



## Queen's Cup Season Report

With two seasons of the Queen's Cup missed due to the wretched virus, Roehampton Ladies, with newest addition Rana Ismail, dusted off the cobwebs and were once again ready for the fight to win the title... after some tough pre-season training with Vini Rodrigues of course!

The season started as it meant to go on, with our first match being away at Hurlingham. Rana, playing no. 1, showed off her amazing skillset from the onset and quickly glided through to a 3-0 win, with the rest of the team, Elspeth Young and Vicky O'Donnell, following suit. The winning streak continued, right through the first half, with us winning all our fixtures and dropping only a single match in the process. A special shout out to Olivia Huxtable, who managed to get a gruelling 3/2 win, away at Coolhurst, even with a very long delay half-way through because the court lights went out!

With the first half of the season having gone so well, the pressure was on to keep the momentum going.... but that we did. First two fixtures, we had Hurlingham followed by Dulwich, with both wins of 3-0. Next up was Charing Cross, where our brilliant junior, Sophie Evans, excitingly had her league debut. With nerves of steel, a yellow/pink colour coordinated outfit (right down to her eye goggles!), she played amazingly well and deservedly won her match. Also, a special thanks to Kim, this year's British Amateur winner, who despite being crazily busy with work, still pulled through and helped win the match.

We sadly had our first (and only!) defeat against a tough Queen's side at home which had some super tight matches but overall, just wasn't meant to be our night. However, it wasn't all doom and gloom as after checking the league table and getting our calculators out, it was officially confirmed....Roehampton Club had won the league even with two matches to go!!

What a great season of squash with an even greater bunch of players! Here's to next year!

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