

Leicester TTL Elbow Tankard (Jun 23)

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ELBOW TANKARD

The Leicester Table Tennis League's Summer competition for the Elbow Tankard kicked off with three 12-8 results in which no player won all of their games and every one of them won at least one which underlines the first class underlying handicap system. With each match best of two the results are out of twenty games.

In Group B Electric City did well in the doubles in which Steve Harrison played them all to take them 3-1 but Park Keepers had both Jack Mooney and George McClurkin in very good singles form and both winning five out of six towards the overall 12-8 victory. For Electric Alex Jefferis won two of his six singles but also had some very close results that went the wrong way for him.

In the same group Park Attendants defeated Bishops 12-8 thanks to a spearheading performance from Patrick Cox who won five, including 2-0 against both Geoff Hancock and Fahed Sacoor and losing 22-24 against Bhulesh Rathod for the one that got away. John Bowness won four for Attendants, Angela Bowness one, while Hancock was the Bishops' most successful with three victories.

Just one match in Group A when Park Rangers beat Vicars 12-8 thanks mainly to five out of six from Chris Parmar-Saville, while Martin Pember won three out of four with Vicars doing well in the doubles to win three, Tosh Singh being involved in these as well as winning two of his four singles. Aftab Gaffar won three for Vicars.

With new funding for another Ping initiative inevitably the Leicester contribution will be one with a Richard the Third theme – in this case Ping the Third.

Several new tables and locations are planned around the city over the coming months to augment the resounding success so far of this venture with more of them indoors this time so that a continuation into the winter months can be maintained to surmount any weather problems.

There will be several new "partners" taking part this time as well as all of the old ones. For instance the Railway Station on London Road, Jubilee Square and the Cathedral Gardens. There are also several events during July and August which will make those months very busy as more people are introduced to the joys of table tennis.

More details will be release as and when they are known.

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