

THE MENS TOURNAMENT – CHAMPION IKANI AGABI



From left to right, Fabien, Kai, Ikani, Clive Brown, Ikani, John, Martin and Clive Harris.

A much reduced field lined up for this year’s tournament on Saturday 1st September with 8 players competing for the title. Three of the four first round matches went according to seedings and in straight sets. However, the number 4 and 5 seeds produced an epic encounter. Niyi's lobs, drop shots and slices being counteracted by John's speed round the court and tenacity. Predictably it went into the Championship tie break. With both player’s pulling out all the stops John was able to edge out the match 11-9 after 2 hours 15 minutes.

In the semi finals Clive Harris came through the first set easily but Fabien put up stronger resistance in the second to take it to a tie break. Clive raised his level and came through the tie break 7-2.

The other semi final featured a very tired looking John versus Ikani. Ikani served for the first set but John’s persistence brought about a break back of serve. The tie break had chances for both players but Ikani eventually came through. The second set also went all the way to a tie break but this time John got his revenge. Ikani struck early in the deciding set breaking John in the second game. This proved decisive as the set went with serve. Both players looked exhausted.

THE FINAL

Last year’s champion Ikani took on Clive Harris in the final on Sunday morning. The rest overnight seemed to have rejuvenated Ikani who took the first second 6-3. A tight second set ensued but **Ikani Agabi** edged this 7-5 to retain his title.

THE LADIES TOURNAMENT – CHAMPION JANE HOLLIDAY



The women’s tournament was played in good weather at 1pm on Sunday 9th September. An entry of 14 players started with a qualification round. The seven winners and lucky loser would play in the main event and the six other players in a plate event. The seeded players scored heavily in the opening matches, after a brief discussion Annie was promoted to the main tournament as the lucky loser.

From left to right, Jane, Laura, Gabby, Jackie, Kate (foreground), Sandra, Eliana, Mabel, Amanda (back), Annie, Sharon and LiPing.

THE MAIN TOURNAMENT

The group stage of two groups of 4 playing a one set round robin format. Sharon has been the find of the season on the women’s side, only starting to play regularly with us since April. Her strong baseline game has developed significantly. Sharon was in awesome form in the group stage dropping just one game. The 2004 Champion, Jackie fared less well losing 4-6 to Eliana. Amanda’s scores didn’t do her justice, perhaps due to a lack of match practice and she came through in last place. The effort from the players was immense, including one player throwing up on court after a tremendous rally.

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The second group was headed by Jane as the number two seed. The crunch match came against last year’s runner up Mabel. Jane came through this 6-4 and was in dismissive form rolling through her other two matches without dropping a game. Mabel had a more difficult time, pushing Jane hard in one match but inexplicably losing to Gabby 6-0. Annie, our lucky loser seemed to gain in confidence and just came off worse in two close matches. The two group runners up, Eliana and Gabby, played a single set to decide the 3rd and 4th places, Eliana having a frustrating afternoon going down 6-4.

THE FINAL

The players had now played 3 sets but still looked fresh. Sharon’s strong baseline game and Jane’s legendary consistency were always going to make for a close match. The first set went to 5 games all when Jane broke through. Jane’s next service game was extremely close with both players having chances, however, Jane managed to hold on to claim the set 7-5. Sharon came out very purposefully in the third set going taking the first two games. Once again Jane dug deep and varied her play with some effective forays to the net, volleying well. This extra variation seemed to be the difference between the players and **Jane Holliday** went on to take the match 6-3.



Jane (left) receiving the winner’s trophy from our 2004 Champion Jackie.



Sharon (right) with the runner’s up award.

LADIES B TOURNAMENT

Six players went on to compete in a consolation event after losing their first round matches. This took the form of a round robin tournament with the first player to 4 taking the match. Some really close games ensued with players winning by the odd game. The event suffered a little when Helen and Kate had to leave early. Some complex maths ensued with Laura Daniel and LiPing taking the top two places.

MENS DOUBLES TOURNAMENT – IKANI AGABI AND NIYI BELLO

This was played on August 12th with 6 pairs entering. The favourites were **Ikani Agabi and Niyi Bello**. The tournament was played as a round robin with the matches going according to seeding. In the final Ikani and Niyi edged out Arsenio Dominguez and Charles Hubbard Jnr 7-5, 6-1. Clive Brown and Lawrence came through in third followed by Martin Husk and Charles Hubbard Snr. Jacob Sykes and Nick Ball played some good tennis but found the more experienced players a challenge.



The finalists, from left to right, Niyi, Ikani, Arsenio and Charles Jnr.



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MENS RESULTS

Qtr Finals

Ikani Agabi
Kai von Ribbeck

Niyi Bello
John Butterfield

Fabien de Jolly Bresillon
Clive Brown

Martin Husk
Clive Harris

Semi Finals

Ikani Agabi
6-1, 6-4

John Butterfield
4-6, 7-6, breaker 11-9

Fabien de Jolly Bresillon
6-3, 6-1

Clive Harris
6-1, 6-2

Final

Ikani Agabi
7-6 (5), 6-7 (6), 6-3

Clive Harris
6-3, 7-6 (2)

Winner

IKANI AGABI
6-3, 7-5

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Qualifying round: Sharon def Orla (4-0), Jane def Liping (4-1), Eliana def Laura (4-0), Mabel def Kate (4-1), Jackie def Sandra (4-0) Gabby def Annie (4-0), Amanda def Helen (4-0)

		Sharon Butterfield		Eliana Bruni		Jackie Hodge		Amanda Bowden		For	Agst	Difference	Position
		F	A	F	A	F	A	F	A				
1	Sharon Butterfield			6	1	6	0	6	0	18	1	17	1
2	Eliana Bruni	1	6			6	4	6	0	13	10	3	2
3	Jackie Hodge	0	6	4	6			6	0	10	12	-2	3
4	Amanda Bowden	0	6	0	6	0	6			0	18	-18	4

		Jane Holliday		Mabel Wanogho		Gabby Perkins		Annie		For	Agst	Difference	Position
		F	A	F	A	F	A	F	A				
1	Jane Holliday			6	4	6	0	6	0	18	4	14	1
2	Mabel Wanogho	4	6			0	6	6	3	10	15	-5	3
3	Gabby Perkins	0	6	6	0			6	4	12	10	2	2
4	Annie	0	6	3	6	4	6			7	18	-11	4

FINAL

JANE HOLLIDAY def Sharon Butterfield 7-5, 6-3

LADIES 'B' TOURNAMENT

		Kate Gifford		Li Ping		Laura Daniel		Sandra Sekabanja		Orla Murphy		Helen Poulsen		For	Agst	Difference
		F	A	F	A	F	A	F	A	F	A	F	A			
1	Kate Gifford			0	0	3	4	4	3	0	0	0	0	7	7	0
2	Li Ping					4	3	4	1	3	4	4	0	15	8	7
3	Laura Daniel	4	3	3	4			0	0	3	2	4	0	14	9	5
4	Sandra Sekabanja	3	4	1	4					0	4	0	0	4	12	-8
5	Orla Murphy			4	3	2	3	4	0			0	0	10	6	4
6	Helen Poulsen			0	4	0	4							0	8	-8