

**Match:** VLTC of GB vs. Combined Services  
**Manager:** David Straker  
**Date:** 6<sup>th</sup> November 2011

**David Straker reports:**

“A convincing win by 8 ½ - ½ rubbers (17 sets to 1).

The Combined Services lost two key players just before the match and we had already picked a team strong enough to overturn last year’s loss.

There was superb tennis from the fresh pairing of new young members Adrian Woods and Declan Power. Their touch, reactions and ruthless consistency were highly entertaining.

Chris Hill and Tony King also won convincingly without dropping a set. Both server brilliantly and I noticed Tony serving aces at will whilst Chris actually put all four first serves in one game on to lines – a touch of Welsh magic!

Finally, the experienced Bob Battersby playing with younger member Paul England played immaculate tennis. They were a joy to watch and remained undefeated.

Bill and Ann Herlihy provided a very warm welcome and plentiful tea afterwards in the clubroom, kindly inviting our travelling support – Jane, Gail, Anne and David – to join the party. ”.

**Result (VLTC team first):**

Nigel Watts & Mark Lane vs. Chris Hill & Tony King	4-6, 3-6 (VLTC)
Nigel Watts & Mark Lane vs. Adrian Woods & Declan Power	1-6, 1-6 (VLTC)
Nigel Watts & Mark Lane vs. Bob Battersby & Paul England	2-6, 6-3 (halved)
Simon Grand & Mark Jeffery vs. Chris Hill & Tony King	4-6, 2-6 ((VLTC)
Simon Grand & Mark Jeffery vs. Adrian Woods & Declan Power	1-6, 1-6 (VLTC)
Simon Grand & Mark Jeffery vs. Bob Battersby & Paul England	4-6, 3-6 (VLTC)
Bill Herlihy & Chris Day vs. Chris Hill & Tony King	0-6, 1-6 (VLTC)
Bill Herlihy & Chris Day vs. Adrian Woods & Declan Power	1-6, 0-6 (VLTC)
Bill Herlihy & Chris Day vs. Bob Battersby & Paul England	2-6, 0-6 (VLTC)

**Photos:**



Adrian and Declan – the ‘youngsters’ of the team



Anne joins the party



Chris only goes for the lines



Jane and Gail take tea



Newish members Adrian and Declan



Paul & Bob, Chas & Bill



Paul England and Bob Battersby



Tony is over there!



Combined Services – the better part of the crowd



Chris & Tony from the olden days (the photographer had not been on the bottle!)