

Saxons Crusaders Full Match Reports 2024

Cotswold League Div 1 match report Sunday 28th April 2024 v CPC

Venue: Cricklade Leisure Centre

Result: Saxons Crusaders 2 – 3 CPC

A very disappointing result after winning both triples matches.

Conditions were very soggy after heavy overnight rain had flooded half of the playing area. We managed to mark out 3 playable pistes with rain still falling.

Jean, Tony & Carrie won the first triple by 13-9 and Keith, Chris & Jenny won the second by 13-2. The rain then stopped and for some reason so did our form! We lost all three doubles matches against a weakened CPC squad. Jean & Tony lost by 8-13, Jenny & Chris by 11-13 and Keith & Carrie by 7-13. One crumb of comfort was that we outscored CPC by 52-50.

Let's hope for better playing conditions and more consistent form in the next match v Boule Hitters away (date to be confirmed).

KD

Cotswold League Div 1 match report Saturday 18th May 2024 v Boule Hitters

Venue: Sherston Recreation Ground

Result: Boule Hitters 0 – 5 Saxons Crusaders

A great response from the squad of 7 players after the disappointment of throwing away the first game of the season.

Conditions were very good on a new piste at Sherston and the sun was shining! Obviously, everyone showed their skills in adapting well to the unpredictable surface.

Jean, Tony & Richard won the first triple by 13-7 and Ian, Alan & Bev won the second convincingly by 13-4. The form continued with comfortable wins in all three doubles. Jean & Richard won by 13-11 after being well in front, Ian & Alan by 13-6 and Keith & Bev also by 13-6. With overall points totals of 65 – 34 this should give us the confidence to compete well in Div 1 this season.

Thanks to all the squad and support from Chris and Bev's husband and guide dog.

KD

Cotswold League Div 1 match report Sunday 26th May 2024 v Bassett Allsorts

Venue: Cricklade Leisure Centre

Result: Saxons Crusaders 2 – 3 Bassett Allsorts

A very close contest which either side could have won.

Conditions were soggy after heavy overnight rain but the piste played reasonably well.

Jean, Tony & Carrie won the first triple by 13-9 but Keith, Alan & Jenny missed out in the second by 7-13. Two of the doubles matches were very close with Jenny & Alan losing by 11-13 while Keith & Chris won by 13-11. Tony & Jean lost the third double by 6-13. The overall points totals were 50-59 in Bassetts favour.

Current form for Crusaders is Won 1 Lost 2, Div1 position 4th

KD

Cotswold League Div 1 match report Wednesday 19th June 2024 v RWB Royals

Venue: RWB Leisure Centre

Result: Royals 5 – 0 Saxons Crusaders

A difficult match for the club against a very experienced Royals team.

The pistes proved to be an interesting challenge with several different surfaces to adapt to.

We lost both triples after holding the opposition for a while. Chris, Richard & Carrie lost the first triple by 3-13 and Ian, Alan & Bev missed out in the second by 6-13. We fared better in the doubles matches with two closer matches Ian & Alan losing by 11-13 while Keith & Bev lost by 9-13. Richard & Chris lost the third double by 6-13 after holding the scores level then conceding 5 at a crucial stage. The overall points totals were 35-65.

Current form for Crusaders is Won 1 Lost 3, Div1 position 5/6

KD

Cotswold League Div 1 match report Wednesday 10th July 2024 v Cricklade PC

Venue: Cricklade Hotel and Spa

Result: Cricklade PC 5 – 0 Saxons Crusaders

A difficult match for the club against an experienced Cricklade team.

The pistes proved difficult to master.

Crusaders lost both triples after holding the opposition for a while. Tony, Bev & Carrie lost the first triple by 9-13, quite close and then Richard, Alan & Jenny only just lost in the second by 12-13. Crusaders fared little better in the doubles matches with Jean & Richard losing by 8-13 while Jenny & Alan lost by 4-13 followed by Carrie & Bev losing the third double by 3-13 thus conceding the victory to Cricklade PC 5-0. The overall points totals were 36-65.

Current form for Crusaders is Won 1 Lost 4, Div1 position 6

PC for KD

Cotswold League Div 1 match report Wednesday 7th August 2024 v Nomades Berbers

Venue: Cricklade Leisure Centre

Result: Saxon Crusaders 0 – 5 Nomades Berbers

A difficult match for the club against an experienced Nomades team.

Nomads although won all the games I feel the score did not reflect how tight each end was and could have gone either way. On the return match the ends might go our way. Jenny, Ian and Alan just lost 12-13 in one of the triples and Bev and Carrie just lost 12-13 in one of the doubles.

