

## Norfolk men's 55 2018

The Men's over 55 approached the challenge of playing in Division 1 with relish and set themselves the goal of maintaining their status in the division at the season's end.

The standard was high and everyone acquitted themselves well, though a couple of tight losses meant the outcome of this year's campaign was not decided until the last rubber of the last match. The racquets of Robin Chipperfield and Ian Quinton secured most of the teams rubbers, but Mark Nichols and Stuart Brabben also chipped in important wins.

The team were unbeaten at home and on the back of this found themselves level on points with the 3rd, 4th and 5th based teams at the end of the season, with Norfolk finishing 4th having won one more set than 5th placed West of Scotland. The decisive set was secured by Steve Pye and Ian Quinton in the last game of the season and which, despite losing the rubber, ultimately proved to be the difference between staying in division 1 and relegation. As the Duke of Wellington said of Waterloo "it was a close run thing"!