

Golf Croquet 8+ Singles Tournament 2021

for the 'Red Ball' Trophy

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	AH	MS	JS	KW	MP	CS	PM	RNC	net hoops	WINS	Rank
Allan Henderson		7	3	7	5	7	7	7	+16	6	2
Michael Seagrief	5		4	5	6	4	4	7	-8	3	7
Jeff Smith	7	7		7	7	7	7	7	+17	7	1
Kevin Ward	1	4	3		6	7	6	4	-6	3	5
Madeleine Probert	3	5	5	4		5	5	5	-9	0	8
Christine Searle	5	7	5	4	6		1	7	-6	3	6
Patricia Mulcahy	4	7	6	4	6	7		0	-3	3	4
Rosemary Noel-Clarke	2	6	5	6	6	4	7		-1	3	3

28 May - Jeff Smith wins Black Ball Trophy with win at our 8+ Singles day-tournament

(Jeff Smith and Allan Henderson reduce their handicaps to 7)

Jeff Smith was deservedly all smiles on Monday when he won the Phyllis Court 8+ Black Ball Trophy tournament which he dominated alongside Allan Henderson. The pair were undefeated until meeting each other in the penultimate round of seven, by which stage they were the only two of the selected eight players in the running and tight contest was expected from the evenly matched pair.

However, Henderson's previous good form deserted him for this crucial head to head and Smith's cool approach saw him home 7-3.

Going into the last round, Smith still needed to win and had to face surprise package Rosemary Noel-Clarke who, despite being the bottom seed, had picked up three wins with a show of mature stroke selections.

Henderson had to win but also hope that Smith lost in order to force the tournament management to a net hoops calculation but, in the end, both leaders won 7-5 and Smith will be equally remembered for the most nonclient of last stroke jump shots that won him the title.

Patrician Mulcahy turned in another much-improved performance with many excellent clearance strokes to pick-up three wins and a fourth-place finish on hoop count.

Smith and Henderson both improved their handicaps to 7 and they, together with third and fourth placed finishes Noel-Clarke and Mulcahy, all qualify for that National Final of the Croquet Association's Grass Roots competition which will be held at Watford CC on 5 September.

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