

# Corfe Mullen LTC Finals Day 2016

## Match Reports

Champion - James



Runner up - Gary



James vs Gary

*This was always going to be the battle between the accurate and powerful forehand which James uses so effectively against the fierce backhand which Gary possesses and so it proved to be. The conditions were not helpful to either player with a strong wind and a slightly slippery court. Each player held their service in the opening two games and then James took control using his forehand very cleverly to exploit the gaps in Gary's defence, winning the first set 6-1.*

*The second set was a much closer affair with Gary using his backhand to defend and attack with great accuracy. James won the first three games then Gary fought back serving well and forcing James to chase around the court to ensure victory. The result was a 6-3 win for James.*

*It was an enjoyable game to umpire with both players displaying a high level of skill.*

David Reeves

## Ladies' Singles

Champion -  
Penny



Runner up -  
Jess



Jess vs Penny

*Wow! What a ladies final. It took me back to my childhood watching Chrissie Evert and Navratilova in their prime. (You can make your own assumptions on who was who). As expected you had the youthful athleticism of Jess covering the court faster than Andy Murray on speed and the ever reliable prowess of Penny with her excellent shot selection. This made for an epic battle fought out in great spirit. At 3-3 in the first set, Penny managed to get a foot hold and won the next 3 games to take it 6-3.*

*Jess then kept getting every ball back in play forcing errors in Penny's game and deservedly took a 4-2 lead. However, tension set in and before long we was back on serve 4-5 with Penny serving. This proved to be a crucial game with Jess having four set points, but unable to convert one as Penny held on to level and then her experience told and she won the next two games to claim set and match, 6-3,7-5. Awesome match to watch.*

Lee Franklin



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## Ladies' Doubles

**Champions - Nicky and Lynda**

*Nicky & Lynda vs Jess & Jennie*



*When the match resumed at 2-2, following the torrential rain from the day before, it took Jess and Jennie a little time to find their feet as Nicky and Lynda played some fantastic text book tennis and won 6 games on the bounce.*

*Then Jennie changed her footwear and it seemed to spark both her and Jess into life and they started to produce winner after winner. At 4-3 down they had a couple of break back points, but from 15-40 Nicky came up with some big serves which either were unreturnable or came back and Lynda was able to kill with well placed volleys which gave them a 5-3 lead.*

*Jess's serve was then broken and so this year's well deserved ladies champions were Nicky & Lynda. 6-2, 6-3.*

*Thank you ladies, a pleasure to umpire and a special thanks to volunteer line judges for getting up at the crack of dawn to support and all line judges over the 2 days.*

*Lee Franklin*

## Men's Doubles

**Champions - David and Luke**

*Billy & Allan vs Luke & David*

*The first set started cautiously, no-one could hold serve and you could hear a pin drop. The play then stepped up with Billy hitting serving form and Allan dropping in some fine half-volleys to lead 4-2. But David and Luke then became an unbreachable wall, bringing the score back to 4 all. The 11th game proved vital as after 3 deuces, Allan and Billy were broken, allowing David and Luke to close out the set 7-5.*

*The second set started strongly for both pairs, but at 1 game all, the rain came and play was suspended. Next day and these four returned to the court and the tension was, if anything, even greater. Allan and Billy were trying new tactics on partner positioning when serving, but no-one was predicting how it would end up. There was nothing in it until at 5-4 up, Allan and Billy found that extra spark to break Luke's serve and square the match 6-4, one set all. The championship tie-break that followed typified the whole match, powerful drives & serves, volleys, half volleys and exquisite lobs. It was great to watch, but in the end, David and Luke managed to save a match point and power on to win 11-9. Well done to all four players!*

*Paul Smith*





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### Mixed Doubles Plate

**Champions**  
Nicky and Will



Dev & Vanessa vs Will M & Nicky

The match was played on Sunday due to a heavy downpour of rain on Saturday. This was a match involving a married couple on opposite sides and how they battled. In the first set Dev and Vanessa got off to a strong start winning the first two games and then Nicky and Will got going in the next four games. There were some long baseline rallies and some excellent cross court backhands from Will. The set concluded with a 6-4 win for Nicky and Will. The second set began with Nicky and Will taking a 3-0 lead with Nicky using her accurate and powerful forehand to both attack and defend. Dev and Vanessa responded with some excellent play, Vanessa played very well defending her position and Dev used his spin shots to great effect and his willingness to chase every ball. At 4-4 the game was nicely balanced but with Nicky's experience and Will's deft shots the outcome was a 6-4 victory. This was an enjoyable game to umpire and Vanessa and Will should be proud of the progress they have made this season.

David Reeves

### Mixed Doubles

Billy & Alison vs James & Bridget



**Champions**  
James and Bridget

Both pairs had had to overcome strong opposition to reach the final, so we were expecting some fine play. We were not disappointed. In a set that ebbed and flowed, Bridget and James led 4-2, were pegged back to 4 all, before breaking serve to win 6-4. After such a close set you could not call how the second would go, but as it turned out Alison and Billy just lost their accuracy and consistency while James and Bridget turned up the pressure to win the second set 6-1 and the match.

The play was all about powerful groundstrokes from the men, parried and volleyed returns from all players, sweet cross court angles from Alison and determination from Bridget and James to overcome. A great match and worthy winners. Well done to both pairs and my thanks to the line judges who made my task much easier.

Mixed Doubles



**Runners up**  
Alison and (Billy-not pictured)

Paul Smith