

MIDLAND JUNIOR LEAGUE v Gloucester played on Sunday 4th April at British Energy, Gloucester

What a match to end the season - not just the match itself but getting there and getting back was more than hectic. Messrs Grover and his dad left Kenilworth at just after 11.30 to pick Sam Clarke up at Leamington station shortly before noon and then it was on to Edward Freemans for a quick bite to eat before setting off for Gloucester shortly after 1.00 clock. The journey passed quickly and we rolled up at British Energy shortly after 2.00 o'clock and after a quick knock we were ready to take on what we knew would be a powerful Gloucester side which included women's British League player Stella Davis. Leamington got off to the best possible start with BGN star Sam Clarke beating Scott Johnson. The next 4 sets were shared though and so halfway through Leamington still had work to do if they were to achieve a positive result. Things look bad though as Gloucester extended their lead through Scott Johnson demolishing Richard Grover and extended the score to 4-2. But from here things only improved as first Ed Freeman and then Richard Grover with a narrow 13-11 in the 5th win brought the scores level at 4-4. Sam Clarke then completed his well-deserved hat-trick with a comprehensive defeat of Steve Gummer, but unfortunately Ed Freeman was unable to secure the last game and the match ended in a draw – a very fair result. The match was over but the fun was only about to begin. We declined tea as we wanted to get off and it seemed we were in good company as the Gloucester side had already made a swift exit. So we set off to Banbury, not exactly direct from Gloucester. but we weren't too bothered as we were all shattered. Having dropped Sam Clarke shortly after 6.20 p.m we set off for home via McDonalds and we arrived back at Edwards just after 7 p.m not bad for a match that had ended nearly 90 mins ago.

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Gloucester

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Leamington

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A	Scott Johnson	2	X	Sam Clarke	3
B	Stella Davis	1	Y	Edward Freeman	1
C	Steve Gummer	1	Z	Richard Grover	1
		Dbls	1		Dbls
		Total	5		Total
					0
					5

	Gloucester		Leamington						G	L
A v X	Scott	v	Sam						0	1
B v Y	Stella	v	Edward						1	1
C v Z	Steve	v	Richard						2	1
B v X	Stella	v	Sam						2	2
Dbls	A + C	v	X + Z						3	2
A v Z	Scott	v	Richard						4	2
C v Y	Steve	v	Edward						4	3
B v Z	Stella	v	Richard						4	4
C v X	Steve	v	Sam						4	5
A v Y	Scott	v	Edward						5	5