

Stuart Jones reminiscing

Hi John

Looking at Alex Downes reminiscing I remember playing at Countesthorpe College, when I first started playing all those years ago for Bevans Holdings, there was myself Terry Bown And Ken Amos also playing that night. I picked Ken and Terry up from Bevans where we all worked in my Hillman Avenger. I cannot remember what year it was but it was very cold it was the first time I had played table tennis in gloves and a track suit top it was that cold. I remember there was a long rolled up carpet in the corner of the gym and the table tennis ball went right down the middle of it during one game we could not get it out. Anyway we finished the match and we headed back to my car, it was frozen over, I could not get in it luckily one of the back doors was unlocked, no central locking back then! So after de-icing the windows I took Ken and Terry home, Ken lived in Braunstone Frith and Terry on Welford Road.

As I was driving home to Wigston I notice my temperature gauge was in the red. When I got home I put the car in the garage and heard this cracking noise it was ice in my radiator melting. I got up the next morning thinking the worst but my radiator was OK so I just topped it up with anti-freeze. Anyway many years later I played Alex Downes in a match and he said are you Philip Jones dad I said yes I am he said I taught your lad lifesaving at Wigston swimming pool when he was 11 or 12 he is now 35 it's a small world isn't it?

Regards

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