

'THREE IN A COURT'
or Singles with 3 players

Devised by the Old Bedford Modernians and also used successfully at Bedford School.

1. Two players play a normal game of singles; the third player is 'spare' but stays in the court.
2. After each rally the 'spare' man goes in to serve and the loser of that rally becomes 'spare'.
3. The winner of the rally receives and can score points in the normal way.
4. Scoring points only when receiving, each player keeps and calls his own score.
5. The first player to 15 is the winner. The other two may then play off for 2nd and 3rd places in a normal singles.

Additional rules

1. The point for a 'foul' service goes to both of the other two players.

2. A 'let' may be claimed if the 'spare' man gets in the way.

(This game can be almost as strenuous as normal singles particularly as the winning player gets a rested opponent for each succeeding rally. It is often more competitive than 2 against 1 or playing the ball in succession.)

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