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Norbury Park head Millennium Cup field

Norbury Park Lawn Tennis Club heads the Millennium Cup League with 13 points after playing two of its four ties, while the four other participating clubs have so far played only once. The second placed club is Wigmore with 7 points, trailed by Woodfield Grove with 3 points and Grafton and Telford Park with 2 points each.

It is still early days, however, with plenty of matches yet to come. The next round is played on Saturday 8th June when Wigmore will be sitting out. The inaugural Champions, Wigmore were impressive in their first tie against Telford Park held on 11th May when they saw off a strong challenge 7-2. Despite the score, there were several closely-fought encounters that could well have gone the other way to tell a different story. In fact there were three matches that went to a final set but Wigmore, playing at home, forced the advantage.

In the other tie that same weekend, newcomers to the competition, Norbury Park, playing at home, edged out the winners against Woodfield Grove 6-3. It was neck and neck for most of the day, with the clubs level after the first round of matches at 2 all and then 3 all, with the three doubles matches to come. It was in these that the greater experience of Norbury Park's team came to bear and they won through in all three.

On Saturday 25th May Norbury Park were away at Grafton, also participating in the competition for the first time this year, and found themselves with a marginally easier task starting the tie 1 up before play began when Grafton failed to field a junior girl in their team. After initially losing the Boys Under 16s match to level, Norbury sped to a relatively easy 5-1 lead before meeting any significant opposition, dropping the Ladies Over 40s singles and then pocketing the Men's and Mixed Doubles.

The Millennium Cup is a friendly inter-club team competition between the tennis clubs in the general area of Streatham in which Grafton, Norbury Park, Telford Park, Wigmore, and Woodfield Grove are currently competing for the honour of winning the magnificent crystal trophy for one year. Designed to encourage new players into competitive play and provide them with experience within a friendly local environment, the event involves players of all ages in nine different categories.

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RESULTS TO DATE

31 May 2002



Saturday 11 May 2002

NORBURY PARK LTC DEFEATED WOODFIELD GROVE TC 6-3

at Norbury Park, Ederline Avenue, SW16 4RY

Round One 10.30 am Men's Over 45 Singles - Ian Smith lost to Peter 'Taff' Smith 6-2 6-0; Ladies Over 40 Singles - Lynne Nelson defeated June Hanby 6-1 6-2; Ladies Open Singles - Elaine McGovern defeated Christelle Bourgois 6-0 6-2; Girls Under 16 Singles - Liane Nelson lost to Fionne Newbury 6-3 6-1

Second Round Men's Open Singles - Carl Scuffham defeated Alberto Burbante 6-4 6-2; Boy's Under 16 Singles - Neil Raja lost to Alex Ramamurthy 7-6 2-6 7-5

<u>Third Round</u> Ladies Doubles - Sue Eastwick and Toni Malcolm defeated Christelle Bourgois and Michele Roberts 7-6 6-2; Men's Doubles - A Breen and M Dawson defeated Ben Siegle and Gareth Fernades 6-1 6-2; Mixed Doubles - David O'Connell and Ann Marie Bowden defeated David Platten and June Hanby 6-3 6-0

WIGMORE LTC DEFEATED TELFORD PARK LTC 7-2

At Wigmore, 43 Becmead Avenue, SW16 1UJ

Round One 10.30 am Women's Open Singles - Ann Dunin defeated Kelly Renwick 6-3 7-6; Boys Under 16 Singles - Will Peck defeated Rupert Bright 6-4 6-0; Men's Over 45 Singles - Trevor Dunton lost to David Maule 2-6 6-4 6-0

<u>Second Round</u> Men's Open Singles - Ralph Plowman defeated Rod Smith 6-3 7-5; Girls Under 16 Singles - Cleo Little defeated Katie Pearson Walk-over; Women's Over 40 Singles - Sue Goligher defeated Alison Reeves 6-4 4-6 7-5

<u>Third Round</u> Mixed Doubles - Debbie Green and Adrian Crawford defeated Caroline de St. Quentin and Chris Webster 6-4 6-0; Ladies Doubles - Wendy Fidao and Jayne O'Mahony lost to Kelly Renwick & Brigid Wilkins 6-3, 7-5; Mens Doubles - Trevor Dunton and Ralph Plowman defeated Rod Smith and Callum Miller 4-6, 7-6, 7-6

Saturday 25 May 2002

GRAFTON LTC LOST TO NORBURY PARK LTC 2-7

at Grafton LTC, 70A Thornton Road, SW12 0LF

First Round 10.30 am Girls Under 16 Singles - No show lost to Catherine Manning w/o

<u>Second Round</u>
Boy's Under 16 Singles - Luigi di Genua d. Cyrus Clarke 6-0 6-4; Men's Over 45 Singles - Murray Sutton lost to Andrew King 6-0 6-4; Ladies Doubles - Liz Rowley & Assenta di Genua lost to Lynne Nelson & Toni Malcolm 6-2 6-1; Men's Open Singles - Greg Vincent lost to Mark Dawson 6-1 6-4

Third Round Ladies Open Singles - Liz Rowley lost to Tracey Malcolm 6-1 6-2, Ladies Over 40 Singles - Heather Rayner defeated Carole Manning 3-6 6-1 6-1; Men's Doubles - Greg Vincent & Luigi di Genua lost to Michael Papandastasiou & Nigel Flay 6-3 6-1; Mixed Doubles - Murray Sutton & Heather Rayner lost to Mark Dawson & Anne-Marie Bowden 6-1 7-5

TO COME:

Saturday 8 June Grafton (Home) v Woodfield Grove and Norbury Park (H) v Telford Park

Saturday 13 July Telford Park (H) v Grafton and Woodfield Grove (H) v Wigmore

Saturday 27 July Wigmore (H) v Grafton

Saturday 3 August Norbury Park (H) v Wigmore

Saturday 21 September Final to be played between the two top finishers in the League