

A QUICK RETURN FOR THE FIRST TEAM

Last Thursday (8th July) Enderby First Team arrived at Birstall Watermead to play for the Leicester League, Division 5B title for 2010.

The late withdrawal of the stalwart Paul Barnes (age catching up with him) created an air of uncertainty as they gathered at the tennis courts. Who would fill the void (could anyone)? Would it be the experienced, but creaky Peter Gutteridge or should we risk James (Ellison) a young star of the future?



In the end we went with youth and fitness over age and uncertainty.

The team is from left to right, Tim Goodwin, Adam Jewell, Bernard Poole, Alex Morris, James Ellison and Bob Goodwin. Inset Paul Barnes who was no doubt devastated to miss such an important match.

Enderby began slowly with Tim's ferocious forehand misfiring and leaving his Dad, Bob to steady the ship, Bernie and Alex struggled to stay ahead in a tight match and Adam and James covered a lot of ground chasing the ball and losing control of the match.

Tim however was, as usual, too hot to handle and he and Bob soon took control, eventually winning all three matches comfortably.

Bernie and Alex also won all three matches, but gave the opposition some hope before coming out on top.

The experimental pairing of Alex and James fought on and eventually won one match – leaving a good 7 –2 win and top position in the league.

Well done boys and not forgetting all the other members who played in the first team matches: Danny Hallam, Stuart Turner, Steve Lane, Simon King and Peter Gutteridge.

It should be tougher next season in division 4 and losing Adam and Danny means we are looking for some young stars to take up the baton.....

