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Wigmore LTC Scores First Tie Victory

The Millennium Cup got off to a flying start on Saturday 19th May when Wigmore Lawn Tennis Club defeated Telford Park Lawn Tennis Club 6-3 in the first tie of the Streatham's inaugural friendly local inter-club competition.

In a closely fought encounter involving players of all ages, it was Telford Park's team who scored early victories to lead by 2 – 1 after the first round of matches.

Emma Tillson was first off court with a 6-4 6-3 win to her credit against Wigmore's Ann Dunin in the Women's Singles after an evenly balanced contest. Although Kris Reda levelled the tie against Telford's Rod Pearson 6-3 6-2 in the 45 & Over Men's Singles event, Alison Reeves overcame spirited opposition from Wigmore's Captain, Kerry Brotherhood, 7-5 6-1 in the 45 & Over Women's Singles to put Telford Park in the lead.

In the second round Wigmore's 16 & Under Boy, Josh Dawson, proved too consistent for the more erratic Alexander Tilley whom he beat 6-2 6-1 convincingly to level the tie, while Ralph Plowman had the greater control in his Men's Single's match which he won 6-1 6-4 against Telford Park's Tim Clarke. The 16 & Under Girls Singles turned into a mini-marathon that Tara Ricci finally edged through to win 7-6 6-3 against home player Alexandra Corbet-Milward, and putting Wigmore ahead 4-2.

The Men's Doubles saw youth win over experience as Ralph Plowman and Josh Dawson combined forces to overcome the Telford's veteran duo of Rod Pearson and Patrick Robathan 6-2 6-0. Despite an energetic fight back by the Telford's Women's Doubles pairing of Barbara Greenwood and Emma Tillson in defeating Sue Goligher and Wendy Fido 6-3 6-2, Wigmore had an unassailable lead that Graham Sparks and Jane O'Mahoney extended to 6-3 when they overcame Kate Fann and Rod Parker 6-2 7-6 in the final match.

Telford Park's Team Captain Rod Parker said: "The Boy's Singles was an excellent match that taught the adults a thing or two. The whole tie was played in a tremendous spirit and everyone had a really good time, although it has to be said that we were suffering a bit, having opened up the bar up for the summer season last night!"

Kerry Brotherwood, Wigmore's Captain, agreed with the match sentiment expressed. "It has been a very even contest which the whole team has enjoyed playing. We are delighted to have scored the win at the end but there is still a way to go before the competition is decided. It is all very exciting!"

The Millennium Cup has been launched to foster goodwill among the tennis clubs of Streatham and to promote these as well as the game of tennis to the local community. The initiative is supported by the Millennium Festival Awards for All programme.

The next tie in The Millennium Cup round robin league will take place at Woodfield Grove Tennis Club, 9 Woodfield Grove, SW16 on Saturday 2 June from 10.30 am when Woodfield Grove takes on Telford Park Lawn Tennis Club at home. Spectators are welcome and snacks and refreshments will be available on sale throughout the hours of play.

The expected order of play (subject to change) is: -

<u>First Round</u>	16 & Under Boy's Singles 40 & Over Women's Singles Men's Singles (no age restriction)
<u>Second Round</u>	16 & Under Girl's Singles 45 and Over Men's Singles Women's Singles (no age restriction)
<u>Third Round</u>	Men's Doubles (any age group combination) Women's Doubles (any age group combination) Mixed Doubles (any age group combination)

The third tie of the round robin league will be held at Wigmore Lawn Tennis Club, 43 Becmead Avenue on Saturday 28 July when Wigmore will compete against Woodfield Grove Tennis Club.

The final will be staged on Saturday 22 September between the two top finishers in the league competition and the winning Champion Club will hold The Millennium Cup perpetual trophy for one year.



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