

LEICESTERSHIRE TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION

PHIL REID MEMORIAL TROPHY 2023/24

34 players entered the Phil Reid Memorial Trophy this year – an increase of 5- and there was some great table tennis in a good atmosphere.

Two qualifying sessions were held at Knighton Park TTC on Thursday 28 December and Tuesday 2 January with 17 players scheduled for each respectively in groups playing best of 3 up to 21. There were some very close matches in some groups as would be expected in a handicap competition. The players ranged from a grading of 53 to 250 with the highest start being 14 -which is a lot when playing 21 up.

The winners of the 8 groups were Andy Wright (Desford Village) Eiz Eddin Al- Katrib (Fleckney) Dave Mountain, Ashley Palmer, Andy Searle, Karen Smith,(Knighton Park) Kalan Bhakta (Unicorn) Elly Bajarias(Winstanley Wizards)

The Finals were played on Sunday January 7th at Knighton Park with 2 round robin groups players leading to semi- finals and final.. In the semi-finals, Dave beat Kalan 21-15,20-22,21-10 off scratch and Elly beat Eiz 21-16,13-21 21-16 with Eiz having 3 start. The Final was another great 3 setter- , Dave beat Elly 21-17 18-21 21-17 with Elly having 4 start

Congratulations to Dave on winning the Phil Reid Memorial Trophy this year- even though it was at the expense of a broken bat in a group match!

Many thanks to Knighton Park for the use of their facilities , to Andy Wright for his wise advice and the gradings review as well as umpiring in the Finals and especially looking after the first qualifying session,, to all who helped set up and tidy up - as well of course to all the players for participating and playing in a really good spirit exemplified by the fact that a number came through floods to play on the Tuesday. It remains a pleasure to run this competition .

Mike Smith

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