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Subject:

Nottingham Open Tennis Tournament.

Notes:

Two free tickets to the Tennis Centre's centre court for a day of the round of 16, courtesy of Martyn Jones.

I walked to the venue, it is, after all, a shorter trip than my usual constitutional along the river to Wilford and back, but inexplicably it took longer and was far more tiring.

I felt completely knackered as my bag was inspected and I was questioned, cheerfully, about water bottles, camera lenses and penknives, about which, I remained suitably silent, this I thought was justified given that I was sure I would not be stabbing either players or fellow spectators.

The seats turned out to be front row, photographers seats, just forward of the service line. Sadly the NTC, or the LTA, imposed a 300mm limit on the camera lenses used by hoi polloi. This meant I was restricted to my 24-150 zoom.

I was surprised to find that we had a bonus match, that of Dan Evans against the young Turk Henry Searle. This, I guess, was due to a rained off match from the previous day.

The one downside of these excellent seats, was that the players entrance was between our entrance, and all the hospitality tents. Consequently I had access to neither food nor drink unless I was prepared to exit during matches when the barriers were opened. This seems like piss poor planing to me, but then what else should I expect from the LTA?

The second match was British number one, Katie Boulter, against Rebecca Marino and the final treat was Heather Watson versus former world number one Karolina Pliskova. I was dead chuffed to be watching Watson but by the second set I found that it had been a long and tiring day, the light was on the wain, it was turning cold and thus it was,I confess, that I was not much disappointed when Heather seemed to loose both her self belief and the match.

I caught the tram back to Nottingham Midland Station. I was concerned that I might be waiting for some time when I saw the numbers waiting to embark, but was pleasantly surprised to find that people packed themselves onto the tram like passengers on the London Underground at rush hour, another big advantage over buses where this would not be permitted. We squashed together even tighter at Queens Hospital in order to get the nurses on. Every one was good natured and helpful to each other. We helped each other find hand grips and gave guidance to those needing to move backwards but unable to turn to see what was behind them.

I caught the Bridgford bus from the station, but alighted at the TBI to sample small fish supper and a Nottingham Brewery "golden" ale called "Bullion" which was new to me and rather good.

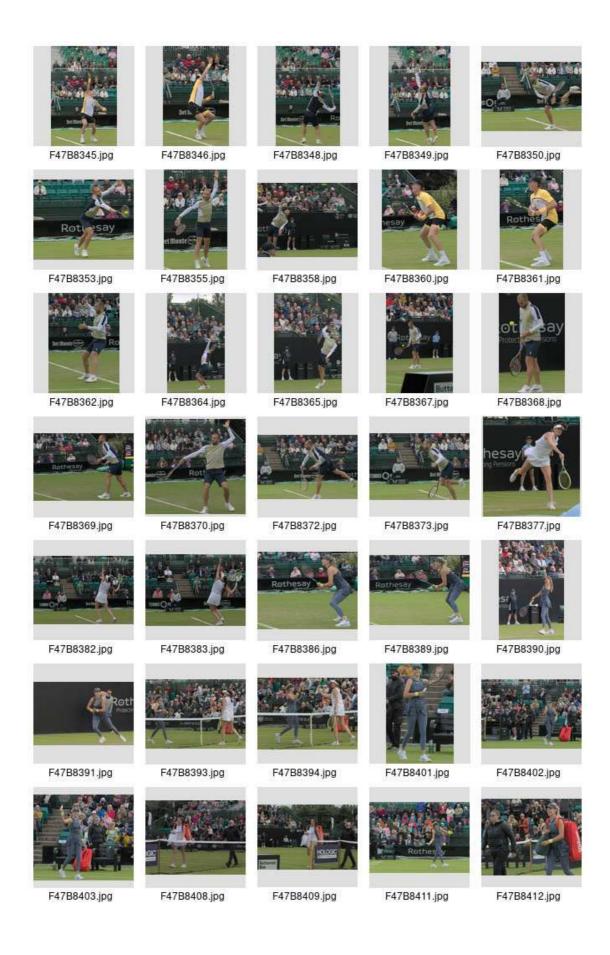
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Dan Evans, Henry Searle, Katie Boulter Rebecca Marino, Heather Watson and Karolina Pliskova.

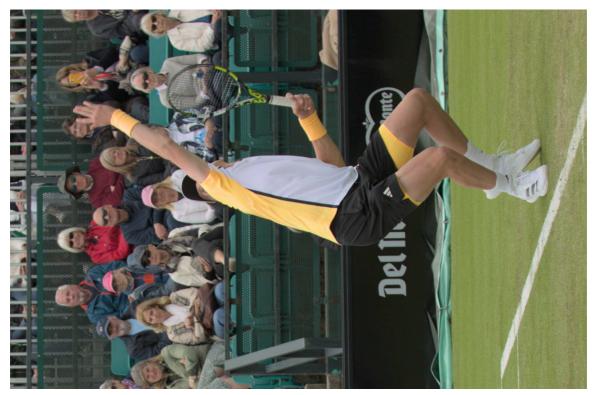
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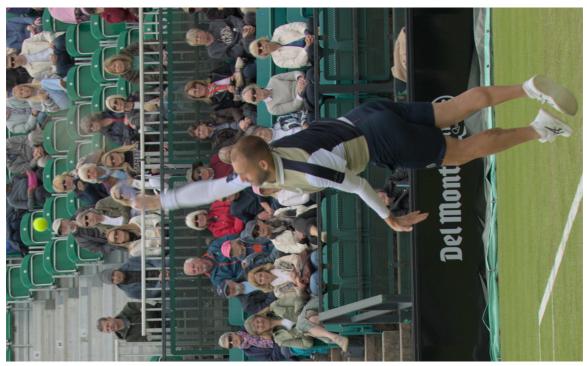
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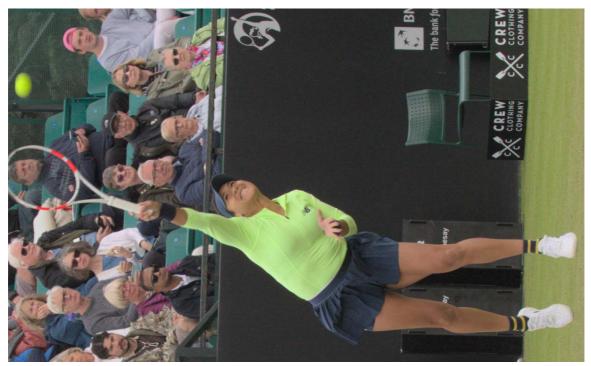
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