TM

Cotswold League Div 1 match report Wednesday 14th August 2024 v Bassett Allsorts

Venue: RWB Leisure Centre

Result: Saxon Crusaders 3 – 2 Bassett Allsorts

A difficult match as some of the opposition were unsociable and the captain kept changing the playing pistes. Jenny C, Ian S and Alan S won one of the triples and then Jenny and Ian won a doubles and also Alan and Chris L won the other doubles to secure the win.

TM

Cotswold League Div 1 match report Monday 19th August 2024 v Boule Hitters

Venue: Cricklade Leisure Centre

Result: Saxon Crusaders 2 – 3 Boule Hitters

After a start time mix up it was a hard-fought match.

Carrie C, Bev M and Chris L won one of the triples and then Carrie and Bev won the only doubles match. Not much to say about the other games.

TM

Cotswold League Div 1 match report Sunday 22nd September 2024 v Nomades Berbers

Venue: Cricklade Leisure Centre

Result: Nomades Berbers 4 – 1 Crusaders

A difficult match for the club against an experienced Nomades team. This was Nomades home match but played at Cricklade. Nomads won all but one of the games.

PC in Lieu of TM

Cotswold League Div 1 match report Saturday 28th September 2024 v RWB Royals

Venue: Cricklade Leisure Centre

Result: Saxon Crusaders 1 – 4 RWB Royals

A hard match against an experienced Royals team. Royals won all but one of the games.

PC in Lieu of TM

Saxon Warriors Full Match Reports 2024

Cotswold League Div 3 match report Sunday 19th May Nomades Touaregs

Venue: Cricklade Leisure Centre

Result: Nomades 2 – 3 Saxons Warriors

After some considerable back and forth the match was finally finalized to be played at the Leisure Centre with the Warriors as the away team. This obviously gave us an advantage of knowing the piste.

Chris H, Steve and Mike F were matched triple against their stronger three, losing 13-7, with Cliff, Maureen and Charles getting the better of the second three winning 8-13.

The doubles continued in the same close fashion with Mike and Maureen coming second 13-5 Cliff and Steve got it back level with a good win 2-13. This left it to Chris and Charles in a tight match which got to 11-11 before we won 11-13

This was a great victory for the Warriors in their first match, with most of the players playing in their first Cotswold League match.

Thanks to all the squad and support from Jim and Mike Wells.

CF

Cotswold League Div 3 match report Thursday 23rd May RWB Bees

Venue: Wotton Bassett

Result: Bees 2 – 3 Saxons Warriors

The away match to the Bees I am pleased to say was easy to organize, the Bees Wotton Bassets 3rd team are in a similar position to the Warriors in that most of the player are new to competition

We welcomed back our Italian trio, with John, Prue and Steve doing really well and won 7 – 13, this was a good job as the captain had a bad game and unfortunate Kath and Cliff were left trying to rectify the situation against a good triple losing 13 - 1

The doubles were keenly fought with Steve and Cliff unfortunately not able to replicate the winning formula from Sunday losing 13 – 4, Kath and Charles managed to get a good win 2 – 13, so it was down to the last match to decide the tie, Prue and John did well against a strong pair and came out on top winning 5-13

Thanks to all the squad and support from Pete and Mike Wells

CF

Cotswold League Div 3 match report Sunday 2nd June v Cheltenham U3A

Venue: Cricklade Leisure Centre

Result: Warriors 5 - 0 Cheltenham U3A

The selection was based on ensuring that all the Warriors got a game, the team was led very successfully by John who along with Prue and Maureen started the match with a 13-6. The other triple was a tight game with Kath, Chris and Derek coming back to win 13-12.

All the doubles were keenly fought with plenty of back and forth. In the end the Warriors showed their battling qualities to win all 3 games, Kath and Derek 13-7, Chris and Maureen 13-9, John and Prue 13-9

So, the Warriors won 5-0, well-done to all who played, and it was great to have great support from fellow Warriors Steve and Cliff as well as Jamie, Jim and Chris Large

CF

Cotswold League Div 3 match report Sunday 9th June v Cricklade Magpies

Venue: Cricklade Spa Hotel

Result: Cricklade Magpies 3 - 2 Warriors

The game played up north against our closest rivals, we had to call up Colin at short notice, so thanks to Colin. Colin, Maureen and Charles won the first triple 3-13, Prue, John and Cliff were not able to see off a strong triple from the Magpies losing 13-4.

Saxons unfortunately lost the first 2 doubles with Maureen and Colin going down 13-6 and Cliff and Charles not being able to close out the game from a 4-9 position to loss 13-10. John and Prue were excellent in winning 7-13 in a game that always looked close.

