer Men's singles 7/8.

Mixed Doubles 2/2 and Men's Doubles 1/1.

Alex Mason Men's singles 2/4.

Mixed Doubles 2/2.

Karen Smith Ladies singles 5/5.

Mixed Doubles 10/10.

**Karen 100% record.**

Tony Smith Captain Leicestershire Over 60s.