

## THE CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL – Alan Tasker (blue top) v Neil Bennett (black top)



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The 1st game underway and some exchanges of serve and points whilst both player's settled into the game Alan moving to 2-1 before a clutch of points took him to 5-1. Neil responded by taking the serve and a couple of points to move the game to 7-3. Neil formed a sequence in which he won the serve and a brace of points, then lost the serve which he repeated until he had levelled the score at 7-7. Alan took the next point and after an exchange of serve closed out the first game 9-7.



The 2nd game was much tighter from both players trading serve and points, after approx. eighteen changes of serve, both players were at 4-4. Alan edged ahead to go 6-4 up, Neil responded with a point only to be matched by Alan to go to 7-6 up. Alan then closed the game out with 3 rapid points to 9-6.

The 3rd game started in a similar manner to the 2nd Alan moving to 4-2. After approx a dozen changes of serve and two hard fought points Neil had levelled the game at 4-4. Neil saw an opportunity and picked up the next 4 points to go to 8-4. However, Alan managed to take another point before Neil closed out the game 9-5.

The 4th game again saw some serve exchanges to go to 1-1, before a change in gear. Whilst Neil was able to take the serve he was unable to take any advantage and acquire any points before Alan regained the serve. Alan took the fourth game 9-1 and won the match 3-1.

**Alan Tasker Won 3-1: 9-7, 9-6, 5-9, 9-1**