Thanks to the support from Steve, Chris Large Jenny and Steve

CF

Cotswold League Div 3 match report Sunday 23rd June v Cricklade Magpies

Venue: Cricklade Leisure Centre

Result: Warriors 4-1 Cricklade Magpies

This fixture was the Warriors chance to revenge our only loss, we had to call up Janet at short notice for this match due to Mike getting Covid. Both triples started off poorly, but Colin, Cliff and Kath won the first triple 13-10, and Janet Charles and Derek won 13-8.

So Warriors required one game to win the tie unfortunately Kath and Cliff couldn't get that losing 4-13. Charles and Colin won their game 13-8, with Janet and Derek putting the icing on the cake with an excellent 13-8 victory over a strong pair. So well done Warriors on another excellent result.

Thanks to the support from Steve, Chris Large Pete and Jim

CF

Cotswold League Div 3 match report Sunday 28th July v Nomades Touaregs

Venue: Cricklade Leisure Centre

Result: Warriors 2-3 Nomades Touaregs

This fixture was the "home match" against the Nomades, we had Cliff unexpectedly available who replaced Maureen. The triples results were split with John, Derek and Chris unfortunately not able to close out a very tight game 12-10. The other game with Kath, Cliff and Charles resulted in a home win 13-6

The doubles were again very tight, with Kath and Derek losing 6-13. John and Cliff got a great result 13-9, but a very long game was eventually lost by Chris and Charles 11-13

Thanks to the support from Steve, Chris Large, Pete, Janet, Colin, Jenny, Steve and Jim

Current form for Warriors is Won 4 Lost 2, Div1 position 2

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Cotswold League Div. 3 Match Report Sunday 11 August Cheltenham U3A

Venue: Sandford Park, Cheltenham.

Results: Cheltenham U3A 4 – 1 Saxson Warriors

Total Points Scored: 61 - 40

Triple Game 1, was played by, Stephen Roberts, Cliff Ford and Chris Hodgson, who won the game, 9 - 13.

Triple Game 2, was played by, Maureen Boyles, Prue Zarola and John Zarola, who lost the game, 13 - 8.

Pairs Game 1, was played by, Stephen Roberts and Cliff Ford, they lost the game, 13 - 4.

Pairs Game 2, was played by, Maureen Boyles and Chris Hodgson, they lost the game, 13 - 5.

Pairs Game 3, was played by, Prue Zarola and John Zarola, they lost the game, 13 - 10.

A point of Note: Although not an excuse for loosing, the Cheltenham U3A piste was of an unusual surface, to us, as it was of a very hard surface with very little gravel and we all struggled with the scoring process as we were unable to adapt to that type of playing area on the day.

The Cheltenham Team were welcoming, friendly and very good hosts, with plenty of drinks and cakes also.

We all enjoyed the day there, except for the not winning part.

This Report is from, John Zarola, who stood-in on the day of the match, for our Captain, Charles Faulkner.

JZ

Cotswold League Div 3 match report Sunday 18th September v Wotton Bassett Bees

Venue: Cricklade Leisure Centre

Result: Warriors 3-2 Wotton Bassett Bees

This fixture was the Warriors final match of the season, we were lucky to have 7 players available on the day. The triples went the Warriors way with John, Colin and Steve winning 13-3 and the other game with Janet, Chris and Charles winning 13-10

The doubles were tricky with John and Prue losing 12-13. Colin and Steve were also unable to win losing 6-13, but Chris and Janet won 13-10

This result marked the end of a successful first season for the Saxon Warriors, seeing us finishing 2nd in the league.

Thanks to the support from, Chris Large and Pete,

CF

Saxons Friendly Match Reports 2024

Friendly against Farringdon 24th April

Venue: Cricklade Leisure Centre

The match was a friendly match against Farringdon, Farringdon are a team that is just starting out in the world of pétanque. The club was started by Jill and Kevin Weatherhead who were stalwarts of the Saxons before moving to Farringdon. The match was in many ways a training and familiarisation match for the Farringdon players who play on a one piste terrain.

The team of Carrie, Steve, Jamie, Maureen, Jim, Cliff and Charles

Kevin posted this match report on their FB page

Farringdon Petanque Club were very pleased to have their first outing to another club location with a trip to Saxons Petanque (Cricklade).

A team was made up of the main stalwarts who had played throughout winter; they travelled to Cricklade and had an excellent couple of games played in good humour. There were some nice breaks eating cake - Excellent.

The score was as expected 5-0 to Saxons. In some of the games we did score some good points and did take the lead in some cases. The score is never really important - it's all about taking part and making new friends.

The trip gave the FPC members a view of just what kind of terrain we are aiming to build in Farringdon as soon as this can be realised.

It will be something to look forward to when we can invite Saxons over to Farringdon to play on our own pistes. Can't Wait!

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